

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

WRIA 7: Emerald Necklace Trail (Connie Blumen, Parks)

PL Request	\$750,000
CFT Request <i>(CFT match status)</i>	\$750,000 <i>(match is requested PL funds)</i>
Subtotal: CFT + PL Request	\$1,500,000

Total Project Cost	\$4,650,000
Funding Already Secured	\$25,000 Parks Levy 2015 (portion already spent)
Additional Funding Sought	TDR funds from Sammamish ILA; Sammamish Open Space funds TBD; future CFT/PL
Will current funding request complete priority acquisitions?	No – funding request does not complete priorities.

Project Description: Expansion of King County’s Soaring Eagle Park in Patterson & Evans Creek headwaters. This request targets partial funding in a multi-year effort to acquire 160 acres (8 parcels) which contain a route for the planned “Emerald Necklace Trail” ringing the Sammamish Plateau. Pursuing partnership with TPL.

This grant request follows up on the 2015 funds awarded for initial acquisition feasibility work associated with a Sammamish Plateau trail effort that would be a potential partnership between King County & Sammamish, with Mountains to Sound Greenway involvement. This trail would continue a set of backcountry trails (with some regional trail and sidewalk/roadside linkages) that already ring much of the Sammamish Plateau as the “Emerald Necklace Trail.”

These 160 acres are long-targeted acquisitions north of Soaring Eagle Park, which would link to the Patterson Creek Natural Area WADNR parcels and the portion of Patterson Creek NA already in county ownership. These parcels have been targeted for more than a decade.

We anticipate partnering with Trust for Public Land on this proposal for a buy and hold of this property, giving us 2-3 years to raise funding to repay TPL if they are successful in the buy and hold.

Overall estimate value is \$4.6M to acquire all eight parcels. TDR funds from the King County-Sammamish ILA may be available for purchase. This area is within the scope of the King County-Sammamish TDR agreement and development rights could be transferred into the City of Sammamish. The city of Sammamish may be willing to contribute open space funds towards acquisition for the Emerald Necklace Trail efforts.

Habitat Benefit: Future acquisition prevents residential development (~18 units) and clearing/disturbance of mature forest, stream corridors, and wetlands on these parcels in the headwaters of Patterson Creek and Evans Creek.

Recreation Benefit: passive recreation, trail connections through the region.

Plan Priority: Soaring Eagle Master Plan, City of Sammamish’s Emerald Necklace Vision, and TDR Program goals.

Parcels included in Scope: 2525069092, 2525069091, 2525069090, 2525069093, 2525069017, 2525069018, 2525069094, 2525069013 (160 acres).