

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

**WRIA 7: Mitchell Hill Forest Additions (David Kimmett, Parks)**

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

<b>Total Project Cost</b>	<b>\$1,500,000 for targets</b> ~\$7,000,000+ for all in scope
<b>Funding Already Secured</b>	None. (~\$1,500,000 from past awards already allocated to parcels in negotiation.)
<b>Additional Funding Sought</b>	WADNR may contribute to parcels currently under negotiation
<b>Will current funding request complete priority acquisitions?</b>	Yes – funding request completes current priorities; there may be additional future requests for project.

**Project Description: Fee simple acquisition of 10 forested parcels (126 acres) connecting Mitchell Hill Forest with adjacent WADNR lands. Located between Issaquah and Preston.**

This request is part of ongoing work acquiring lands at Mitchell Hill Forest to link public lands and eventually create a loop trail system as suggested on vicinity map. Past grant funds are dedicated to targeted acquisitions linking WADNR and King County properties.

We indicated interest in the King County Roads properties in April 2014. Funding that was allocated has been shifted to other privately owned parcels with higher urgency to acquire.

The landowners of the “Missing Tooth” properties are four separate investment partnerships. A representative of these groups has contacted King County indicating interest in selling.

**Habitat Benefit:** Provides additional conservation of forest land and connectivity between thousands of acres of public park and forest land, allowing for protection of terrestrial and aquatic habitat.

**Recreation Benefit:** Increased backcountry trail connectivity between King County Parks (Duthie and Grand Ridge Parks and Mitchell Hill and Preston Ridge Forests) and WADNR’s ownership. Also allows for opportunity for development of a trailhead facility on Preston Ridge Forest that could serve both KC Park sites and WADNR lands.

**Plan Priority:** Acquisition of lands to connect to Mitchell Hill Forest to Preston Ridge Forest and WADNR lands is a recommendation in the Draft Mitchell Forest Stewardship Plan, the WADNR Snoqualmie Recreation Corridor Plan. Facilitating connectivity and expanding the backcountry trail system are listed as acquisition criteria in the 2010 Parks Open Space Plan and policy goals listed in the King County Comprehensive Plan.

**Parcels included in scope:**

Priority: Roads (212407-9015, 40 ac, and 212407-9003, 39 ac); 292407-9070 (6 ac), -9007 (7 ac), -9069 (7 ac), -9010 (5 ac), -9068 (5 ac), -9011 (5 ac), -9025 (5 ac), -9067 (7 ac). Other parcels in longer-term scope.