

## Appendix J: Non-Regulatory Programs

[Needs to be reviewed for updates to COBI content.]

### INCENTIVE PROGRAMS:

#### Open Space Land – Kitsap County and City of Bainbridge Island

Chapter 84.34 RCW **provides property tax relief** for properties that meet certain use requirements and will be kept in the open space program for a minimum of ten years. There are approximately 371 acres of open space lands on Bainbridge Island.

**Open space land means:**

- (a) land zoned for open space or
- (b) any land area, the preservation of which in its present use would:
  - 1. conserve and enhance natural or scenic resources, or
  - 2. protect streams or water supply, or
  - 3. promote conservation of soils, wetlands, beaches or tidal marshes, or
  - 4. enhance the value to the public of abutting or neighboring parks, forest, wildlife preserves, nature reservations or sanctuaries or other open space, or
  - 5. enhance recreation opportunities, or
  - 6. preserve historic sites, or
  - 7. preserve visual quality along highway, road, and street corridors or scenic vistas, or
  - 8. retain in its natural state tracts of land not less than one acre situated in an urban area and open to public use on such conditions as may be reasonably required by the legislative body granting the open space classification, or
- (c) land that was previously classified as agricultural land that no longer meets the qualifications of said classification, or traditional farmland, not classified, that has not been irrevocably devoted to a use inconsistent with agricultural uses, and that has a high potential of returning to commercial agricultural. <http://www.kitsapgov.com/assr/os-gen.htm>

#### Agricultural Land - Kitsap County and City of Bainbridge Island

Chapter 84.34 RCW provides **property tax relief** for properties that meet certain use requirements. There are approximately 222 Acres of open space agricultural lands on Bainbridge Island.

**Farm and agricultural land means either:**

- (a) land in any contiguous ownership of twenty or more acres (i) devoted primarily to the production of livestock or agricultural commodities for commercial purposes, (ii) enrolled in a federal conservation reserve program, or (iii) other similar activities as may be established by rule, or
- (b) land of five to twenty acres devoted primarily to agricultural uses with a gross income from such uses equivalent to two hundred dollars or more per acre per year for three of the five calendar years preceding the date of application, or
- (c) land of less than five acres devoted primarily to agricultural uses which has produced a gross income of \$1500 or more per year for three of the five calendar years preceding

the date of the application. Agricultural lands shall also include farm wood lots less than 20 and more than 5 acres, land on which additions necessary to the production or sale of agricultural products exist, and land of one to five acres, which is not contiguous but which constitutes an integral part of farming operations as conducted on land qualifying as farm and agricultural land.

<http://www.kitsapgov.com/assr/ag.htm>

### Timber Land - Kitsap County and City of Bainbridge Island

Chapter 84.34 RCW **provides property tax relief** for properties that meet certain use requirements. There are approximately 60 acres of open space timber lands on Bainbridge Island.

**Timber land means** land in contiguous ownership of five or more acres which is devoted primarily to the growth and commercial harvest of forest crops. If there is a residence on the parcel, a minimum one-acre building site is excluded from classification and it must be at least six acres in total area to qualify for this program. Twenty-acre and larger parcels may qualify for the Designated Forest Land Classification (Chapter 84.33 RCW).

<http://www.kitsapgov.com/assr/timber.htm>

### Designated Forest Land - Kitsap County and City of Bainbridge Island

Chapter 84.33 RCW provides that **land of twenty or more contiguous acres primarily devoted to and used for growing and harvesting timber may be assessed, for purposes of property tax collection, based on the current use of the land.** However, if there is a residence on the parcel, a minimum one-acre building site is excluded from the classification. Smaller parcels may be eligible for the Timber land classification.

There are approximately 500 acres of designated forest lands on Bainbridge Island.

<http://www.kitsapgov.com/assr/dfl.htm>

### Hood Canal Salmon Sanctuary – WDFW/Kitsap County

This \$7M effort has purchased 700 high quality acres of streamside habitat from willing sellers at market value in the Big Beef, Stavis, and Tahuya River watersheds. Funding comes primarily from state capital funds through the Washington Wildlife & Recreation Program.

