

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

WRIA 8: Cougar-Squak Corridor Addition (Kelly Heintz, Parks)

<i>PL Request</i>	\$433,500
<i>CFT Request</i> <i>(CFT match status)</i>	\$457,500 <i>(match is requested PL funds)</i>
<i>Subtotal: CFT + PL Request</i>	\$891,000

<i>Total Project Cost</i>	\$915,000
<i>Funding Already Secured</i>	~\$24,000 remaining from 2015 Parks Levy to be rescoped to this parcel.
<i>Additional Funding Sought</i>	None
<i>Will current funding request complete priority acquisitions?</i>	Yes – funding request completes current priorities.

***Project Description:* Acquire 5.6-acre viewpoint adjacent to the recently acquired 226-acre camping club Cougar-Squak Corridor, 2 miles south of Issaquah.**

Acquire 5.6 acres adjacent to the major new Cougar-Squak Corridor Addition purchased in 2014 in partnership with Trust for Public Land. New acquisition provides a significant regional viewpoint accessed by surrounding King County owned lands. Potentially, King County would adjust the boundary through a Boundary Line Adjustment and sell 3.75 acres that has a large house. King County staff have reviewed this with DPER and it is feasible.

An appraisal is underway and the property owner is willing to sell. This funding will allow the project to close and complete the trail network/destination for the public.

There is not public driving access to this viewpoint, but it would be a major hiking destination from the new trailhead off of SR 900.

Habitat Benefit: Part of significant corridor of public land between Cougar Mountain and Squak Mountain State Park. The county's wildlife habitat network mapped just north of the property through Cougar-Squak Corridor.

Recreation Benefit: Trail use. Recently acquired adjacent parcels provide a trail network and future parking area off of SR900. This acquisition provides the destination viewpoint for that trail system and public access point.

Plan Priority: N/A

Parcels included in Scope: 082306-9052 (5.6 acres).