

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

WRIA 8: Ravensdale Retreat Natural Area Addition (Ingrid Lundin, Parks)

****REQUESTING ONLY PARKS LEVY****

PL Request	\$150,000
CFT Request (CFT match status)	\$0 (N/A)
Subtotal: CFT + PL Request	\$150,000

Total Project Cost	\$150,000
Funding Already Secured	None
Additional Funding Sought	None
Will current funding request allow project completion?	Yes

Project Description: Acquire 7.59-acre parcel connecting Ravensdale Retreat Natural Area with Sheriff's Office/King County Sports Park parcel. Parcel is being surplusd by Roads, therefore acquisition would retain site in King County inventory.

1. OPEN SPACE RESOURCES

A. Wildlife habitat or rare plant reserve

While not the primary purpose of this acquisition, this does provide a link between Ravensdale Retreat Natural Area and the 616-acre Sheriff's parcel. More broadly, this corridor links the many thousands of acres of forest land on Ravensdale Ridge to the south with the 90,000-acre Cedar River Watershed to the north. Wildlife anticipated to use these areas include large mammals such as deer, elk, bear and cougar; smaller mammals such as coyote, bobcat; and birds and amphibians. Protected land corridors linking these large forests are important to preserve opportunity for wildlife movement and connectivity.

Many of the other parcels along Kent-Kangley Road are small developed residential lots. There is a large tract under one owner of up to 150 acres just north of Ravensdale Retreat Natural Area is anticipated to be developed under RA-10 zoning in the next several years. Even narrow corridors of protected land may contribute to wildlife habitat connectivity in the face of surrounding development.

G. Park/open space or natural corridor addition

This adds directly to Ravensdale Retreat Natural Area. However it provides a broader connection between three adjacent King County-owned lands: 42-acre Ravensdale Park, 138-acre Ravensdale-Retreat Natural Area and 616-acre King County Sheriff's Shooting/Sports Park.

Though we don't know the future of the Sheriff's parcel, it could be a Parks acquisition in the future. The community has long had interest in the Sheriff's parcel for its equestrian riding and trails connections; the Sheriff's parcel borders the Cedar River Watershed as well.

H. Passive recreation opportunity/unmet needs

Again, this would provide a direct trail connection between Ravensdale Retreat Natural Area and the Sheriff's parcel, both currently used for trails. Parks contacted a traffic engineer and there is good site distance at this point for a crossing across Kent Kangley Road.

Depending on planning for the area and future trail use, there is a possibility it could be used for parking (though if Sheriff's Office parcel is ever added to Parks inventory it is a more likely candidate for parking).

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As shown on the “Area Map,” a regional trail corridor may be built in future years to connect Landsburg with Kanaskat. The ideal corridor would run from the Cedar River Trail terminus at Landsburg, through the southern edge of the Cedar River Watershed, through the Sheriff’s Parcel, and east through a planned development to Sugarloaf Mountain Forest. While this small parcel is not on planned trail route, it could provide a connector for local riders to reach the regional trail if ever developed.

2. ADDITIONAL FACTORS

B. Threat of loss of open space resources

Retaining this parcel in public ownership would provide a parcel through which to run trails connecting Ravensdale Retreat Natural Area and the Sheriff’s parcel. Adjacent 292nd Ave SE is a public road so visitors would be legally able to ride there to access the Sheriff’s property, but we would prefer to offer a safer and more aesthetic riding experience on trails through this parcel.

C. Ownership complexity/willing seller(s)/ownership interest proposed

King County Roads has declared this site surplus to their needs. King County Parks has expressed an intent to purchase. Ideally, Roads would like to sell this parcel within the next year; if unable to secure the funds in 2015, they would likely be willing to wait an additional year for the purchase.

