

CEDAR RIVER CORRIDOR PLAN

Advancing implementation of a broad-scale, long-term plan to deliver multiple benefits for people and the environment.

PROJECT SPOTLIGHT

Proponent: King County	County: King	Requested Amount: \$5,000,000
Legislative District: 5	River: Cedar	Matching Funds: \$3,000,000

Primary Objectives: Flood Risk Reduction; Salmon Habitat Restoration; Water Quality Improvement; Public Access and Open Space



The 22-mile Cedar River corridor is a high priority reach for flood risk reduction and salmon habitat restoration.

Floods affect homes, critical transportation infrastructure and associated fiber optic cable, a community trail, and the City of Renton downstream. Since 1993, King County has spent \$900K in flood repairs at the proposed project sites, including \$450K in the last two floods.

Planning for and addressing flooding and habitat needs simultaneously will protect public safety, restore salmon and save money over the long term.

Left: Historic flooding of the Cedar River. Photo: King County

Project Summary:

Project activities include the development of a final design and permitting package for the Riverbend project; preparation work at the Riverbend site for future levee setback; and acquisition of up to 15 high priority properties for subsequent floodplain reconnection projects on the lower Cedar River. Local entities recognize the value of these benefits to themselves and the community and so are committing 37.5% match to the proposed project phase.

Project Outcomes:

- Acquisition of up to 15 properties (approximately 45 acres) and removal of 14-15 homes from the floodplain to make way for future restoration on 232 acres.
- The Riverbend project design, when implemented, would add 49 acre-feet of flood storage, resulting in 100-year floods that are lower and slower and therefore less erosive, improving flood protection to an additional 12 homes and 19 parcels worth \$4.6 million assessed value.
- Project actions to be designed and permitted will also improve habitat over a 0.8 mile length, including 1900 feet of new side channel habitat.



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