

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

VASHON: Island Center Forest Additions (David Kimmett, Parks)

PL Request	\$300,000
CFT Request <i>(CFT match status)</i>	\$300,000 <i>(match is requested PL funds)</i>
Subtotal: CFT + PL Request	\$600,000

Total Project Cost	\$600,000 for 2015 priority parcels \$2.4 million for all in scope
Funding Already Secured	None
Additional Funding Sought	None
Will current funding request complete priority acquisitions?	Yes – funding request completes current priorities; there may be additional future requests for project.

Project Description: Acquire easements on 10 parcels as additions to Island Center Forest (~12 acres of conservation easement on 3 parcels + trail easements on 7 parcels).

Island Center Forest is 425 acres in size, located in north central Vashon Island at the headwaters of the Judd Creek watershed.

This proposal has two main priorities:

Acquire easements (~\$565 K of the funding request) on three parcels owned by Matsuda family, pursuing acquisition in partnership with Vashon Maury Island Land Trust. VMILT will own fee and King County will own easements. Also acquire trail easements on three additional parcels adjacent to Matsuda. Acquisition would extend a trail connection from ICF to the southeast commercial area near Cemetery Road/Vashon Highway and the K2 complex. This would eventually be part of a trail that connects the two commercial centers (north east and southeast of ICF) via a trail through ICF. Goal on Matsuda parcels would be for VMILT to maintain farming or pastoral use of this historic farmland. Matsuda are willing and VMILT has a purchase and sale contract in place on the land.

Acquire trail easements across four parcels (~\$35K of the funding request) extending south of Island Center Forest in support of connections to the Judd Creek/Paradise Valley trail corridor that has been developed through VMILT/King County partnership over the past decade. Nearly all the landowners have been contacted and have expressed willingness.

Habitat Benefit: Matsuda properties would retain pastoral uses rather than conversion to residential.

Recreation Benefit: Trails connecting ICF to the surrounding public lands and/or publicly used areas.

Plan Priority: Island Center Forest Site Management Guidelines and KC Parks Open Space Plan.

Parcels included in Scope:

Priorities: Matsuda easement (062203-9183, 9101, 9002 – 12 ac) + nearby trail easements: 312303-9179; 062203-9006 & -9157. Trail easements to south: 012202-9004, -9007, -9008; 062203-9023. *Also in scope:* See map.