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| VASHON: Shinglemill Creek (Greg Rabourn, Basin Steward) |
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| <i>Parks Levy Request</i> | \$162,000 |
| <i>CFT Request</i> <i>(CFT match status)</i> | \$162,000 <i>(match is requested Parks Levy funds)</i> |
| <i>Subtotal: CFT + Parks Levy Request</i> | \$324,000 |

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| <i>Total Project Cost</i> | \$324,000 |
| <i>Funding Already Secured</i> | None |
| <i>Additional Funding Sought</i> | None |
| <i>Will current funding request allow project completion?</i> | Yes |

Project Description: The project will conserve a 67.65-acre Roads surplus property at Shinglemill Creek on northwestern Vashon Island.

This acquisition builds on nearly 20 years of conservation work in the Shinglemill Creek basin by King County, VMILT, and Vashon Parks which has protected 108 acres in the lower mainstem of Shinglemill Creek, 149 acres at the headwaters, and performed extensive restoration.

This King County Roads parcel contains about 790 feet of the main stem of Shinglemill Creek, and is bordered on the south side and portions of the west and north sides by conserved properties. This parcel is a critical link for the Shinglemill Creek trail system, providing the only feasible route through the creek ravine. The trails runs through public property, VMILT parcels, and three donated trail easements.

The goal is that KC would secure easement and VMILT the fee for the parcel. It is not known how that approach would work through the RES/Roads surplus process, therefore the funding request is for the fee price.

Habitat Benefit: The subject parcel contains spawning habitat for both chum and coho salmon and cutthroat trout. Shinglemill Creek is the second largest on Vashon and as such presents an excellent location for supporting a run of coho into the future. Bald eagles, great blue heron, and pileated woodpeckers, many raptors, owls, and migratory birds are known to use the subject property or vicinity. The ravine is used by other raptors, including red-tail, Coopers, and sharp-shinned hawks. Great-horned and Western screech owls have been identified in the area.

The subject property is nicely wooded with a higher degree of conifers than the rest of the Shinglemill Preserve. The target property contains mixed forests of cedar, fir, maple and alder.

Recreation Benefit: The Shinglemill Trail has been popular in part because it features such a dramatic topography. It runs from sea level to 400 feet, and the views across the canyon and into the creek are impressive. As the trail crosses the subject property it is sandwiched between the creek and the steep slope – there is no alternative trail route through the lower portion of Shinglemill. Should a future owner cut off public access to this trail, it would be sorely missed in the community.

Plan Priority: The Shinglemill Watershed was first analyzed for conservation by DNR staff in the 2004 Vashon-Maury Island Rapid Reconnaissance. Conservation goals were refined in the draft Vashon Green Print – the subject property is found within the Ten Year - Priority Focus Area 20.

Greenprint Value: Priority parcel is high to medium-high (ecological).

Parcels included in Scope: 182303-9187