

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

WRIA 9: Enumclaw Forested Foothills Trailhead (Ingrid Lundin, Parks)

<i>PL Request</i>	\$400,000
<i>CFT Request (CFT match status)</i>	\$400,000 (match is requested PL funds)
<i>Subtotal: CFT + PL Request</i>	\$800,000

<i>Total Project Cost</i>	~\$1,240,000
<i>Funding Already Secured</i>	\$440,000 consisting of REET, CFT, PEL, PL
<i>Additional Funding Sought</i>	None
<i>Will current funding request complete priority acquisitions?</i>	Yes – funding request completes current priorities.

Project Description: Fee acquisition of 155 acres of land in Forest Production District, adjacent to White River Forest.

DNRP has been exploring ideas for a publicly owned trailhead adjacent to White River Forest for the past several years (since 2009). This is a key priority for citizen's group EFFRA (Enumclaw Forested Foothills Recreation Association). EFFRA has been lobbying DNRP director, Executive, and Council in support of such an acquisition; secured \$50,000 in 2009 budget to begin acquisition work; project received \$100K in 2010 PEL, \$75K in 2012 PEL; and in 2015 was awarded \$200K 2015 PL and \$25K CFT.

While we don't have a guarantee of long-term public access to White River Forest, DNRP director would like Parks to work to secure this trailhead.

Parks has had concerns about prior target "Goodwin" property due to its location on a private road, inholders and problem users.

The current target, the Dyar property, has been in 2015 funding scope but not as a priority. Landowner has just contacted King County and is willing to sell to us and wishes to sell soon due to elderly age and need for cash flow. Property is 155 acres, located on a public road, with no inholders. Site is forested with large meadow and lake. White River Forest trails run through the eastern side of the property. Possibility of a life estate lease on the property; likely structures to be demolished in future (though Parks Enterprise and maintenance staff would investigate if need to retain).

We propose a two-phase purchase, once I have CFT committee's feedback in June 2015. If they are supportive and allocate funds, I would like to implement Phase 1 purchase in summer 2015 with existing funds, and Phase 2 once remaining funds are awarded in winter 2016.

Scope also includes some of the broader lands at nearby entrances in case additional work is needed.

Habitat Benefit: Retains second growth forest on site to allow development to mature older stands. Preserves lake, and allows removal of homes. Forest stewardship actions would be expected to occur, and would likely be placed in working forest inventory due to F zoning. (Forestry group is supportive of acquisition if it's managed forest stewardship plan.)

Recreation Benefit: Located on a public road immediately adjacent to Enumclaw. We envision a parking lot, trailhead and trails connecting to White River Forest. Apparently there's also a hill on site with viewpoint of Mt. Rainier. Parks Enterprise is reviewing whether they have any interest in retaining

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structures on site and/or other uses. There could be a life estate lease on the property if owner is interested and/or condition of sale, which would mean delay until property is opened to public.

Plan Priority: No. The concept of preserving local trails is supported in EFFRA's recently completed Comprehensive Management Vision.

Parcels included in Scope: 202007-9002, -9006, -9007, -9008-, -9020, -9023 (155 acres total). Other access points nearby may be considered in scope.