

Attachment 2:
Project Descriptions of DNRP's 2015 Parks Levy – Regional Open Space Acquisition Proposals

WRIA 9: Bass-Beaver Lake Complex Additions (Josh Kahan, WLRD)

<i>PL Request</i>	\$662,500
<i>CFT Request (CFT match status)</i>	\$662,500 <i>(match is requested PL funds)</i>
Subtotal: CFT + PL Request	\$1,325,000

Total Project Cost	\$1,325,000
<i>Funding Already Secured</i>	None
<i>Additional Funding Sought</i>	None
<i>Will current funding request allow project completion?</i>	Yes for current priorities - and there may be additional acquisition in future

Project Description: Fee simple acquisitions of up to 46 acres (3 parcels) as additions to King County Parks' Bass Lake Complex Natural Area.

Part of ongoing acquisitions in this area to preserve land surrounding wetland and stream complex with important habitat contribution to the Green River system.

Three priority parcels:

- Vacant parcel east of Beaver Lake making connection from lake system to the recently acquired corridor of WADNR/Plum Creek lands to the east.
- Vacant forested parcel at southern end of complex expanding connection from Roads property to another recently acquired WADNR/Plum Creek parcel.
- Residential inholding south of Beaver Lake. Removes inholding, allows for restoration, promotes trail connections.

Habitat Benefit: This proposal would preserve portions of the Bass/Beaver/Dandy Lake complex comprised of three lakes and wetlands along Cristy Creek (a perennial stream tributary to the Green River at RM 44). The King County Wetlands Inventory identified the complex as supporting the highest bird species diversity in King County, and as one of the largest wetlands in the county. Cutthroat and rainbow trout are found within the lakes complex, and chum, coho, cutthroat and steelhead use the lower mile of Cristy Creek. The area also supports important wildlife habitat for such species as elk, cougar, bear. This area provides significant groundwater recharge to Cristy Creek, a source of year-round cold, clean water to Green River. There is significant development pressure in this area due to scenic amenities and ready access to highway 169 & nearby cities.

Recreation Benefit: Passive recreation including bird watching. Parcels could provide future trail opportunities linking lakes with the Green River Gorge trail network.

Plan Priority: Last Best Places in the Middle Green River (King County 2002); Waterways 2000. The acquisitions build on hundreds of acres of Washington Departments of Parks, Fish and Wildlife, and Natural Resources ownership in complex and along the Green River. Part of Middle Green River Coalition priority acquisitions in area.

Parcels included in Scope:

Priority: 352106-9018 (25.76 ac), 022006-9009 (19.39ac), 352106-9017 (1.0)

Also included in scope: see map