

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

WRIA 9: Soos Creek Park and Trail Additions (Ingrid Lundin, Parks)

<i>PL Request</i>	\$300,000
<i>CFT Request</i> <i>(CFT match status)</i>	\$300,000 <i>(match is PL request)</i>
Subtotal: CFT + PL Request	\$600,000

Total Project Cost	\$600,000
Funding Already Secured	\$40,000 awarded for acquisition feasibility work
Additional Funding Sought	None
Will current funding request allow project completion?	No – requires additional funding (approximately \$600,000 in 2016 CFT/PL)

Project Description: This two-year ask will protect 3/5 mile of Soos Creek corridor and associated Category 1 wetland, through purchase of ~50 acres. Located on the southern boundary of Covington. Phase 1 of the ask is for ~21 acres (3 parcels)

King County has been working in partnership with Friends of Soos Creek Park (FOSCP) on additions to Soos Creek Park and Trail. Building on a 2012 acquisition feasibility grant to extend habitat protection southward along the creek, we have two key landowners to work with on acquisition – between them they capture 3/5 of a mile of Soos Creek corridor.

Phase 1 of the proposal: Acquire 21 acres owned by a set of siblings who have inherited the Berrydale Tree Farm that their families operated for decades. They are eager to sell the property. We are appraising in February 2014 and will make them an offer hoping to keep it from being sold on the private market.

Phase 2 of the proposal: Cascade Water Alliance is selling their 50-acre parcel in the next two years. They are happy to work with King County to sell us the ~30-acre portion of their property with the wetland and stream corridor. While they would prefer to sell sooner, they are willing to work on a two-year timeframe.

Habitat Benefit: Documented chinook distribution through just above SR 18 (and presumed further north of there). This is within the Chinook spawning reaches (the lower 6 miles) of Soos Creek. Steelhead, coho, cutthroat trout use as well. The 62-acre Category 1 wetland that spans these properties (extending from the WSDOT property to the north) is the largest wetland in the lower six miles of the Soos Creek Basin.

Recreation Benefit: Passive recreation, trails, wildlife observation. At this point not likely to have regional trail corridor through here due to sensitive area and developability constraints.

Plan Priority: This area identified for conservation in the Lower Soos Creek Basin Ecological Assessment (2013).

Parcels included in Scope: 352205-9031 (19.97 ac), 352205-9098 (1 ac), 022105-9029 (.09 ac), 3522059115 (50 ac).