### CREP (Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program) - USDA NRCS

Federal-State conservation partnership program that targets significant environmental effects related to agriculture. **Uses financial incentives to encourage farmers and ranchers to enroll** in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) in contracts of 10 to 15 years in duration to remove land from agricultural production.

[www.fsa.usda.gov/dafp/cepd/crep.htm](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/dafp/cepd/crep.htm)

### CRP (Conservation Reserve Program) - USDA NRCS

The CRP is a voluntary program that offers **annual rental payments and cost-share assistance** to establish long-term resource-conserving covers on eligible land. Reduces soil erosion, protects the Nation's ability to produce food and fiber, reduces sedimentation in streams and lakes, improves water quality, establishes wildlife habitat, and enhances forest and wetland resources. [www.wa.nrcs.usda.gov/Cons\\_Assist/FarmBillPrgms.htm](http://www.wa.nrcs.usda.gov/Cons_Assist/FarmBillPrgms.htm)

**EQIP (Environmental Quality Incentives Program) - USDA NRCS**

**Provides technical, educational, and financial assistance** to eligible farmers and ranchers to address soil, water, and related natural resource concerns on their lands in an environmentally beneficial and cost-effective manner.

[www.wa.nrcs.usda.gov/Cons\\_Assist/FarmBillPrgms.htm](http://www.wa.nrcs.usda.gov/Cons_Assist/FarmBillPrgms.htm)

**FIP (Forestry Incentives Program) - USDA**

FIP shares up to 65 percent of the costs of tree planting, timber stand improvements, and related practices on non-industrial private forest lands. Eligible practices are tree planting, timber stand improvement, site preparation for natural regeneration, and other related activities. [www.nrcs.usda.gov/NRCSProg.html#Anchor-Forestry](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/NRCSProg.html#Anchor-Forestry)

**WHIP (Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program) - USDA**

**Provides financial incentives to develop habitat for fish and wildlife on private lands.** Participants agree to implement a wildlife habitat development plan and USDA agrees to provide cost-share assistance for the initial implementation of wildlife habitat development practices. [www.wa.nrcs.usda.gov/Cons\\_Assist/FarmBillPrgms.htm](http://www.wa.nrcs.usda.gov/Cons_Assist/FarmBillPrgms.htm)

**WRP (Wetlands Reserve Program) - USDA**

A voluntary program to restore wetlands. Participating landowners can establish conservation easements of either permanent or 30-year duration, or can enter into restoration cost-share agreements where no easement is involved.

[www.wa.nrcs.usda.gov/Cons\\_Assist/FarmBillPrgms.htm](http://www.wa.nrcs.usda.gov/Cons_Assist/FarmBillPrgms.htm)

**Planning Efforts**

Kitsap County is involved with several planning efforts designed to improve natural resources.

**Watershed Planning: Kitsap Peninsula**

Since 1999 Kitsap County, along with dozens of other local governments and citizen stakeholders, has been at the forefront of a 6-year, \$600,000 effort to plan for the future of Kitsap's water resources. The goal of this effort is "to develop a practical plan to sustainably manage water resources for humans, fish and wildlife."

**Watershed Planning: Chico**

*Kitsap County, in partnership with the US EPA and Puget Sound Water Quality Action Team, is leading a citizen-based planning effort to determine how various "alternative futures" would impact the natural resources of the area. Upon completion of the citizen's work, the County will move into a sub-area planning process to update the Comprehensive Plan based upon the citizen's preferred alternative.*

## Kitsap County Habitat Restoration Efforts

**Culvert Replacement:** Undersized culverts block fish from reaching spawning and rearing habitat. Since the mid-1980's—long before state and federal funding was widely available—Kitsap County's Public Works Department has worked cooperatively with WA Dept of Fish & Wildlife (WDFW) to identify, prioritize, and replace County-owned problem culverts. This effort has improved access to over 195,000 square meters of habitat—that's about 75 miles of habitat(assuming streams average five feet in width)!

