

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

WRIA 8: Cold Creek Natural Area Addition (Kelly Heintz, Parks)

<i>PL Request</i>	\$90,000
<i>CFT Request (CFT match status)</i>	\$40,000 (match is requested PL funds)
<i>Subtotal: CFT + PL Request</i>	\$130,000

<i>Total Project Cost</i>	~\$155,000
<i>Funding Already Secured</i>	\$25,000 2014 CFT
<i>Additional Funding Sought</i>	None
<i>Will current funding request complete priority acquisitions?</i>	Yes – funding request completes current priorities; there may be additional future requests for project.

Project Description: Acquire easements or fee on ~10 acres of lands along Cottage Creek at the outlet of Cottage Lake, adding to Cold Creek Natural Area, located east of Woodinville.

This project will connect over 160 acres of Bassett Pond and Cold Creek Natural Areas along Cottage Lake Creek to its outlet from Cottage Lake and include 244 linear feet of lake frontage. Expansion of existing partnerships for adjacent natural areas will be pursued for restoration and stewardship of the expanded natural area.

Owners are interested in selling. A title report was received in 2014 and site assessment is underway. Project is proposed for 2 phases.

This is a Phase 1 which targets the lands on the north side of the creek: the entirety of one parcel and the north half of an adjacent parcel (approx. 10 acres). Phase 2 can be considered at a later time (for additional acreage acquisition).

Habitat Benefit: The project will further habitat connectivity by extending the benefits of the existing natural area and contributing to the overall value of the extensive Bear Creek System. Cottage Lake Creek is a Class 2 salmon-bearing stream and the surrounding wetlands are designated as Class 1. Chinook spawn and rear in the creek and the surrounding area hosts resident and migratory bird species, terrestrial and aquatic mammals, fish, amphibians and reptiles.

Recreation Benefit: Low impact passive recreation and nature observation.

Plan Priority: These parcels were identified as targets for future acquisition and protection in the Waterways 2000: Acquisition and Stewardship Recommendations Report by the King County Open Space Citizen's Advisory Committee.

Parcels included in Scope:

Phase 1: 072606-9012 (portion of 11.5 ac), 072606-9013 (5.88 ac)

Phase 2: 072606-9045 (2.94 ac), 072606-9056 (3.66)