

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

WRIA 7: Middle Fork Snoqualmie Natural Area Additions (Connie Blumen, Parks)

<i>PL Request</i>	\$125,000
<i>CFT Request (CFT match status)</i>	\$125,000 (match is requested PL funds)
Subtotal: CFT + PL Request	\$250,000 (if pursuing fee)

Total Project Cost	\$500,000
Funding Already Secured	\$250,000 past CFT/PEL
Additional Funding Sought	None
Will current funding request allow project completion?	Yes – will allow for purchase of easement

Project Description: Easement acquisition on four parcels (77 acres) adjacent to WADNR's Middle Fork Snoqualmie NRCA; WADNR is the likely purchaser of underlying fee.

These proposed additions to King County's Middle Fork Snoqualmie Natural Area (and WADNR's Middle Fork Snoqualmie NRCA) are located about 10 miles east of North Bend. These parcels are within the Forest Production District. There are two parcels that lie north of the road which are not prioritized for acquisition at this time.

Parks is pursuing this acquisition at the direction of DNRP director's office. Forterra, Mountains to Sound Greenway, TPL, and WADNR have strategized how to protect these parcels adjacent to WADNR land. TPL may be willing to use its funds to purchase the property in advance of the county and WADNR securing funds.

Management direction is needed on two issues:

1. To confirm the approach that King County will purchase the development rights in a conservation easement, and WADNR will purchase underlying fee. TPL would prefer that King County secure additional funds and purchase the fee.
2. To confirm that this project can be combined into the "Snoqualmie Recreation Corridor Partnership" project because it is a WADNR-King County partnership project that is a priority in the WADNR Snoqualmie Recreation Corridor plan. Would only seek additional funds for the conservation easement if needed beyond the \$250,000 already secured for the project. The ask for the Snoqualmie Recreation Corridor Partnership" project would remain unchanged.

Habitat Benefit: Mid Fork Snoqualmie NA is a Waterways 2000 property (high value habitat)

Recreation Benefit: Will become part of WADNR's Middle Fork Snoqualmie Natural Resource Conservation Area; trails in the NRCA provide opportunities for passive recreation and to study the ecology older forest ecosystems and stream systems.

Plan Priority: Middle Fork Snoqualmie Natural Area Site Management Plan recommends "acquiring future acquisitions to buffer the natural area, provide connection between natural area and other resource lands and preserve habitat corridors within the area." This area prioritized in the draft WADNR Snoqualmie Recreation Corridor Plan.

Parcels included in scope:

Priority: 202309-9001 (40.55 ac), 202309-9036 (12.24 ac), 202309-9037 (12.35 ac), 202309-9038 (12.45 ac).

Others in scope: 202309-9034 (2.57 ac), 202309-9035 (2.48 ac), see map.