

Snohomish County

Conservation Futures Letter of Intent

Organization Name: Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Parks Division. Contact, Tom Murdoch, Senior Naturalist: 425-388-6408; murdoch@co.snohomish.wa.us.

Project Location: Please provide a parcel boundary map: The property is located at 6820 162nd ST NE, Arlington, WA 98223. A parcel boundary map is attached.

Matching grant funding anticipated: Seller willing to negotiate market price

Status of Willing Landowner: Brief Description: The willing seller is Don Gadway. Mr. Gadway and his now deceased wife Jeri Hokanson generously donated 3.31 acres of their property to Snohomish County Parks adjacent to the west side of Centennial Trail (CT) approximately 1 mile SE of Arlington; that property is now called Centennial Trail Park. That property was also the site of a major Water Pollution Prevention/stream relocation project last summer; a joint venture between Parks, WDOE, Tulalip Tribes and the Adopt A Stream Foundation ([In Arlington, a stream is born, giving fish a new route | HeraldNet.com](#); [At this newly-built Arlington stream, the coho have arrived | HeraldNet.com](#)).

Mr. Gadway has contracted cancer and plans to move in with his son in the near future, leaving his home located on a 5.25-acre parcel just uphill from the aforementioned donated property located on the east side of the Centennial Trail and the Centennial Park. See attached map.

Matching grant funding anticipated:

None

Anticipated timeline for Willing Landowner letter:

Within one-month

Brief Description of future project proposal: Mr. Gadway would like Parks acquire his property and consider demolishing his home and outbuildings and then to plant a forest on that property. Mr. Gadway's home is on the top of the ridge south of Olaf Strad Creek. This action will serve as a protection measure to most significant coho salmon spawning habitat in Olaf Strad Creek tributary to Quilceda Creek. It will also complement the reason that Don and his deceased wife Jeri donated the adjacent 3.31 acres to Parks – to protect salmon spawning and rearing habitat on that parcel.