

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

<b>WRIA 8: Taylor Mountain Forest Addition (Ingrid Lundin, Parks)</b>
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<b>PL Request</b>	<b>\$62,500</b>
<b>CFT Request</b> <i>(CFT match status)</i>	<b>\$62,500</b> <i>(match is requested PL funds)</i>
<b>Subtotal: CFT + PL Request</b>	<b>\$125,000</b>

<b>Total Project Cost</b>	<b>\$150,000</b>
<b>Funding Already Secured</b>	\$25,000 PL 2015
<b>Additional Funding Sought</b>	None
<b>Will current funding request complete priority acquisitions?</b>	Yes – funding request completes current priorities.

**Project Description: Acquire a 36-acre inholding at Taylor Mountain Forest.**

Since the original Taylor Mountain Forest purchase in 1997, we have targeted the purchase of the major inholdings at Taylor. Five inholdings were purchased in the early 2000s. With recent purchase of the two last inholdings located within the forest (one in 2011, the other in 2014) we move our focus to the remaining two inholders at the northwest side of the mountain who either do have access or potentially could seek access through the forest to their properties. Removing inholdings, reducing potential user conflicts associated with private access on internal forest roads, and securing more habitat protection along Holder Creek are key goals of this acquisition.

The initial targeted inholding contains a half mile of Holder Creek, a healthy and highly prioritized salmonid spawning stream under the Issaquah Basin Plan. The parcel also contains steep slopes above Holder Creek which our purchase will ensure are retained in forest cover (though forest stewardship may occur). We would also bring into public ownership about 1,000 feet of the Holder Creek Trail, a popular trail loop at Taylor which runs on this private land.

\$25,000 of Parks Levy was awarded in 2015, which is funding an appraisal currently underway, due 3/10/15. Landowner is willing seller.

**Habitat Benefit:** This target property captures about 2,600 feet of Holder Creek which provides both spawning and rearing habitat for salmonids, a Class 2 stream dominated by boulders and cobble with some gravels. Taylor Mountain Forest represents one of the most abundant and relatively undamaged habitats for salmonids in the entire Issaquah Creek Basin according to the basin plan.

**Recreation Benefit:** This parcel contains 1000+ feet of an existing backcountry Holder Creek Trail that links to county-owned parcels. Recreational use of Taylor Mountain Forest is by equestrians, hikers, runners, and mountain bikers.

**Plan Priority:** The Taylor Forest Public Use Plan calls for enhancing connectivity between public ownership and increasing opportunities for non-motorized appropriate low impact recreation through additions to the county's backcountry trail system

**Parcels included in scope:** Priority: 312307-9002 (36 ac); additional parcel included in scope.