

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

**VASHON: Burton Pit (David Kimmett, Parks) – REQUESTING PARKS LEVY ONLY**

<b>PL Request</b>	<b>\$150,000</b>
<b>CFT Request</b> (CFT match status)	<b>\$0</b> (N/A)
<b>Subtotal: CFT + PL Request</b>	<b>\$150,000</b>
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	<b>\$150,000</b>
<b>Funding Already Secured</b>	None
<b>Additional Funding Sought</b>	None
<b>Will current funding request complete priority acquisitions?</b>	Yes – funding request completes current priorities.

**Project Description:** This request seeks funding to acquire a 20-acre King County Roads parcel, Burton Pit. King County Roads is proposing to surplus this property.

This proposal seeks funds to acquire King County Roads' Burton Pit in fee (~\$150K). King County Parks expressed our interest to Roads in 2014, and seeks to preserve this land in public ownership for habitat preservation and future trail connections to nearby Misty Isle Farms and Christensen Pond, and south to Camp Sealth. King County recently accepted a Public Benefit Ratings System trails easement from the owner of the property due north of the Burton Pit parcel that connects to Misty Isle Farm. The 20-acre parcel is completely forested and has no major detrimental site issues.

In 2013, DNRP committed to Roads that we would apply for funding within 2 years of declaring interest. We declared interest here in 2014.

However, this parcel has lower threat and urgency than nearby Uplands Forest request for private forest land protection, and therefore would not be selected by staff for a funding request this year (at most it would be put in broader scope of Upland Forest grant request).

**Habitat Benefit:** Preserving this parcel as public land will retain a significant forest tract in SW Vashon Island, preventing future development and habitat fragmentation. The site is completely forested with healthy second growth Douglas-fir. A tributary of Fisher Creek, a salmon-bearing stream, runs through the southwest corner of the parcel. As Vashon Island is a sole source aquifer, this site also provides critical water recharge.

**Recreation Benefit:** This site has an existing equestrian trail that connects private horse farms north through Misty Isle Farm to Paradise Ridge Park, an equestrian park. A future trail connection south to Camp Sealth is planned through fee and easement acquisitions.

**Plan Priority:** Conserving this forest resource site for public open space benefit, including recreation and habitat conservation, is supported by the King County *Parks and Open Space Plan* and the *Strategic Climate Action Plan*. In addition, the acquisition is supported by the *2004 Vashon-Maury Island Rapid Rural Reconnaissance*, *2002 Vashon Parks' Park, Recreation & Open Space Plan*, *1996 Vashon-Maury Island Groundwater Management Plan* and *1986 Vashon Community Plan and Area Zoning*. The draft *Vashon-Maury Island Community Trail Plan* calls for establishing a "Green Network" of trails that connects Island Center Forest, Paradise Ridge Park, Misty Isle Farm and Camp Sealth.

**Parcels included in Scope:** 132202-9043 (20 ac)