

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

WRIA 7: Tolt River Natural Area (Mary Maier, Basin Steward)

<i>PL Request</i>	\$168,200
<i>CFT Request</i> (CFT match status)	\$168,200 (Match is requested PL)
<b>Subtotal: CFT + PL Request</b>	<b>\$336,400</b>

<i>Total Project Cost</i>	\$725,200 for current priorities \$2,054,200 for all in scope
<i>Funding Already Secured</i>	\$415,000 PL and Rivers
<i>Additional Funding Sought</i>	None this year
<i>Will current funding request allow project completion?</i>	Yes for current priorities – and there may be additional acquisitions in future.

**Project Description:** Fee simple acquisition of 7 parcels on Tolt River east of Carnation, containing approx 25 acres, to be placed in Rivers or Parks inventory.

Purchase additional properties in the Tolt Natural Area from RM 1.1 up to River Mile 6. This project captures the highest priority reach identified in the Snohomish River Salmon Conservation Plan. Several parcels may lead to the removal or set back of a levee/revetment. Many parcels lie within the channel migration zone. The Tolt River is one of the highest productive areas in the Snoqualmie basin for Chinook and steelhead, both of which are listed under the ESA as threatened.

Basin Steward is targeting specific habitat-related parcels and geographic areas along the Tolt River, in partnership with the Rivers program which is working on nearby flood-related Tolt priorities. Rivers is directing FCZD funds in this reach. Also SRFB funds have been secured (already earmarked to other parcels); RCO has requested that the Tolt acquisition/restoration work be showcased at the 2014 River Restoration Northwest Conference.

Targeted landowners expressed a willingness to sell and are waiting for King County to raise the funds.

**Habitat Benefit:** The Tolt River basin is one of the highest priority basins in the Snohomish River Basin Salmon Conservation Plan (2005). The primary emphasis of the salmon recovery strategy is to protect and restore rearing and refuge habitat for salmonids including off channel area. These off channel areas provide refuge from high velocity flows and new spawning areas for several salmonids. This project will protect existing side channel features and, in the long term, restore the processes that contribute to higher salmon productivity.

**Recreation Benefit:** Passive recreation

**Plan Priority:** In the Snohomish River Salmon Conservation Plan, the project is on the WRIA 7 three year list (Focus Area 5 Protection – 07-MPR-108), and in the Flood Hazard Management Plan.

**Parcels included in scope:**

Priorities: 112507-9073 (.81 ac), 142507-9003 (12 ac), , 112507-9068 ac (.34 ac), 112507-9083 (.78 ac), 112507-9084 (.78 ac), 112507-9039 (1.20 ac), 142507-9022 (9.5ac).

Additional parcels are included in scope: 142507-9043 (3.98 ac), 142507-9046 (6.05 ac), 112507-9012 (1.6 ac), 112507-9028 (.74 ac).