

# **WRIA 8 Salmon Recovery Council Briefing Memo: Updating Land Use and Education and Outreach Actions**

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The Plan update will include 20 new and revised recovery strategies to guide implementation of salmon recovery actions. Recovery actions will be grouped into the following four main groups that comprise implementation of the recovery strategies:

- Site-specific capital project actions
- Land use regulatory actions
- Incentives, best management practices, and technical assistance (i.e., non-regulatory land use actions)
- Education and outreach

## **Land Use Actions**

The 2005 Plan includes over 300 recommended land use actions, which range from highly specific to very general. The 2005 Plan organizes land use actions by four primary salmon population/habitat areas of the watershed: Cedar River, Issaquah Creek, North Lake Washington Tributaries (including Bear Creek), and Migratory areas (including the shoreline of Lake Washington and Lake Sammamish, Ship Canal, and marine nearshore). This original approach to organizing actions no longer reflects how salmon recovery actions are oriented and implemented. Additionally, it resulted in actions that apply across multiple areas of the watershed to be listed in more than one, or all, categories, causing the list to be redundant and unnecessarily long and potentially confusing.

Since 2005, several land use actions have been completed and progress has been made on numerous others. The list of recommended actions is being updated to reflect this current status and to be more concise and useful. Land use actions will be organized by the following major land use categories:

- Growth Management Act
- Critical Areas Ordinance
- Shoreline Management Act and Shoreline Master Program
- Stormwater Management, including National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit process
- Water Quality
- Groundwater
- Roads
- Floodplain Management

Updating the land use actions list includes deleting duplicates, as well as removing general actions that are considered strategies in the Plan update or actions that are considered capital projects or outreach/education actions. The updated list of land use actions will be an appendix to the 2017 Plan update.

## **Education and Outreach Actions**

The 2005 Plan includes a long list of recommended public outreach activities that are ranked as high, medium, and low priority. Over time, the sheer number of recommended actions, even those identified as high priority generally do not provide adequate guidance for investment of limited funding for

education and outreach. To better prioritize and guide outreach and education efforts, the 2017 Plan update uses the results of the programmatic action implementation surveys conducted in 2009 and 2015, a 2009 outreach and education gap analysis, and feedback from the WRIA 8 Salmon Summit in 2016. This information provided the basis for developing a concise suite of draft outreach and education actions that were reviewed and revised at a workshop of education and outreach partners in December 2016.

The revised outreach and education priority actions are organized by recovery strategy, and each identifies the primary audience, desired outcome/goal, and who would implement the action. The revised list of priority education and outreach actions will be an appendix to the 2017 Plan update.