

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

WRIA 8: Cougar-Squak Corridor Addition (Ingrid Lundin, Parks)

PL Request	\$1,000,000
CFT Request <i>(CFT match status)</i>	\$390,000 <i>(match is requested PL funds)</i>
Subtotal: CFT + PL Request	\$1,390,000

Total Project Cost	~\$5,065,000
Funding Already Secured	\$500,000 2014 CFT; \$2,843,000 2014 PL/REET \$835,000 CFT/PL reallocation at 3/5/2014 CFT meeting
Additional Funding Sought	Possibly RCO
Will current funding request allow project completion?	Yes for target parcels (may be additional acquisitions in scope)

Project Description: Finalize acquisition of 226 acres (6 parcels) adjacent to Cougar-Squak Corridor, 2 miles south of Issaquah.

Erickson Logging purchased 226 acres in December 2012, mostly the former Issaquah Camping Club property. Landowner options for the property had included sale, harvest and sale, and development. Strong advocacy by Issaquah Alps Trails Club, which was successful at getting the attention of the Executive Office and Council, media outlets, neighbors, stakeholder groups. TPL and King County partnership and negotiations brought about an agreement with the landowner that has led to purchase in January 2014.

TPL purchased all 6 parcels from Erickson Logging in January 2014. King County purchased 5 of the 6 parcels (approx 123 acres) from TPL simultaneous with their purchase. We are to purchase the remaining parcel (103 acres) from TPL within the next year. We are leasing that remaining 103 acres at no cost.

Anticipating reallocation of ~\$835K recommended at 3/5/2014 CFT meeting. Remaining funds to close the purchase in January 2015 are being sought as part of application. May apply to RCO – WWRP – Local Parks for additional funding on reimbursement basis (will not be available in early 2016 when we need to close, therefore CFT-PL is needed).

Habitat Benefit: Part of significant corridor of public land between Cougar Mountain and Squak Mountain State Park. The county's wildlife habitat network mapped just north of the property through Cougar-Squak Corridor. Protection from development for Tibbetts and May Creeks. Half the property has 40-50 year old forest; half has 80+ year old stands.

Recreation Benefit: Trail use, and parking on SR 900. Hiking trails, possible biking and/or equestrian. Parks considering opportunities such as small campground or zip line.

Plan Priority: N/A

Parcels included in Scope: 052306-9030 (103 ac), 062306-9014 (N/A), 062306-9031 (26 ac), 062306-9052 (20.90 ac), 072306-9001 (24 ac), 052306-9020 (N/A).