

**Attachment 2:
Project Descriptions of DNRP's 2017 Parks Levy – Regional Open Space Acquisition Proposals**

WRIA 8: Cougar-Squak Corridor Addition (Kelly Heintz, Parks)

PL Request	\$593,475
CFT Request <i>(CFT match status)</i>	\$593,475 <i>(match is requested PL funds)</i>
Subtotal: CFT + PL Request	\$1,186,950

Total Project Cost	\$1,186,950 for target parcels <i>\$2,500,000+ for all in scope</i>
Funding Already Secured	None for current priorities
Additional Funding Sought	None
Will current funding request complete priority acquisitions?	Yes. Funding request completes priority acquisitions for this application. There may be future requests for this project.

Project Description: Acquire approximately 28 acres (2 parcels) between Cougar-Squak, Talus Open Space, and Squak Mountain State Park, and adjacent to Cougar/Squak Corridor on the west, just south of Issaquah.

One of the target parcels was a coal mine in the early 1900s and former owner mined clay. Most recent landowner attempted to mine gravel on the site disturbing a lot of the area. King County Department of Permitting and Environmental Review placed on the property a stop work order and code enforcement. That landowner defaulted on his loan and the property reverted to the financier. The current landowner is motivated to sell the property to a public agency.

King County's goal is to have landowner clean up the property prior to sale to King County. In order to lift the code enforcement violation, the property owner would need to correct drainage problems and clean up scattered debris. Acquisition has long been a priority for many stakeholder groups and is supported by Mountains to Sound Greenway, City of Issaquah, Washington State Parks, and Issaquah Alps Trails Club.

The other target parcel has a dilapidated home and once acquired would provide additional opportunities for public use and parking at Cougar/Squak Corridor as well as protection of May Creek.

Two other parcels in broader scope of grant, to secure adjacent parcels and possibly add to access options off of SR 900.

TDR program does not have funds to acquire site, but could harvest TDRs from these properties for use under the King County-Issaquah ILA.

Habitat Benefit: One of the target parcels drains to Tibbetts Creek. The other target parcel and other in-scope parcels drain to May Creek.

Recreation Benefit: Passive recreation, improved access to Cougar/Squak Corridor, potential for hiking trails. Mine may offer new parking and trailhead off of SR 900.

Plan Priority: N/A

Parcels included in Scope: Priority: 322406-9015 (23.2 ac) and 062306-9035 (4.86 ac). Additional parcels in scope: 062306-9013 (7.69 ac), 0623069027 (15.84 ac).