

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

WRIA 8: Mouth of Taylor Reach Natural Area (Tom Beavers, WLRD)

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| PL Request | \$300,000 |
| CFT Request <i>(CFT match status)</i> | \$300,000 <i>(match is PL &/or mitigation reserves funds)</i> |
| Subtotal: CFT + PL Request | \$600,000 |

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| Total Project Cost | \$980,000 |
| Funding Already Secured | None |
| Additional Funding Sought | Seeking \$380,000 KC Mitigation Reserves. |
| Will current funding request complete priority acquisitions? | Yes |

Project Description: Acquire ~10 acres in fee along Taylor Creek in the Cedar River basin, adding to restoration footprint at Mouth of Taylor Reach Natural Area north of Maple Valley.

This project targets two parcels just south of Mouth of Taylor Reach Natural Area, along Taylor Creek. Property has been a target for WLRD for ten years.

This project partners with the King County Mitigation Reserves Program. Both properties are needed to provide adequate mitigation credit and to create a significant wetland project, adjacent to an existing wetland that was created ~ 10 years ago through King County's WLRD Ecological Services Unit.

Mitigation Reserves anticipates purchasing the northern parcel and CFT/Parks levy funding would purchase the southern parcel. Mitigation Reserves is still reviewing the investment with the Interagency Review Team (IRT) which needs to approve the purchase using Mitigation Reserves program funds.

The owners are willing and have the property on the market currently. The property has been appraised by King County WLRD.

Habitat Benefit: Fish and wildlife habitat can be created in this area. The current adjacent wetland looked like the subject property prior to its creation.

Recreation Benefit: As mitigation reserves easement is placed on the site, project team will need to ensure at least some public access is allowed on the site (e.g. off of Maxwell Road SE) due to use of Parks Levy funds.

Plan Priority: N/A

Parcels included in Scope: 0922069031 (5 ac), 0922069036 (4.9 ac).