

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

WRIA 7: Snoqualmie at Fall City/Raging River (Mary Maier, WLRD)

<i>PL Request</i>	\$750,000
<i>CFT Request (CFT match status)</i>	\$750,000 <i>(match is requested PL funds)</i>
<i>Subtotal: CFT + PL Request</i>	\$1,500,000

<i>Total Project Cost</i>	\$3,600,000 for current priorities
<i>Funding Already Secured</i>	\$700,000 FCD
<i>Additional Funding Sought</i>	Additional FCD funds sought in 2015 budget. Funds sought towards broader scope: \$800,000 SRFB/PSAR 2015, possibly Floodplains by Design.
<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: Acquisition of 207 acres of priority parcels (~177 acres in fee, additional in easement) at Snoqualmie/Raging River Confluence and within the Snoqualmie at Fall City Reach.

The goal is to acquire land to enable the implementation of floodplain restoration projects identified in the Snohomish River Basin Salmon Conservation Plan. The target parcels cover three projects:

- 1) The acquisition of Snoqualmie River RV Park and Campground (together with future purchase of nearby private lands and a Roads surplus parcel) will facilitate floodplain restoration projects on both the Snoqualmie and Raging Rivers. The first phase of the project is the purchase of the RV Park and campground (requesting ~\$1.3M for this work, to leverage \$700K of available FCD funds plus additional FCD reallocation sought in 2015). This phase is already appraised and is under contract with the landowner. The second phase (at the request of the RV Park landowner) would be the purchase of the additional nearby private lands and a surplus Roads parcel. The project is in partnership with RFMS and the Farmland Preservation Program, which will contribute funds to the second phase. We are exploring ways to accommodate agriculture on site in addition to meeting the needs of RFMS. This project has a high degree of sensitivity, confidentiality and urgency. We will be collecting additional information to better determine how the property can meet the needs of salmon recovery, flood risk reduction and agriculture.
- 2) The purchase of the last Rainier Wood Recycler property (~\$100K) will cover attorney fees and additional costs associated with the delay of purchasing this third parcel. This property is under contract and needed to implement several of the possible “Barfuse” alternatives which are documented in the SAFC Feasibility Report.
- 3) The Garvey/Fall City Farm easement (~\$100K) which is needed to implement the Hafner Floodplain Restoration Project. This is the second of potentially four projects identified in the SAFC Feasibility Report that we are planning to implement. We have already secured most of the funding for design and construction of this project through an Ecology Floodplains by Design grant.

Habitat Benefit: The projects will reconnect off-channel habitat and restore floodplain processes, edge habitat, hydrologic and sediment processes and floodplain forest conditions in addition to improving water quality.

Recreation Benefit: Some future public use is expected but we have not yet determined the extent and location of that use. Within overall project scope, there is a WDFW access easement to a boat ramp

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on the Raging River and we will be working with WDFW to honor their fiduciary needs and keep the boat access in the area.

Plan Priority: The Snoqualmie and Raging Rivers are both Tier 1 Rivers in the Snohomish River Basin Salmon Conservation Plan. The requested funding is needed to secure the footprints necessary to implement floodplain restoration projects identified in the Salmon Conservation Plan. These levee/revetment setback projects will greatly improve habitat processes and rearing habitat adjacent to productive spawning areas. Both the 1993 and 2006 KC Flood Hazard Reduction Plans discuss the sediment aggradation problems associated with the Raging River, and both include recommended actions to setback or remove the right bank Raging River levees below the Preston-Fall City bridge.

Parcels included in scope:

Target First Priority: 142407-9068 (11 ac), 1424079090 (6 ac), 1424079008 (a portion of this 27 ac parcel) 152407-9108 (12 ac), 102407-9026 (easement on portion of 42 ac).

Additional first priority parcels included in scope: , 142407-9010 (38 ac), 142407-9052 (41 ac), , 152407-9031 (7 ac), 152407-9034 (2 ac) , 152407-9183 (1 ac) 1524079086 (.52 ac), 1424079014 (17.85 ac), 2324079045 (11.11 ac). Plus additional second priority parcels.