

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

WRIA 8: Issaquah Creek Conservation (Tom Beavers, Basin Steward)

PL Request	\$400,000
CFT Request <i>(CFT match status)</i>	\$400,000 <i>(match is requested PL funds)</i>
Subtotal: CFT + PL Request	\$800,000

Total Project Cost	\$1,710,000 for priority parcels
Funding Already Secured	\$450,000 in 2014 CFT and PL \$180,000 CFT/PEL reallocation recommended at 3/5/2014 CFT meeting
Additional Funding Sought	\$280,000 CWM 2014
Will current funding request allow project completion?	Yes for priority parcels

Project Description: Acquire 67 acres in fee along Issaquah Creek, adding to Middle Issaquah Creek Natural Area and protecting aquatic and riparian habitat.

For Cathay/Hazan properties: A portion of the property has been foreclosed, and it is now owned by Cathay Bank. King County is working with the bank to purchase it in 2014. The other portion of the property is owned by Mr. Hazan and he is selling it via a short sale with his bank. KC is communicating with his realtor and the bank. The property will be sold as soon as the title is clear (July - Dec. 2014). It may be possible to surplus a small parcel containing a house.

For WADNR: King County entered into a 50 year lease on the WA DNR property in June 2011. King County has planned to exercise its option to purchase the property in fee in Jan. 2015. It is important to purchase the property in January 2015 because that is the date that King County WLRD will enter into a new grazing lease with landowner. The buffers on this grazing lease will be substantially larger than they are presently. If King County does not purchase the property in January 2015, it will make management of the lease more challenging because the County would need to get approval of all lease-related issues from State DNR.

Habitat benefit: This project will protect Chinook salmon spawning and rearing habitat. Further, it protects aquatic and riparian habitat along Issaquah Creek in the upper reach of Issaquah Creek for wildlife and other fish species. The project reach has been identified for protection in the Issaquah Basin Plan (1996) and the WRIA 8 Salmon Conservation Plan. Further, the project will contribute to the protection of water quantity, water quality, and aquatic habitat in the Issaquah Creek drainage basin.

Recreation Benefit: Passive recreation. Public access will be allowed in the non-leased portions of the WADNR property.

Plan Priority: The project reach has been identified for protection in the Issaquah Basin Plan (1996) and the WRIA 8 Salmon Conservation Plan.

Parcels included in scope: 262306-9031 (24.66 ac), 262306-9027 (3.75), 262306-9111 (4.04 ac), 262306-9003 (3.75 ac), 262306-9110 (3.75 ac), portion of 362306-9005 (27.1 ac).