

Riparian Restoration of the Western Shoreline Block

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) in partnership with the Washington Conservation Corps (WCC) and Kitsap County (County) will plant native vegetation at two degraded riparian sites on the Western Shoreline Block. These locations total approximately 1.5 acres in size and are former landfills from historical operations in the bay. Work will include removing non-native and invasive vegetation, applying a soil amendment, mulching, and installing trees and shrubs native to the area. Part of this work will also include improving an existing beach access point to protect the restoration area and support long-term preservation of the area. Following restoration, the WCC will complete maintenance (weeding, watering, mulching) to support these restoration efforts.

Ecology will be working with the County, WCC, and the local community to obtain input on restoration design so that the restored areas continue to support existing recreational activities, such as bird watching.

Restoration of marine riparian habitat will provide long-term benefits to forage fish, juvenile salmonids and other fish using the nearshore environment.

