

<b>WRIA 9: Middle Green River Acquisitions (Josh Kahan, Parks)</b>
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<b><i>Parks Levy Request</i></b>	<b>\$885,000</b>
<b><i>CFT Request</i></b> <i>(CFT match status)</i>	<b>\$885,000</b> <i>(match is requested Parks Levy funds)</i>
<b><i>Subtotal: CFT + Parks Levy Request</i></b>	<b>\$1,770,000</b>

<b><i>Total Project Cost</i></b>	<b>\$1,770,000</b>
<b><i>Funding Already Secured</i></b>	None
<b><i>Additional Funding Sought</i></b>	None
<b><i>Will current funding request allow project completion?</i></b>	Yes for current priorities - and there may be additional acquisition in future

***Project Description:*** Fee simple acquisition of four target parcels (83.5 acres) in the Middle Green River, between Green River Natural Area and Kanaskat Natural Area.

Overall proposal targets additions to three natural area:

- Green River Natural Area: Targets a 10.5-acre parcel in APD that is mostly wetland, at Turley Levee which is prioritized under Middle Green River Levee Setback Feasibility Study. Working with Ag group on this approach. Also targets a 40.8-acre forested parcel just south of GRNA being surplus by King County Roads, which also would provide a new entry point to GRNA.
- Lower Newaukum Creek Natural Area: Targets a 28.7-acre forested parcel in the Newakum Creek ravine, one of 120 acres owned by the same family that are targeted for acquisition. This is first phase of working with this family.
- Kanaskat Natural Area: Targets the last residential inholding within Kanaskat Natural Area, to allow for the eventual full restoration of the Kanaskat Reach, including the removal of 0.5 miles of road immediately adjacent to the Green River.

***Habitat Benefit:*** This reach of the Green River has the highest Chinook and steelhead spawning density in the Green/Duwamish River Watershed. Acquisitions would preserve habitat value and facilitate the restoration of the reach. Wildlife present include elk, cougar, bear.

***Recreation Benefit:*** Parcels could provide future passive recreation opportunities. The Roads parcel includes a new entry point to GRNA. Removing inholders and private road agreements from Kanaskat allows expanded passive recreational and educational opportunities.

***Plan Priority:*** WRIA 9 Salmon Habitat Plan (WW-15: Develop and implement an acquisition identification and implementation program.)

***Greenprint Value:*** Varied percentages of High, Medium-High, and Medium on each parcel.

***Parcels included in Scope:***

*Priority:* 132107-9044 (3.5 ac), 362105-9005 (40.8 ac), 252105-9062 (10.5 ac), 332106-9039 (28.7 ac).

*Also included in scope:* see map