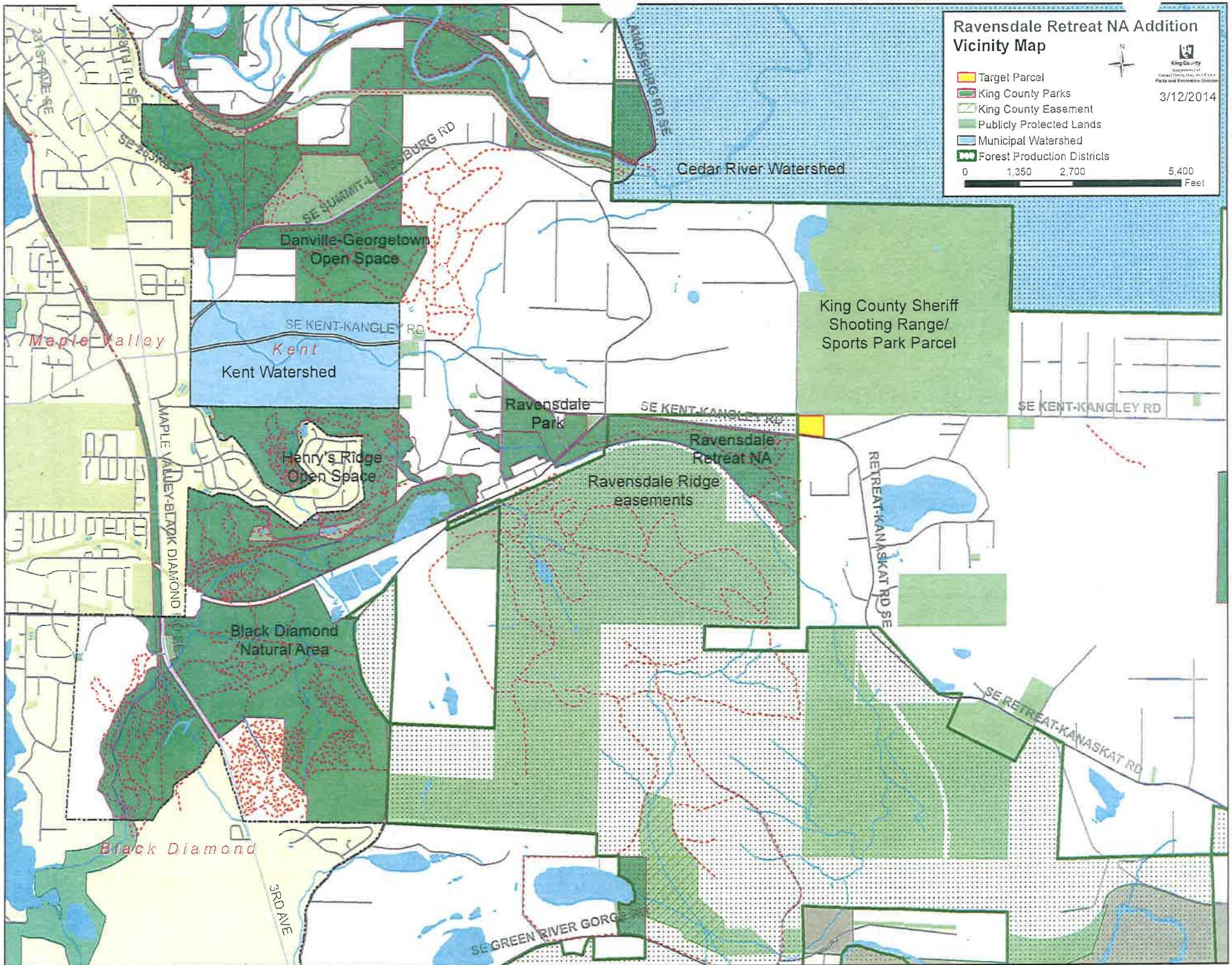
E. Is the property identified in an adopted park, open space, comprehensive, or community plan?

Both the Comp Plan and the Park Plan contain policies that direct acquisition, planning, and stewardship of KC Parks. The acquisition of these parcels is consistent with the following policy direction:

- Be a “regional provider of open spaces with a major focus on systems of open space corridors that conserve natural resources and provide recreation, education and interpretive opportunities, fish and wildlife habitat and scenic beauty.” (Park Plan Policy G-101)
- Emphasize acquisition and development of sites that provide for multiple benefits (Park Plan Policy CIP-120)

This parcel is identified as a connection in the Friends of Rock Creek Valley Conservation Plan (2004), funded by a National Park Service planning grant.

Parcels included in scope: 322207-9037 (7.59 ac)



Ravensdale Retreat NA Addition Vicinity Map



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- Target Parcel
- King County Parks
- King County Easement
- Publicly Protected Lands
- Municipal Watershed
- Forest Production Districts

0 1,350 2,700 5,400 Feet

Cedar River Watershed

Darville-Georgetown Open Space

SE KENT-KANGLEY RD
 Kent Watershed
 King County Sheriff Shooting Range/
 Sports Park Parcel

