



# SAVING OUR SHORELINE

A SHORELINE CONSERVATION COLLABORATIVE REPORT

Together, land trusts across the region are working to shore up a bright future for Puget Sound.

**The 2,500 miles** of Puget Sound shoreline are vital to our regional ecosystem, economy, and way of life. Yet we are losing our Puget Sound shoreline at an alarming rate. In response declining wildlife and salmon habitat, increased pressure by urban development, and pollution compromising the health of Puget Sound, the land trust community came together to form the **Shoreline Conservation Collaborative**.

The Shoreline Conservation Collaborative is a coalition of fourteen land trusts with the goal of accelerating the protection and restoration of Puget Sound shoreline. Together, we envision our shorelines to be healthy, ecologically vibrant, and accessible for families to connect with nature. The Collaborative is working with partners and communities across the region to protect and restore our threatened beaches, wetlands, and near-shore habitat across the Sound.

## 14 LAND TRUSTS

Collaborative members are committed to protect and restore Puget Sound.

## 12 WASHINGTON COUNTIES

Members are conserving in every county across Puget Sound.

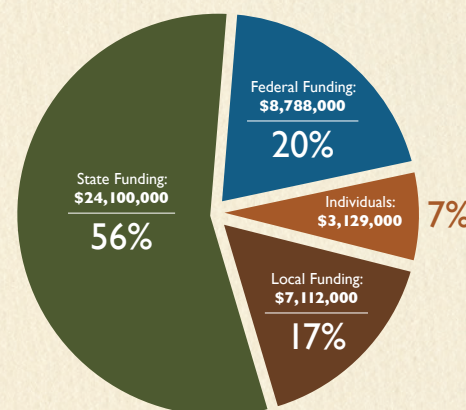
## 16,000 ACRES PROTECTED

Since 2014, members have permanently protected more than 16,000 acres of tidelands, estuaries, and marine forests.

## 100,000 FEET OF SHORELINE

Since 2014, members have permanently protected more than 100,000 feet of shoreline.

## FUNDING SOURCES



Land trusts have leveraged more than

**\$43 MILLION**

to do this work in their communities.



THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND

# DOSEWALLIPS AND DUCKABUSH RIVER VALLEYS

Forestland Forever on the Olympic Peninsula

The **Dosewallips and Duckabush Rivers** are home to one of the most important stocks of endangered summer chum salmon. Connecting the Olympic Mountains to Hood Canal, these rivers are nestled in highly productive forestland. In 2015, The Trust for Public Land protected 6,284 acres of forest in the two watersheds.

A portion of this protected land was added to Dosewallips State Park. Another portion, along the Duckabush River, was added to Jefferson Land Trust’s conservation properties, providing new opportunities for restoration, environmental education, and hiking trails. The remainder of these protected watershed remains in working forest, ensuring the continued availability of that land for carbon sequestration and sustainable timber harvest.

**YEARS:** 2014 and 2015  
**LOCATION:** Hood Canal  
**LAND PROTECTED:** 6,284 acres  
**SHORELINE PROTECTED:** 15,840 feet  
**PRIMARY USE:** Working Forest



CAPITOL LAND TRUST

# HARMONY FARM

Home of the future Inspiring Kids Preserve

**Harmony Farm** is the newest Olympia-area destination for outdoor education, ecological restoration, and family recreation. Protected by Capitol Land Trust, this Henderson Inlet property boasts a mosaic of habitat types, including 1,300 feet of shoreline, two pocket estuaries, salt marsh, freshwater wetlands, and mature

forest. The ecological variety and active restoration on this property make the STEM learning opportunities seem endless, and luckily, Olympia-area kids soon will be out learning on the land. Harmony Farm is the home of the future “Inspiring Kids Preserve,” a place where kids can come to learn, explore, and be restored.



**YEAR:** 2018  
**LOCATION:** Henderson Inlet  
**LAND PROTECTED:** 55 acres  
**SHORELINE PROTECTED:** 1,300 feet  
**PRIMARY USE:** Education



SKAGIT LAND TRUST

# KELLY’S POINT

Exceptional shoreline bluffs make a community treasure

If you have ever taken an Anacortes ferry, you have surely spotted the large sandy bluffs along the Guemes Channel. Skagit Land Trust recently protected this iconic bluff, beach, and marine forest on Guemes Island, known to the locals as **Kelly’s Point**. Not only is this place a community treasure, it is also a key element of the island shoreline ecosystem. The natural erosion of these bluffs supplies the sediment that replenishes nearby beaches and

coastal wetlands, sustaining wildlife and protecting the community against sea level rise and storm surges.



**YEAR:** 2018  
**LOCATION:** Guemes Island  
**LAND PROTECTED:** 27 acres  
**SHORELINE PROTECTED:** 3,000 feet  
**PRIMARY USE:** Recreation



BAINBRIDGE ISLAND LAND TRUST

# POWEL SHORELINE RESTORATION

Restoring the natural beach on Bainbridge

Bainbridge Island is home to one of the largest shoreline restoration projects on private property in Puget Sound! **The Bainbridge Island Land Trust** worked in close collaboration with the **Powel family** to find a way to naturally enhance their property for wildlife. In partnership, they decided to remove the bulkhead and riprap along the shoreline

to create a more natural riparian area to ultimately benefit juvenile salmon and other species. In total, the land trust took out a whopping 1/3 mile of bulkhead, removed 1,340 tons of debris, and planted over 2,500 native plants. This restoration has allowed the shore and the sea to finally reconnect, the intertidal area to grow, and natural habitat to be restored, all in a manner compatible with residential use of this property.



**YEARS:** 2009–2016  
**LOCATION:** Bainbridge Island  
**LAND RESTORED:** 11.2 acres  
**SHORELINE RESTORED:** 1,544 feet  
**PRIMARY USE:** Restoration

 **PARTNERSHIP IS KEY**

**Successful conservation depends on strong partnerships.** Land trusts work hand-in-hand with partnerships including state and federal agencies, Tribes, Conservation Districts, Marine Resource Committees, private businesses, nonprofit organizations, and of course, with supportive landowners and community members.





# HOW TO GET INVOLVED

Land trusts are partnering with communities across Puget Sound to conserve shoreline for future generations — but success hinges on effective policy, funding programs, and your support. You can be a part of that process!

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