

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

WRIA 9: Middle Green River Acquisitions (Josh Kahan, Parks)

<i>PL Request</i>	\$457,500
<i>CFT Request (CFT match status)</i>	\$457,500 (match is requested PL funds)
<i>Subtotal: CFT + PL Request</i>	\$915,000

<i>Total Project Cost</i>	\$915,000
<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: Acquisitions of fee or easement on all or portions of nine parcels between Porter Levee Natural Area and Green River Natural Area. All proposals are focused on supporting restoration projects in the Middle Green River.

Overall proposal targets additions to natural areas, all of which are in the APD:

- Porter Levee Natural Area: Acquire easement or fee from landowner to support optimal project design for Corps ERP levee setback project. Also purchase an adjacent property owned by King County Real Estate Services, on which a portion of the project will occur. Already consulted with Agriculture subcommittee and have gotten a positive response.
- Demeerler (west of Porter Levee): Acquire wetlands/non-farmable portions of the property behind Green Valley Meats. Allow for a habitat restoration project, possibly a target for Mitigation Reserves funding. Will also discuss with landowner potential to enroll property in FPP. Also have received a positive response on this project from the Agriculture subcommittee.
- Green River Natural Area: Targets portions of two parcels in APD that are mostly wetland, at Turley Levee. Setback of the compromised Turley Levee is prioritized under Middle Green River Levee Setback Feasibility Study and is a Corps ERP project. Corps is targeting 2017 construction, which would anticipate real estate certification to be done in 2015.

Working with Ag group on this approach. Ag prefers acquisition of easement, not fee. These parcels are both enrolled in FPP, and FPP issues still need to be resolved. The Corps should confirm that the conservation easements allowing the restoration will not prevent agricultural practices from taking place. Already consulted with Agriculture subcommittee and have been asked to keep working on proposal and return to committee for further review. Inclusion within the scope of this grant is not approval by management to purchase; purchase requires approval of approach by Agricultural subcommittee and division management. Would only spend Parks Levy funds if acquired portion has public access.

Habitat Benefit: This reach of the Green River has the highest Chinook and steelhead spawning density in the Green/Duwamish River Watershed. Acquisitions would preserve habitat value and facilitate the restoration of the reach. Wildlife present include elk, cougar, bear.

Recreation Benefit: Parcels could provide future passive recreation opportunities.

Plan Priority: WRIA 9 Salmon Habitat Plan (WW-15: Develop and implement an acquisition identification and implementation program). Two are Corps ERP projects.

Parcels included in Scope: Priority: Porter Levee: 212105-9145 & 222105-9014 (portion totaling 2 acres), and 2121059065 (17.7 acres); Demeerler: portions of 212105-9072, -9007, -9083, -9010; Turley: portions of 262105-9064, 262105-9022.