

<b>VASHON: Piner Point (Greg Rabourn, Basin Steward)</b>
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<b>Parks Levy Request</b>	<b>\$350,000</b>
<b>CFT Request</b> <i>(CFT match status)</i>	<b>\$350,000</b> <i>(match is requested Parks Levy funds)</i>
<b>Subtotal: CFT + Parks Levy Request</b>	<b>\$700,000</b>

<b>Total Project Cost</b>	<b>\$700,000 for priority parcels</b> <b>\$1,625,000 for all in scope</b>
<b>Funding Already Secured</b>	None
<b>Additional Funding Sought</b>	Washington State NRDA funding
<b>Will current funding request allow project completion?</b>	Yes for target parcels – and there may be additional acquisitions in the future.

**Project Description: The project targets parcels located Piner Point and Northilla Natural Areas at the southern tip of Maury Island.**

The purchase of the remaining parcels between Northilla and Piner Point Natural Areas will improve both the public access and habitat connectivity of this site. Acquisition of these parcels continues an earlier effort (through the Maury Island Conservation Initiative) to preserve critical nearshore habitat. The properties are found in the Maury Island Aquatic Reserve. Completion of this project will add almost 1000 linear feet of additional marine shoreline to the existing 2100 linear feet currently protected in the Northilla and Piner Point Natural Areas, and will add 13 acres to the sites. Some parcels are vacant, some have small walk-in cabins with inadequate infrastructure.

**Habitat Benefit:** Current King County ownership in the area is fragmented. These parcels contain an active feeder bluff that supplies much needed beach material along the drift cell that stretches 17,489 feet between Piner Point and the Dockton boat ramp. This sediment supports extensive eelgrass beds which are a critical component of the marine food web. The *WRIA 8 & 9 Beach Feeding Sources and Accretion Areas: Current and Historical Conditions Report* identified this driftcell as the second priority in both WRIs for restoration opportunities. These parcels will provide restoration opportunities for removing structures and bulkheads and restoring nearshore function. All three priority forage fish spawn in this area.

**Recreation Benefit:** The Piner / Northilla parcels will create an excellent water trails stop for beachcombers, rowers and paddlers. The purchase of the parcels will also allow for more distinct public access between Northilla and Piner Point Natural Areas along the Northilla trail.

**Plan Priority:** WRIA 9 Salmon Habitat Plan action NS 17. WRIA 8 & 9 Beach Feeding Sources and Accretion Areas: Current and Historical Conditions Report. Vashon GreenPrint (focus area 7, ten year focus priority). VMI Rapid Rural Reconnaissance action VMI – 10; Prioritization of Marine Shorelines of WRIA 9 for Juvenile Salmonid Habitat Protection and Restoration.

**Greenprint Value:** Most parcels are high (marine) or medium-low to medium-high (ecological).

**Parcels included in Scope:**

*Priority:* 617580-0350 (.2 ac), 617580-0330 (1.8 ac), 617580-0315 (.15 ac), 617580-0310 (.1 ac), 617580-0300 (.28 ac). Other parcels in scope shown on map.