

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

WRIA 9: Enumclaw Forested Foothills Trailhead (Ingrid Lundin, Parks)

<i>PL Request</i>	\$450,000
<i>CFT Request</i> <i>(CFT match status)</i>	\$450,000 <i>(match is requested PL funds)</i>
<i>Subtotal: CFT + PL Request</i>	\$900,000

<i>Total Project Cost</i>	~\$1,150,000 (depends on appraisal)
<i>Funding Already Secured</i>	\$215,667 remaining from the following: \$50,000 Council earmark in 2009 budget \$100,000 2010 PEL, & \$75,000 2012 PEL
<i>Additional Funding Sought</i>	Future funds may be needed
<i>Will current funding request allow project completion?</i>	Maybe, depends on appraisal

Project Description: Fee acquisition of 240 acres of land in Forest Production District, adjacent to White River Forest. Possible other access points in the scope.

These parcels provide a northern access route to White River Forest. Currently, users cross this private property without formal permission. Site is popular with equestrian community. Scope also includes possible access routes at other entrances to the White River Forest as back-up.

Protecting access to and across the White River Forest has been a key priority for citizen's group EFFRA (Enumclaw Forested Foothills Recreation Association). EFFRA has lobbied DNRP director, Executive, and Council in support of this acquisition in the past, leading to the past funding allocations for this project.

A conservation easement (with no secured right of public access) was negotiated between King County and Hancock. However Hancock sold the White River Forest to the Muckleshoots without the easement in place. Whether or not easement is put in place, the Muckleshoots will determine whether the public has access to the Forest. They have indicated preliminary commitment to allowing public access at this time.

Habitat Benefit: Add to long-term protection of forested land in FPD, preventing conversion to residential development. Site includes a portion of Newaukum Creek.

Recreation Benefit: Trail entry and parking lot, with trails leading to White River Forest. If access to White River Forest is lost, trails would just circulate within this property.

Plan Priority: No. The concept of preserving local trails is supported in EFFRA's recently completed Comprehensive Management Vision.

Parcels included in Scope: 172007-9020, -9027, -9028 (240 acres total). Other access points nearby are include in scope.