

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

WRIA 9: Middle Green River Habitat Preservation (Josh Kahan, WLRD)

<i>PL Request</i>	\$862,500
<i>CFT Request</i> <i>(CFT match status)</i>	\$862,500 <i>(match is requested PL funds)</i>
Subtotal: CFT + PL Request	\$1,725,000

Total Project Cost	\$1,725,000
<i>Funding Already Secured</i>	None for current priorities
<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: Acquisitions of ~134 acres (6 parcels) adding to Lower Newaukum Creek Natural Area.

Acquisitions build on several years of effort to preserve the mile-wide 700+-acre forested ravine along Lower Newaukum Creek (likely the largest ravine in King County) and would preserve mature second-growth timber and prevent development within this important habitat corridor.

These acquisitions are located in the APD and have been discussed with the Ag team, which has approved acquisitions as listed below:

- Suhoversnik (~\$375K for 33 acres) – easement on forested ravine portion of property, adding additional level of protection to FPP easements that are currently under negotiation.
- Hartnagel (~\$325K for 20 acres) – fee acquisition of ravine adjacent to the above parcel.
- Zoomtek (~\$300K for 10 acres) – fee acquisition towards southern edge of ravine.
- Murray (~\$725K on 87 acres) – fee acquisition on all or portions of properties at south edge of ravine. Proponent will have Ag program involved in property investigation and landowner discussions, and work with them if they have interest in partnering on this property.

Habitat Benefit: Preserves forested ravine along Lower Newaukum Creek, an important stream for two ESA fish species and a unique natural resource area. Acquisitions protect land used by the Mt. Rainier Elk Herd, White River Unit (one of 10 WDFW-monitored elk herds in the state). Newaukum Creek is part of KC's designated wildlife network.

Recreation Benefit: Parcels could provide passive recreation opportunities.

Plan Priority: WRIA 9 Salmon Habitat Plan emphasizes preserving Newaukum Creek.

Parcels included in Scope: Priority: Suhoversnik 332106-9021 (33 ac); Hartnagel 332106-9009 (20 ac); Zoomtek 342106-9135 (10 ac); Murray 042006-9002 (20 ac), 042006-9001 (32 ac), 032006-9006 (35 ac).