

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

WRIA 7: Snoqualmie at Fall City/Raging River Confluence (Mary Maier, WLRD) – REQUESTING PARKS LEVY ONLY

PL Request	\$371,000
CFT Request (CFT match status)	\$0 (N/A)
Subtotal: CFT + PL Request	\$371,000

Total Project Cost	\$1,270,000 for current priorities
Funding Already Secured	\$264,000 CFT/PL for current priorities [secured Floodplains by Design, CFT & PL, possibly TDR for earlier phase of acquisition]
Additional Funding Sought	\$635,000 FCD funds sought for current priorities (for at-risk home).
Will current funding request complete priority acquisitions?	Yes, if FCD funds are received.

Project Description: Acquire ~2 acres as Phase 3 of Twin Rivers Golf Course project, at Snoqualmie/Raging River Confluence and within the Snoqualmie at Fall City Reach.

The goal is to acquire land to enable the implementation of floodplain restoration projects identified in the Snohomish River Basin Salmon Conservation Plan (Conservation Plan) (2005) and the Flood Hazard Management Plan.

This request is for the third phase of the Twin Rivers Golf Course project. The funding would allow us to purchase two plus parcels spanning approximately 2 acres on the Raging River. One parcel and part of an adjacent parcel under the same ownership is in private ownership. The complete parcel (1424079034) has a house on it and the partial parcel (1424079010) has a barn on it. This phase also captures a parcel that KC Roads is trying to surplus.

A Master Plan is underway to determine uses of land and structures across the entire Twin Rivers Golf Course/ Snoqualmie RV Park property. It is possible that some structures will remain for community or agricultural uses. Phase 2 parcels are also retained in the scope of this grant, in case Phase 2 needs additional funds to complete the transaction (beyond Floodplains by Design, CFT, and PL funds already received).

Funding request is for Parks Levy only because of possible need to retain buildings.

Habitat Benefit: The projects will reconnect off-channel habitat and restore floodplain processes, edge habitat, hydrologic and sediment processes and floodplain forest conditions in addition to improving water quality.

Recreation Benefit: Use to be determined through master planning process.

Plan Priority: Salmon Conservation Plan & Flood Hazard Management Plan.

1. Open Space Resources

Wildlife habitat or rare plant reserve –This reach of the Raging River is part of the King County Wildlife Network. At this time, it is a leveed reach of the river and provides limited habitat for wildlife. The habitat will increase once the levee is removed and the floodplain is reconnected to the river.

Salmon Habitat and aquatic resources –According to the Conservation Plan, this project site is located in a “first priority restoration” mainstem sub-basin. The table below documents presence of salmonid species and respective life history stage in the Raging River.

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Species	Life History Stage Present	Unique Population
Chinook	Adult spawning, sub-yearling rearing & yearling rearing	Snoqualmie River Fall Chinook
Steelhead	Adult spawning, sub-yearling rearing & yearling rearing	Snoqualmie Winter Steelhead
Coho	Juvenile	
Pink	Adult spawning	
Chum	Adult spawning	
Cutthroat	Adult spawning, sub-yearling rearing & yearling rearing	

Scenic Resources – The parcels can be seen from the surrounding hillsides and are a scenic resource to Fall City. The properties are along the river and provide views up and down the Snoqualmie Valley and views of the surrounding mountains.

Urban passive-use natural area/greenbelt – The parcels purchased in fee will provide open space and river access for the surrounding community. Although Fall City is not an incorporated area, the property provides open space and passive recreation in close proximity to the urban center of Fall City.

Park/open space or natural corridor addition – The properties are in close proximity to other King County Parks and Natural Areas including Fall City Park and Fall City Natural Area in addition to other land managed by KC Rivers.

Passive recreation opportunity/unmet need – Properties purchased in fee or partial fee will provide opportunities for passive recreation such as fishing, hiking, river recreation and bird watching.

2. ADDITIONAL FACTORS

Educational/interpretive opportunity – the proximity of these properties to downtown Fall City will provide educational and interpretive opportunities for the surrounding community to learn about the restoration projects that will be implemented and the importance of floodplain processes for the recovery of salmonids.

Ownership complexity/willing seller(s)/ownership interest proposed – This is the third phase of this project. We worked with this landowner (Gamble) to close on the first phase (Snoqualmie RV Park) in December 2015. The landowners of the second phase are currently considering a Purchase and Sale offer for the Twin Rivers Golf Course. Mr. Gamble is very motivated to sell his property to the county. The other parcel is a KC Roads parcel that we need for a portion of the levee removal/setback project.

Partnerships – We are working with our Agriculture and Rivers' partners to come up with a solution that captures the "fish/farm/flood" needs. This project is seen as a potential model for how to restore salmon productivity both within the APD and outside of the APD. The parcel with the house and barn are being explored for the potential to house a community center or other community resource.

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Is the property identified in an adopted park, open space, comprehensive, or community plan.-
These two project areas are high priorities in the Snohomish River Basin Salmon Conservation Plan (2005) and the King County Flood Hazard Management Plan (2006).

Parcels included in scope: Target: 152407-9034 (1.85 ac), 152407-9183 (0.92 ac), 142407-9010 (ptn).
Phase 2 parcels also in scope: 142407-9008 (27 ac - ptn), 142407-9010 (38 ac - ptn), 142407-9052 (41 ac), 142407-9014 (17.75 ac), 232407-9045 (11.11 ac), 152407-9031 (7 ac), 152407-9086 (0.52 ac), 152407-9108 (12 ac).