

Western Shoreline Block Land Preservation

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) provided \$1.425 million dollars in funding to permanently protect and preserve lands on the west side of Port Gamble Bay. Approximately 450 acres of upland forest, 70 acres of tidelands and 1.5 miles of shoreline have been permanently protected for fish, wildlife and people. This is the largest block of land in the Port Gamble watershed to be placed into public ownership.

Ecology is providing an additional \$175,000 of funding to Kitsap County for long-term stewardship of this property and other lands in their care.

This project supports a variety of community goals including preservation of open space for public use and enjoyment, protection of Port Gamble Bay and its watershed, protection of water quality, conservation of wildlife habitat, and provides shellfish harvesting opportunities for the public. The property will serve as a passive and active recreation hub for bird watching, hiking and biking, among other activities, for future generations.

