WRJA 9: Soos Creek Park and Trail Addition (Ingrid Lundin, Parks)

**LOCATED IN COVINGTON; INCLUDE IN CITY CATEGORY FOR CFT**

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**Project Description:** Acquire 23-acre Roads surplus “Callhoun Pit” parcel as addition to Soos Creek Park & Trail, located on the western edge of Covington adjacent to Kent.

King County has been working in partnership with Friends of Soos Creek Park (FOSCP) on additions to Soos Creek Park and Trail.

- Target is Callhoun Pit which has been of interest to FOSCP and King County for several years. The Soos Creek Trail Extension Phase 7/8 Study identified a potential trail route through Callhoun Pit several years ago; this trail route remains the most likely route for future trail extension though topography may be a challenge on site. This large forested property is a unique asset in this increasingly developed area of Kent/Covington. King County Roads’ recent value estimate placed this at $165,000; a surplus notice was issued in January 2013 on the property and King County has indicated interest.

- The second priority is the Morford parcel, adjacent to recent restoration work near SE 208th Street. I am still confirming landowner willingness. This is in the City of Kent. Acquisition could extend the restoration project and further buffer the creek.

- Third priority identified by FOSCP is the Scott parcel. This lies adjacent to the south of the possible Tri-City Trail alignment. Trail alignment is planned through a PSE-owned parcel; this buffers the parcel to the south and would provide a more scenic route for the trail. The Tri-City Trail is still in early planning stages and purchase of this parcel may be earlier than necessary.

**Habitat Benefit:** Callhoun Pit acquisition preserves a large forested tract within an urban setting, an unusual feature in the Kent/Covington area. Morford and Scott parcel both preserve forested and wetland parcels (or portions of parcels) and prevent residential development.

**Recreation Benefit:** Callhoun Pit – regional trail, local trails, park use. Morford – some minimal public use on local trails. Scott – possible buffer to Tri-City Trail corridor.

**Plan Priority:** Callhoun Pit parcel included in Soos Creek Phase 7/8 Plan. Morford parcel identified as parcel of interest in Soos Creek Parks and Trail SMP.

**Greenprint Value:** Mostly medium and medium-high for ecological value.

**Parcels included in Scope:** 262205-9016 (23 ac), 102205-9175 (4.6 ac), 232205-9132 (6 ac)

March 13, 2013