

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

VASHON: Spring Beach (Greg Rabourn, Basin Steward)

PL Request	\$140,000
CFT Request (CFT match status)	\$140,000 (match is requested PL funds)
Subtotal: CFT + PL Request	\$280,000

Total Project Cost	\$730,000 for priority parcels
Funding Already Secured	\$350,000 Ecology
Additional Funding Sought	None
Will current funding request complete priority acquisitions?	Yes – funding request completes a few priorities; there may be additional future requests for project.

Project Description: Acquire 3 parcels (24 acres) in this phase of acquisition, acquiring fee or easement. Located just south of Camp Sealth and north of VIPRD's Spring Beach Park.

This acquisition on SW Vashon Island will permanently protect 23.75 acres including 677 feet of marine shoreline, bluff backed beach, creeks and wetlands. The property is at risk for development, has a well installed on site and has completed building feasibility.

The property has a willing seller and an appraisal was completed in October 2015. King County is using Ecology funds for a partial purchase, and working with VMILT on a buy and hold until the county can raise funds.

This marine nearshore preservation project will create a shoreline connection to the Camp Sealth conservation easement to the north (101 acres, one mile of shoreline) and an upland connection to Spring Beach Park (44 acres and 1020 feet of shoreline) to the south.

Habitat Benefit: This Shoreline Process Unit (SPU 4115) is listed as High Potential for Restoration by PSNERP. Long contiguous protected shorelines are superior in ecologic benefits to fragmented habitats. This project is part of a drift cell level strategy that includes prioritizing the bluff backed beaches and restoring the barrier embayment at the drift cell's terminus. The acquisition is located in the first third of the drift cell allowing for sediment supplied from its feeder bluffs to provide benefit down drift through much of the drift cell. The beach has overhanging riparian vegetation, bluff backed beaches and beach substrate suitable for forage fish spawning. The upland includes wetlands, mature mixed forest, and at least one old growth tree. This project protects juvenile chinook salmon, sand lance and surf smelt habitat and falls under action NS -17 in the WRIA 9 Salmon Habitat Plan.

Recreation Benefit: Northeastern parcel links the properties to a public road. There is a degree of public use along the private road that serves Spring Beach Park here. While road access is challenging due to narrow road, future acquisitions will improve the access.

Plan Priority: WRIA 9 Salmon Habitat Plan action NS 17. WRIA 8 &9 Beach Feeding Sources and Accretion Areas: Current and Historical Conditions Report. Vashon GreenPrint (focus area 7, ten year focus priority). VMI Rapid Rural Reconnaissance action VMI – 10; Prioritization of Marine Shorelines of WRIA 9 for Juvenile Salmonid Habitat Protection and Restoration.

Parcels included in Scope: Priorities: 342202-9003 (9.55 ac), 352202-9013 (9.79 ac), 793000-0005 (4.4a ac), 3522059108 (1 ac). Additional parcels included in scope, see map.