

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

WRIA 8: Winterbrook Farm (Tom Beavers, WLRD)

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

<i>Total Project Cost</i>	~\$4,000,000
<i>Funding Already Secured</i>	Parks was asked to pay for appraisal
<i>Additional Funding Sought</i>	Will need to see additional CFT/PL funding
<i>Will current funding request complete priority acquisitions?</i>	No – funding request does not complete priorities.

Project Description: Acquire fee on 80 acres of Winterbrook Farm (owned by Issaquah School District) connecting Squak Mountain State Park with Cedar Hills Landfill/Log Cabin Reach Natural Area.

This property is a Rural School Site owned by Issaquah School District. Issaquah seeks to divest themselves of this property, though staff has no information about level of urgency or timing. Director's Office has expressed interest and asked Parks to pay for an appraisal (currently underway). Lead division/program has not yet been determined.

The site (4 parcels, 80 acres) is in the Issaquah Creek basin; McDonald Creek runs through the site (though this neighborhood is similar in character to the adjacent May Creek valley). The site sits between Cedar Hills Landfill to the south and Squak Mountain State Park to the north. This site is a public land connector linking several thousand acres in the Cougar-Squak-Tiger complex to the north, to the Issaquah basin and Cedar Hills Landfill/Log Cabin Reach Natural Area to the south. The wildlife habitat network in the Comprehensive Plan is mapped through here.

The site has been known as Winterbrook Farm and Speerstra Farm. This property was historically a dairy farm, and its farm structures appear eligible for historic resource listing (haybarn, farmhouse, chicken coop, milking parlor). The site has been used for horses/equestrian center in the more recent past.

Habitat Benefit: Preserve site as publicly owned connection between other public lands. Retain pastoral uses rather than conversion to residential development. Preservation and/or restoration opportunity of McDonald Creek & associated wetlands. Retain forest on southern portions of property connected to adjacent public/private forested lands.

Recreation Benefit: Possible parking lot and/or trail connection between Squak Mountain State Park and this site. If additional acquisitions made and/or landfill decommissioned (2030 or so?) then could have trails running over to Log Cabin Reach NA/Issaquah Creek.

Plan Priority: N/A

Parcels included in Scope:

Priority parcel: 162306-9010 (20 ac), 162306-9085 (20 ac), 162306-9011 (20 ac), 162306-9086 (20ac). Additional parcel ideas included on site map.