

Attachment 2:

Project Descriptions of DNRP's 2016 Parks Levy – Regional Open Space Acquisition Proposals

WRIA 8: Issaquah Creek Conservation (Tom Beavers, Basin Steward)

<i>PL Request</i>	\$200,000
<i>CFT Request (CFT match status)</i>	\$175,000 (match is requested PL funds)
Subtotal: CFT + PL Request	\$375,000

<i>Total Project Cost</i>	\$375,000 for priority parcels
<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; there may be additional future requests for project.

Project Description: Acquire 8.2 acres in fee (or easement) along a tributary to Issaquah Creek, adding to Middle Issaquah Creek Natural Area.

These properties will link existing Middle Issaquah Reach Natural Area with a proposed WADNR Trust Land Transfer parcel (planned for transfer at no cost in the 2017-2019 biennium). These parcels all are connected along the stream corridor of an unnamed tributary to Issaquah Creek. Further, the property contains wetlands and forested habitat which provide habitat for passerine birds, small mammals, and amphibians. The properties provide water quality benefits to a tributary to Issaquah Creek, a salmon producing stream.

Property owner approached the County last year and has been waiting for this to be prioritized for acquisition. Proposed acquisition is one vacant parcel, and a portion of a developed parcel. There is a concern that this property could be sold and the access to the WADNR property would be lost given the recovery of the real estate market.

Habitat benefit: wetland protection; habitat connection to State DNR property; protection of tributary to Issaquah Creek

Recreation Benefit: Passive recreation. Public access will be allowed in the non-leased portions of the WADNR property.

Plan Priority: The project reach has been identified for protection in the Issaquah Basin Plan (1996) and the WRIA 8 Salmon Conservation Plan.

Parcels included in scope: 222306-9079 (5.4 ac), 232306-9010 (3-ac portion).