In the past fifteen years, the County's efforts have corrected 36 blockages—with five more projects in the pipeline. WDFW has said this effort is a statewide model of how local jurisdictions can improve fish passage.

Related to East Kitsap County:

| <b>Stream</b>                | <b>Road</b>     | <b>Sq m Gained</b> |
|------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Barker                       | Barker Cr Lane  | 28,002             |
| Barker                       | Nels Nelson     | 21,461             |
| Puget Sound trib             | Hoffman         | 21,294             |
| Big Scandia                  | Scandia         | 12,435             |
| Big Scandia<br>(summer 2002) | Viking Way      | 11,110             |
| Little Bear                  | Bethel-Burley   | 9,580              |
| Steele trib<br>(Summer 2004) | Gluds Pond      | 8,977              |
| Johnson<br>(Summer 2002)     | Viking Way      | 7,975              |
| Anderson<br>(Summer 2002)    | Anderson Hill   | 7,303              |
| Salmonberry trib             | Phillips        | 5,992              |
| Dickerson                    | North David     | 5,899              |
| Schutt (Illahee)             | Illahee         | 5,280              |
| Curley trib                  | Locker          | 5,073              |
| Spring                       | Scenic Dr       | 2,678              |
| Gamble                       | Rova            | 2,512              |
| Gorst                        | Old Belfair Hwy | 2,344              |
| Dogfish trib                 | Pugh            | 1,691              |
| Johnson                      | Cedar           | 1,565              |
| Grata                        | Gold Creek      | 1,529              |
| Dogfish                      | Little Valley   | 1,383              |
| Curley trib                  | Sedgwick        | 1,056              |
| Dogfish                      | Pugh            | 622                |
| Thomas                       | Holly Beach Dr  | 486                |
| Knapp                        | Silverdale Way  | 447                |
| Beaver                       | Beaver Creek    | Improvement        |
| Beaver                       | Beach           | Improvement        |
| Chico                        | Erdlands Point  | Improvement        |

| <b>Stream</b>     | <b>Road</b>    | <b>Sq m Gained</b> |
|-------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Chico             | Golf Course    | ?                  |
| Chico             | Taylor         | Improvement        |
| Clear (west fork) | Clear Creek    | ?                  |
| Curley            | Locker         | ?                  |
| Dickerson         | Taylor         | ?                  |
| Fragaria          | Fragaria       | Improvement        |
| McCormick?        | Old Clifton    | ?                  |
| Mosher            | Central Valley | ?                  |
| Mosher (design)   | Tracyton Blvd  | ?                  |
| Olalla            | Forsman        | ?                  |
| <b>Total</b>      |                | <b>166,694</b>     |

Table 1: East Kitsap County Culverts Replaced Since 1988

**County-facilitated efforts:** In 1999 the state and federal governments began funding salmon restoration projects. Kitsap County has aggressively identified, prioritized and sought these funds to accomplish public and private restoration and preservation projects throughout the County. The table on the following page highlights several of these projects, including projects within Hood Canal summer chum habitat.

| <b>Funding Round</b> | <b>Amount Awarded</b> | <b>Local Match</b> | <b>Examples of Projects Accomplished</b>   |
|----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|--|
| 1999                 | 406,250               | 82,781             | UW Big Beef Spawning Channel (Kitsap Co/UW/ Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group)                           |
| Early 2000           | 560,950               | 208,500            | Gorst Restoration (Bremerton), Gamble Restoration (Kitsap Conservation District)                           |
| IRT (2000)           | 120,109               | 6,922              | Johnson Creek culvert (Kitsap Co), UW Big Beef (HCSEG)   |
| Late 2000            | 3,083,050             | 765,150            | Stavis Acquisition (Kitsap Co), Dogfish Estuary Bridge (Poulsbo), Nearshore Assessment (Bainbridge Island) |
| 2001                 | 3,154,000             | 1,854,393          | Barker Acquisition (Kitsap Co), Gluds Pond @ Steele Cr (Kitsap Co)   |
| Total                | <b>7,324,359</b>      | 2,917,746          |  |

Table 2: Projects facilitated by Kitsap County since 1999

## BAINBRIDGE ISLAND HABITAT RESTORATION & PRESERVATION EFFORTS

Habitat restoration efforts on Bainbridge Island have been increasing during the past decade and will continue to with guidance from the recent Bainbridge Island Nearshore Habitat Assessment and improved coordination amongst salmonid recovery and conservation stakeholders.

