

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

**WRIA 9: Middle Newaukum Additions (Josh Kahan, Basin Steward)**

<i>PL Request</i>	<b>\$435,000</b>
<i>CFT Request</i> <i>(CFT match status)</i>	<b>\$435,000</b> <i>(match is requested PL funds)</i>
<b><i>Subtotal: CFT + PL Request</i></b>	<b>\$870,000</b>
<b><i>Total Project Cost</i></b>	<b>\$870,000</b>
<i>Funding Already Secured</i>	None
<i>Additional Funding Sought</i>	None
<b><i>Will current funding request complete priority acquisitions?</i></b>	Yes – funding request completes current priorities; there may be additional future requests for project.

***Project Description:*** Fee or easement acquisitions of 36 acres (2 parcels) as additions to King County Parks' Big Spring/Newaukum Creek Natural Area. Parcels located fully or partially within Enumclaw.

Acquire two parcels that are primarily forested wetlands along Newaukum Creek. Parcels are located in City of Enumclaw – one fully within the city, one partly within the city. Adjacent to acquisitions that are currently underway at the city limits. The eastern vacant parcel would be acquired in full; the western parcel has a home that would be segregated in a boundary line adjustment. The City is supportive of King County acquisition of these parcels.

These acquisitions support ongoing restoration work in the basin: the major CIP work on Big Spring Creek and the small-scale plantings and restoration which have planted >200,000 trees along Big Spring and Newaukum Creeks since 2007. Building the size of this natural area expands public land where beaver can recolonize sites and act as agents for restoration, thereby potentially reducing future drainage complaints on private lands.

***Habitat Benefit:*** Middle Newaukum Creek provides spawning and rearing for both Chinook and steelhead.

***Recreation Benefit:*** Passive recreation, nature observation.

***Plan Priority:*** WRIA 9 Salmon Habitat Conservation Plan and Corps Ecosystem Restoration Plan.

***Parcels included in Scope:*** Target parcels: 142006-9015 (16.68 ac), 142006-9136 (19.23 acres – portion of this parcel).