

<b>WRIA 9: Soos Creek Park and Trail Addition (Ingrid Lundin, Parks)</b>
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**\*\*LOCATED IN COVINGTON; INCLUDE IN CITY CATEGORY FOR CFT\*\***

<i>Parks Levy Request</i>	<b>\$99,000</b>
<i>CFT Request (CFT match status)</i>	<b>\$99,000 (match is Parks Levy request)</b>
<i>Subtotal: CFT + Parks Levy Request</i>	<b>\$198,000</b>

<i>Total Project Cost</i>	<b>\$198,000</b>
<i>Funding Already Secured</i>	None
<i>Additional Funding Sought</i>	None
<i>Will current funding request allow project completion?</i>	Yes – for current priority

**Project Description: Acquire 23-acre Roads surplus “Calhoun 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 Calhoun 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 Calhoun 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 208<sup>th</sup> 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:** Calhoun 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:** Calhoun 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:** Calhoun 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)