Project Description: Acquire 4 parcels in fee (13 acres) and trail easements on 7 parcels as additions to Island Center Forest.

Island Center Forest is more than 425 acres in size, located in north central Vashon Island at the headwaters of the Judd Creek watershed.

This proposal has two aspects:

- Acquire 4 parcels (13 acres) in fee (~$650K of the funding request) that are adjacent to Island Center Forest and the interim Town loop Trail corridor, and will allow us to abandon the 103rd right-of-way for construction of the permanent Town Loop Trail.

- Acquire trail easements across up to 7 parcels (~$35K of the funding request) extending south of Island Center Forest in support of connections to the Judd Creek/Paradise Valley trail corridor that has been developed through VMILT/King County partnership over the past decade. Nearly all the landowners have been contacted and have expressed willingness.

Support from Friends of Island Center Forest and non-profits: Land Trust, Vashon Forest Stewards, Vashon-Maury Horse Association, Vashon-Maury Audubon.

Habitat Benefit: Easements may in part preserve habitat as well as trail connection; fee parcels retain 13 acres in forest/open space.

Recreation Benefit: Trails connecting ICF to the surrounding public lands and/or publicly used areas.

Plan Priority: Island Center Forest Site Management Guidelines and KC Parks Open Space Plan.

Parcels included in Scope:

Fee: 312303-9132 (2.18 ac), 312303-9068 (2.86 ac), 312303-9066 (2.86 ac), 312303-9169 (4.45 ac).

Trail easement: 012202-9004, -9007, -9008; 062203-9023, 312303-9179; 062203-9006 & -9157.