

**Attachment 2:
Project Descriptions of DNRP's 2014 Parks Levy – Regional Open Space Acquisition Proposals**

WRIA 7: Tolt River Natural Area (Mary Maier, Basin Steward)

<i>Parks Levy Request</i>	\$490,100
<i>CFT Request</i> <i>(CFT match status)</i>	\$490,100 <i>(Match is secured in funds below and/or could be requested Parks Levy)</i>
<i>Subtotal: CFT + Parks Levy Request</i>	\$980,200

<i>Total Project Cost</i>	\$1,467,960 for current priorities \$2,309,200 for all in scope
<i>Funding Already Secured</i>	\$200,000 Rivers; \$287,760 SRFB 2013
<i>Additional Funding Sought</i>	None this year
<i>Will current funding request allow project completion?</i>	Yes for current priorities – and there may be additional acquisitions in future.

Project Description: Fee simple acquisition of 9 parcels (or portions) on Tolt River east of Carnation, containing approx 16 acres, to be placed in Rivers or Parks inventory.

Purchase additional properties in the Tolt Natural Area up to River Mile 6 This project captures the highest priority reach identified in the Snohomish River Salmon Conservation Plan. Several parcels may lead to the removal or set back of a levee/revetment. Many parcels lie within the channel migration zone. The Tolt River is one of the highest productive areas in the Snoqualmie basin for Chinook and steelhead, both of which are listed under the ESA as threatened.

Basin Steward is targeting specific habitat-related parcels and geographic areas along the Tolt River, in partnership with the Rivers program which is working on nearby flood-related Tolt priorities. Rivers' 2014 funding dedicated to San Souci reach is \$1.13 million which does not include the purchase of vacant properties in this reach.

Several landowners have expressed a willingness to sell and are waiting for us to raise the funds. This list includes almost the last of the purchases in the San Souci neighborhood which will allow us to undertake a revetment removal project at the upstream end of the neighborhood.

Habitat Benefit: The Tolt River basin is one of the highest priority basins in the Snohomish River Basin Salmon Conservation Plan (2005). The primary emphasis of the salmon recovery strategy is to protect and restore rearing and refuge habitat for salmonids including off channel area. These off channel areas provide refuge from high velocity flows and new spawning areas for several salmonids. This project will protect existing side channel features and, in the long term, restore the processes that contribute to higher salmon productivity.

Recreation Benefit: Passive recreation

Plan Priority: In the Snohomish River Salmon Conservation Plan, the project is on the WRIA 7 three year list (Focus Area 5 Protection – 07-MPR-108), and in the Flood Hazard Management Plan.

Greenprint Value: Primarily High to Medium-High (ecological).

Parcels included in scope:

Priorities: 732560-0050 (.47 ac), 112507-9015 (6.16 ac), 112507-9073 (.81 ac), and 112507-9068 ac (.34 ac), 112507-9083 (.78 ac), 112507-9084 (.78 ac), 112507-9039 (1.20 ac), 732560-0080 (0.43 ac), 142507-9022 (9.5 ac).

Additional parcels are included in scope: 142507-9043 (3.98 ac), 142507-9046 (6.05 ac), 732560-0060 (.45 ac), 732560-0070 (.46 ac), 112507-9063 (.38 ac)