Ravensdale Park

Ravensdale Retreat NA

Ravensdale Ridge easements

Henry's Ridge Open Space

Black Diamond Natural Area

Black Diamond

SE GREEN RIVER GORG

RETREAT-KANASKAT RD SE

SE RETREAT-KANASKAT RD

SRD AVE

MAPLE VALLEY-BLACK DIAMOND

Maple Valley

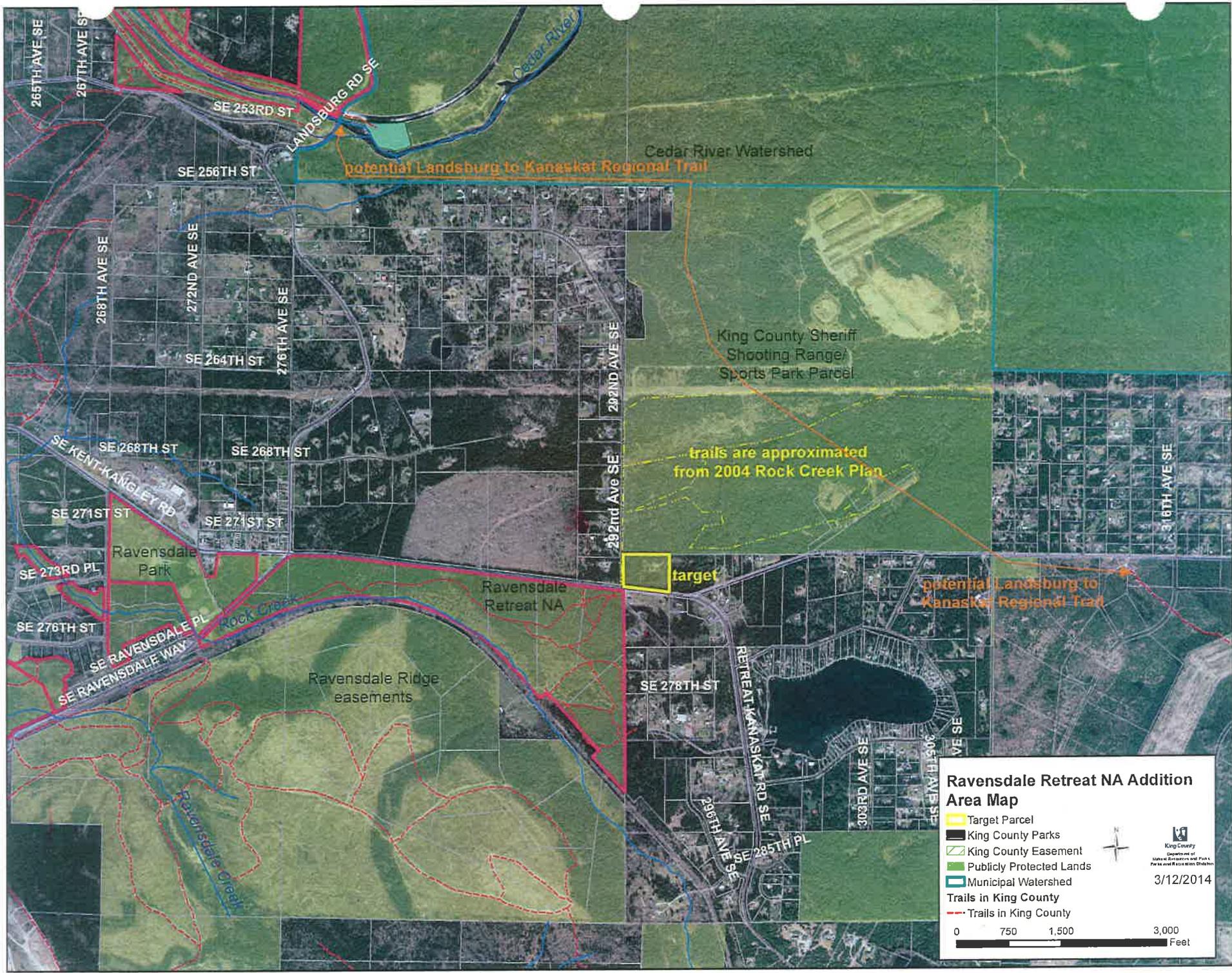
SE SUMMIT-LANESBURG RD

LANESBURG RD SE

SE 23RD

SE 24TH

231ST AVE SE



Ravensdale Retreat NA Addition Area Map

- Target Parcel
- King County Parks
- King County Easement
- Publicly Protected Lands
- Municipal Watershed
- Trails in King County**
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0 750 1,500 3,000
 Feet

Ravensdale Retreat NA Addition Site Map



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292nd Ave SE

King County Sheriff
Shooting Range/
Sports Park Parcel
trails are approximated
from 2004 Rock Creek Plan

target

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SE KENT-KANGLEY RD

Ravensdale Retreat
Natural Area

RETREAT-KANASKAT RD SE

