

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

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| <b>WRIA 10: Foothills Trail Additions (Trishah Bull, Parks)</b> |
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| <i>PL Request</i>                               | <b>\$472,500</b>                                      |
| <i>CFT Request</i><br><i>(CFT match status)</i> | <b>\$472,500</b><br><i>(match requested PL funds)</i> |
| <b>Subtotal: CFT + PL Request</b>               | <b>\$945,000</b>                                      |

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| <b>Total Project Cost</b>   | <b>\$945,000</b>                                    |
| <i>Funding Already Secured</i>                                      | None  |
| <i>Additional Funding Sought</i>                                    | None  |
| <i>Will current funding request complete priority acquisitions?</i> | Yes – funding request completes current priorities. |

**Project Description: Acquisition of fee on ~26 acres of land along the Foothills Regional Trail corridor, most encompassing the Boise Creek corridor.**

The Foothills Trail is a high priority regional trails project linking southeast King County with northeast Pierce County including the cities of Enumclaw, Buckley, South Prairie, Orting, and Puyallup. The trail corridor in King County starts north of Buckley at the White River and continues 1.1 miles to Enumclaw, where it will meet a popular existing trail segment in town. The King County trail corridor continues north of Enumclaw to Nolte State Park and the community Kanaskat where it interconnects with other county regional trail corridors. The trail will provide an extraordinary scenic recreational opportunity crossing the White River Valley and continuing along Boise Creek. The project is slated for development in Parks' current Regional Trail 6-Year Capital Improvement Program.

The KC Roads parcel, Osceola Pit (~\$40K to acquire), is a surplus Roads property located within a corridor of public ownership along the White River, and containing some of the left bank of Boise Creek at its confluence with the White River.

The Storm parcels (~\$280K to acquire) and Nagel parcels (~\$525K to acquire) are developed properties which contain several hundred linear feet of Boise Creek just upstream of Osceola Pit. These parcels are both available with willing sellers. These acquisitions have been recommended by staff and consultants as properties that are beneficial to support a preferred alignment for development of a pedestrian bridge over the White River. The Nagel parcels are currently on the market and Parks may purchase in advance of CFT recommendations, for reimbursement with CFT/PL funds.

The Olson parcels (~\$120K to acquire) to the north contain land adjacent to the trail corridor which could support trail development, and/or provide access/parking uses. While these are rural zoned, they require further investigation with Agriculture program to determine whether there may be compatible agricultural uses outside of preferred regional trail corridor use.

**Habitat Benefit:** These parcels contain several hundred feet of Boise Creek. Boise Creek is critically important for Spring Chinook, a run that is very rare (only two in south Puget Sound) and is teetering on the brink of extinction. The stream also provides habitat for Fall Chinook and steelhead. Acquisition conserves the riparian corridor and provides restoration opportunity in these lower reaches of Boise Creek. The existing Lower Boise Creek Channel Restoration Project has created two acres of spawning habitat for chinook, coho and pink salmon, and steelhead; doubled channel length from 500 to 1,100 feet; created approximately two acres of alluvial fan floodplain

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habitats; and established a 150-foot-wide buffer of native trees and shrubs along each side of the channel.

***Recreation Benefit:*** Regional trail as well as passive recreation.

***Plan Priority:*** The Foothills Trail has been identified as a Tier II project in the current RTS 6-year CIP with an anticipated construction schedule of 2019.

***Parcels included in Scope:*** KC Roads 342006-9032 (4.1 ac); Storm 352006-9074 (3.5ac), 642700-0185 (.69 ac), 642700-0270 (.21 ac); Nagel 342006-9087 (2.03 ac), 342006-9020 (1.29 ac); Olson 182007-9078 (4.36 ac), 182007-9057 (9.50 ac).