

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

WRIA 8 (partially in WRIA 7): Patterson Creek Natural Area (Tom Beavers, WLRD)

<i>PL Request</i>	\$1,000,000
<i>CFT Request</i> <i>(CFT match status)</i>	\$1,000,000 <i>(match is requested PL funds)</i>
<i>Subtotal: CFT + PL Request</i>	\$2,000,000

<i>Total Project Cost</i>	\$3,500,000
<i>Funding Already Secured</i>	None
<i>Additional Funding Sought</i>	Possibly City of Sammamish funds
<i>Will current funding request complete priority acquisitions?</i>	No

Project Description: Fee simple acquisition of the remaining 39-acre WADNR parcel (located inside the UGA), to be added to Patterson Creek Natural Area. Primarily WRIA 8, portion in WRIA 7.

King County acquired three parcels from WADNR in 2015 (two parcels were entirely rural and outside the UGA; one parcel was ¾ rural and ¼ within UGA – that urban portion contained a bog). King County spent all its available funds on the purchase of the three sites.

The target parcel is the one remaining 39-acre parcel which was not purchased. It is fully within the UGA, in the annexation area for Sammamish (not yet incorporated).

The parcel would be added to the Patterson Creek Natural Area and builds on the past WADNR acquisitions. This parcel protects the headwaters of Evans Creek and it would offer further protection of the bog, in the parcel immediately to the north. It contains important wildlife habitat within the future City of Sammamish. The parcel adds to the consolidation of King County Park property for area trails.

King County will discuss with WADNR timing and urgency for purchase. It is anticipated that we may need to raise funds over multiple years, and will be negotiated with WADNR.

Applicant may investigate partnerships with the City of Sammamish to help pay for the property.

Habitat Benefit: This project offers Evans Creek headwater protection through retaining forest cover. The large tracts of forest provide habitat for many wildlife species utilizing large tracts of forest.

Recreation Benefit: Passive recreation (connection with trails from adjacent public lands).

Plan Priority: As most of the WADNR lands were in WRIA 7, the project was typically prioritized in WRIA 7 documents - Snohomish Basin (WRIA 7) 3-year Work Plan; the Snoqualmie 2015 Project Book; Patterson Creek Rural Rapid Recon. Report.

Parcels included in scope: 262506-9016 (39 ac).