

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

WRIA 7: Tolt River Natural Area (Mary Maier, Basin Steward)
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<i>PL Request</i>	\$100,000
<i>CFT Request</i> <i>(CFT match status)</i>	\$100,000 <i>(match is requested PL funds)</i>
<i>Subtotal: CFT + PL Request</i>	\$200,000
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<i>Total Project Cost</i>	\$770,000 for current priorities
<i>Funding Already Secured</i>	\$300,000 FCD
<i>Additional Funding Sought</i>	\$270,000 from FCD and CWM in 2015/2016
<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: Fee simple acquisition of 7 parcels on Tolt River east of Carnation, containing approx 4.5 acres, to be placed in Rivers or Parks inventory.

Purchase additional properties in the Tolt Natural Area up to River Mile 6. This project captures the highest priority reach identified in the Snohomish River Salmon Conservation Plan. Many of the parcels may lead to the removal or set back of a levee/revetment. Many parcels lie within the channel migration zone and / or the 100 year floodplain. The Tolt River is one of the most productive areas in the Snoqualmie basin for Chinook and steelhead, both of which are listed under the ESA.

Basin Steward and Rivers program work in parallel on acquisitions on the Tolt; typically (though not always) Rivers targets developed parcels which are flood hazard reduction priorities, while Basin Steward typically focuses on undeveloped parcels. RCO requested that the Tolt acquisition/restoration partnership was showcased at the 2014 River Restoration Northwest Conference.

All recently awarded CFT/PL funds have been spent, and we have willingness from at least one landowner at this time. We are holding a Tolt Corridor Stakeholder/Public Meeting on January 15 and we expect that this will generate landowners interested in selling their property especially in light of the recent flooding and landslide risk along the Tolt.

Habitat Benefit: The Tolt River basin is one of the highest priority basins in the Snohomish River Basin Salmon Conservation Plan (2005). The primary emphasis of the salmon recovery strategy is to protect and restore rearing and refuge habitat for salmonids including off channel area. These off channel areas provide refuge from high velocity flows and new spawning areas for several salmonids. This project will protect existing side channel features and, in the long term, restore the processes that contribute to higher salmon productivity.

Recreation Benefit: Passive recreation

Plan Priority: Listed in the Snohomish River Salmon Conservation Plan, The project is on the WRIA 7 three year list (Focus Area 5 Protection – 07-MPR-108), and in the Flood Hazard Management Plan.

Parcels included in scope: Target first priority parcels: 112507-9073 (.81 ac), 112507-9068 ac (.34 ac), 112507-9083 (.78 ac), 112507-9084 (.78 ac), 112507-9039 (1.20 ac), 012507-9021 (0.26 ac), 732560-0200 (0.21 ac), 1125079061 (.35 ac).

Additional first priority parcels in scope: 142507-9022 (9.5 ac), 142507-9003 (12 ac), 112507-9012 (1.6 ac), 112507-9028 (.74 ac), 112507-9015 (6 ac), 1125079012 (riverward portion), 1125079028 (riverward portion). Plus additional second priority parcels.