

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

**WRIA 9: Lower Soos Creek Acquisition (Josh Kahan, Parks)**

<i>PL Request</i>	<b>\$160,000</b>
<i>CFT Request (CFT match status)</i>	<b>\$160,000 (match is PL request)</b>
<b>Subtotal: CFT + PL Request</b>	<b>\$320,000</b>

<i>Total Project Cost</i>	<b>\$320,000</b>
<i>Funding Already Secured</i>	None
<i>Additional Funding Sought</i>	None
<i>Will current funding request complete priority acquisitions?</i>	May complete priorities depending on scope; there may be additional future requests for project.

**Project Description:** Acquire easement or fee on one landowner's property along the lower reach of Soos Creek, and acquire three WSDOT surplus parcels along Soosette Creek. East of Auburn and SR 18.

Focus is on habitat protection along the lower reaches of Soos Creek and tributary Soosette Creek. Located just upstream of Hatchery Natural Area and the WDFW Soos Creek hatchery. Landowner willing to sell easement or fee on property; options and price still being evaluated. Current proposal is for easement acquisition on the 24-acre forested parcel along Soos Creek.

WSDOT is surplus 13.57 acres along Soosette Creek just upstream, and they are willing to hold the lands for us for a short time until funding secured in 2017.

**Habitat Benefit:** Preserve land to protect perennial, salmon-bearing stream. Lower three miles are priority for chinook and steelhead spawning and rearing. Also benefit to wildlife, a forested ravine, and water quality.

**Recreation Benefit:** WSDOT properties are on a public road and accessible to the public. Public access on private parcels would depend on terms of easement or fee acquisition (TBD); applicant would not use Parks Levy here unless public access may occur.

**Plan Priority:** WRIA 9 Salmon Habitat Plan.

**Parcels included in Scope:** Priority: 152105-9066 (24 acres), 1521059006 (1 ac); WSDOT: 102105-9005, 032105-9013, 032105-9190 (13.57 ac total)