



Mason Conservation District

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Other Accomplishments



The MCD field crew focused on maintenance of previously planted sites in 2017, but still planted nearly 85 new acres.



MCD installed 18 engineered log jams composed of 1,200 trees as part of the South Fork Skokomish Restoration Project.



In June, the Voluntary Stewardship Program Work Plan was approved promoting agriculture and environment protection measures.

2018 FEATURE ACCOMPLISHMENT

Shore Friendly Mason

Resource Challenge

Mason County marine shorelines are greatly modified to accommodate residential development. As shorelines develop, they are cleared for homes, panoramic views, and bulkheads. This creates serious unintended impacts. Manicured landscapes and treeless vistas weaken slope and bluff stability. Poor drainage practices and shoreline armor destroy nearshore habitat. Mason Conservation District (MCD) established the Shore Friendly Mason program to guide property owners towards better waterfront management.

Project Summary and Results

Shore Friendly Mason provides marine waterfront landowners with the technical support and resources to make informed, cost-effective, and ecologically grounded shoreline management decisions. The program reaches an average of 50 landowners a year. Focus areas include prevention and removal of shoreline armor (bulkheads), restoration of marine riparian vegetation, stormwater management, and waterfront stewardship. To support shoreline programs beyond Mason County borders, staff collaborates with conservation districts in Thurston, Pierce, and San Juan Island counties.

Key Partners

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife; Washington State Conservation Commission; conservation districts



Concrete bulkhead removal on Case Inlet in the Lower Puget Sound.



Marine shoreline workshop to promote native vegetation retention and natural shoreline management.

Priorities for 2019...

- ▶ Expand technical assistance in critical habitat areas through the Voluntary Stewardship Program.
- ▶ Restore riparian habitat and reduce the impacts of flooding.
- ▶ Coordinate priority watershed-scale restoration and protection projects on working lanes.