

**Attachment 2:  
Project Descriptions of DNRP's 2016 Parks Levy – Regional Open Space Acquisition Proposals**

**WRIA 8: Bear Creek Waterways (Tom Beavers, WLRD)**

<b>PL Request</b>	<b>\$810,000</b>
<b>CFT Request</b> <i>(CFT match status)</i>	<b>\$800,000</b> <i>(match is requested PL funds)</i>
<b>Subtotal: CFT + PL Request</b>	<b>\$1,610,000</b>

<b>Total Project Cost</b>	<b>\$2,010,000</b>
<b>Funding Already Secured</b>	\$400,000 CFT/PL reallocation (recommended 3/3/15)
<b>Additional Funding Sought</b>	None
<b>Will current funding request complete priority acquisitions?</b>	Yes – funding request completes current priorities; there may be additional future requests for project.

**Project Description: Acquire 43 ac fee + 17 ac easement along Bear Creek between county line and City of Redmond, adding to Paradise Lake, Upper Bear Creek, and Lower Bear Creek NAs.**

This basin has had significantly lower grant allocations than other parts of WRIA 8 in the last few years, and this grant request seeks to prioritize several priority acquisitions in this basin. All the properties are filling in donut holes or consolidating adjacent public ownership around existing Natural Areas. All landowners have contacted the county to sell their property, and there is a high probability that several of these parcels will sell if not funded this year.

At Paradise Lake, the Stevens properties continue the targeted CFT/PL requests over the past three years, with a 17-acre conservation easement (~\$350K of the request) preserving headwater forests with a public access component across the pipeline. Additionally, a 5-acre forested parcel is targeted in fee (~\$260K of the request).

At Lower Bear Creek Natural Area on the edge of Redmond, the acquisitions contribute urban separator functions. The acquisition of 3 acres along the stream corridor at Littlebit Therapeutic Riding Center (~\$150K of the request) connects recent acquisitions and preserves the riparian corridor. The nearby Green parcels (~\$850K of the request) contain 27 undeveloped acres of streams and associated wetlands contiguous with adjacent public property. The TDR program is interested in accepting these Lower Bear Creek development rights into their bank.

*Note: Funding of \$400,000 CFT/Parks Levy was reallocated towards the Hapeman properties at the 3/3/2015 reallocation meeting: At Upper Bear Creek, the 8-acre Hapeman properties (~\$400K of the request) were an unfunded portion of last year's application which received committee support (they awarded appraisal funds), containing large wetlands that extend onto neighboring public property.*

**Habitat Benefit:** These acquisitions provide aquatic benefits; salmon conservation per the WRIA 8 Plan; crucial habitat connections for passerine birds, small mammals and amphibians.

**Recreation Benefit:** Passive recreation.

**Plan Priority:** This project continues to implement the Waterways 2000 report, the WRIA 8 Salmon Conservation Plan, and Bear Creek Basin Plan.

**Parcels included in Scope:** Priority parcels: Paradise Lake: 052606-9015 (17 ac easement), 662630-0060 (5 ac); Upper Bear: 082606-9024 (5 ac), 082606-9033 (3.2ac); Lower Bear: 312606-9011 (2.8 ac portion), 062506-9026 (18 ac), 062506-9003 (9 ac);. Additional parcels included in scope.