

Mason Conservation District

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2016 Feature Accomplishment Shore Friendly Mason



A marine shoreline with failing bulkhead that will be removed using Shore Friendly Mason funding.

Photo: Karin Strelieff

RESOURCE CHALLENGE

Shore Friendly Mason (SFM) connects Mason County waterfront residents with the technical support and resources to make informed, cost-effective, and environmentally-friendly decisions about shoreline management. The negative ecological impact of shoreline armoring, combined with a substantial increase in local demand for site-specific technical guidance and accessible information, underlies this initiative. Funding is provided by the US EPA through the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife.

PROJECT SUMMARY AND RESULTS

Mason Conservation District (MCD) received 98 responses to the SFM program, completed 112 site visits, and has three bulkhead removal projects nearing permitting submission. MCD is coordinating a nearshore technical assistance capacity development training for other Puget Sound conservation districts, to be led by a geologist and nearshore ecologist. Attendees will represent Thurston, Pierce, Kitsap, Snohomish, King, San Juan Islands, and Jefferson Conservation Districts.

KEY PARTNERS: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (US Environmental Protection Agency - funding); Qwg Applied Geology; King Conservation District; Snohomish Conservation District; Greenbelt Consulting; International Society of Arborists, WA Chapter; WSU Extension Mason County; Marine Ecological Consulting Services, LLC



Other Accomplishments



Waste storage structure built with State Conservation Commission Shellfish Grant funding. This structure is located above Oakland Bay and will protect important shellfish areas.

Photo: Katrinka Hibler



Phase 2 of the Skokomish South Fork Large Woody Debris installation.

Photo: Rodney Tennison

More work to do!

- Shore Friendly Mason, Phase 2: Support capacity development for Mason, Pierce, and Thurston Conservation District staff to provide shoreline assistance in South Puget Sound; continue Mason's technical assistance program for marine shoreline landowners; complete bulkhead removal and shoreline restoration projects.
- South Fork of the Skokomish River Large Woody Debris installation and other projects funded through the Army Corps of Engineers.