**Habitat Preservation:** The City of Bainbridge Island, Bainbridge Island Park and Recreation District, Bainbridge Island Land Trust, as well as other organizations and individuals have been



active in the preservation of habitat that benefits salmonids. The table below lists many, but not likely all, of these projects.

| Year      | Project  | Cost                                      |
|-----------|--|---|
| ?         | Meig's Park<br>(67 acres w/ extensive wetlands and stream)   | ?   |
| ?         | Grand Forest<br>(240 acres w/forest and stream)  | ?   |
| ?         | Gazzam Lake Park and Wildlife Habitat Preserve<br>(318 acres w/ forest and wetlands)   | ?   |
| 1999-2003 | Blakely Harbor Park<br>(40 acres w/ estuary)   | ?   |
| 2002      | Hall Property<br>(12 acres w/ extensive wetlands, 600ft of shoreline)  | \$785,710                                 |
| 2002      | Rockaway Beach<br>(0.47 acres w/ rocky outcrops, 200ft of shoreline)   | \$585,000                                 |
| 2002      | IslandWood Environmental Learning Center<br>(255 acres w/ forest, wetlands, lake, and stream)  | ?   |
| 2003      | Kane Property<br>(1.03 Acres w/ 200ft of shoreline and adjacent to estuarine wetlands and stream – to be restored as estuarine wetlands) | \$350,000                                 |
| Ongoing   | Cooper Creek Watershed<br>(54 Acres w/ forest and stream)  | ?   |
| Ongoing   | Close Property<br>(64 acres w/ forest and 560ft of shoreline)  | \$2.55 million<br>(\$1.45 million raised) |
| Ongoing   | Wyckoff/Pritchard Park<br>(22 acres w/ forest and 1800ft of restored beach)  | \$4.9 million<br>(\$4.75 million raised)  |

**Fish Passage:** The City of Bainbridge Island and others have been active in replacing or upgrading culverts and other artificial barriers to fish passage and have several projects currently underway. The table below lists many, but not likely all, of these projects.

| Year                         | Stream   | Road                                     | Cost                                  |
|------------------------------|--|--|---------------------------------------|
| 1998 ?                       | Spring Book (Fletcher Ck)                        | Fletcher Bay Road                        | ?                                     |
| 2002                         | Mac's Dam Ck                                     | Blakely Avenue                           | ?                                     |
| 2002                         | Unnamed<br>(Manitou Beach Ck)                    | Private Driveway                         | ?                                     |
| 2003                         | Issei Ck   | Battle Point Drive                       | \$100,000                             |
| 2004<br>(under construction) | Cooper Ck  | Municipal Water Diversion                | \$55,000                              |
| 2005<br>(planned)            | Manzanita Creek<br>(@ 2 separate road crossings) | 1. Peterson Hill Road<br>2. Bergman Road | \$30,000 (design)<br>? (construction) |

**Habitat Restoration:** In addition to correcting artificial barriers to fish passage, the City of Bainbridge Island and many other organizations and individuals have been active in restoring habitat that benefits salmonids. The table below lists many, but not likely all, of these projects.

| <b>Year</b> | <b>Project</b>   | <b>Cost</b> |
|-------------|--|-------------|
| 1996        | Schel-Chelb Estuary  |             |
| 2002-2003   | Vincent Road Landfill Remediation<br>(remediated ? of unlined landfill that posed a threat to water quality) | ?           |
| Ongoing     | Wyckoff/Eagle Harbor Superfund Remediation<br>(clean-up and containment of heavy metals and PAHs)            | ?           |