PSAR REGIONALLY SIGNIFICANT PROJECT
LARGE CAPITAL REQUEST 2019-2021

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Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration

PROJECT RANK: #3 of 11

Riverbend Floodplain Restoration

FUNDING REQUEST
$5,900,000

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
8

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT
11

WRIA
8

COUNTY
King

PROJECT SPONSOR
King County Water & Land Resources

Setting back existing levees will allow the Cedar River to expand into its floodplain and create habitat for Chinook, coho, and sockeye salmon and cutthroat and steelhead trout. Young salmon prefer side channels where the slower water allows them to find food and refuge. Connected floodplains give the river room to spread out and slow down during high water. This protects salmon eggs in the rocks and gravel from being scoured away.

KEY BENEFITS

- ☑ Improves the quality, quantity, and sustainability of salmonid spawning and rearing habitat.
- ☑ Achieves 40 percent of the WRIA 8 goal for acres of restored floodplain habitat by 2025.
- ☑ Supports Chinook salmon – a critical food source for endangered southern resident orcas.
- ☑ Protects State Route 169, the Cedar River Trail, and private property from flooding.

SUPPORT FOR THIS PROJECT

- ☑ Ranked #3 for PSAR 2019-2021 regionally significant projects.
- ☑ Supported by the WRIA 8 Salmon Recovery Council and the Cedar River Council.
- ☑ This project supports tribal treaty rights.

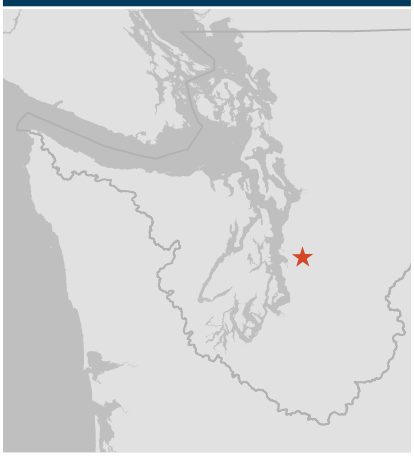
PROJECT BY THE NUMBERS

3,000 feet
Levee removed

4,874 feet
Side channel habitat restored

52 acres
Floodplain connected to the Cedar River

28 acres
Planted to provide shade



RANKED PROJECT: UPDATED 11.5.18

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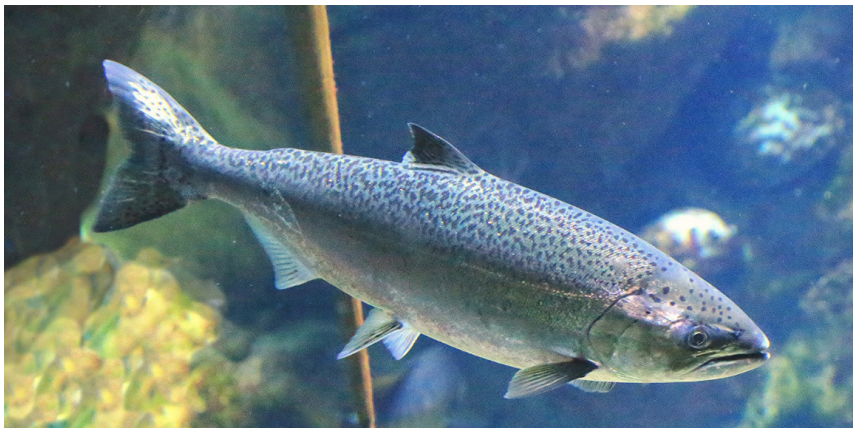
INVESTING IN PUGET SOUND — FOR SALMON, ORCAS, AND PEOPLE

WHAT IS PSAR?

The Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration (PSAR) program was created in 2007 to help implement the most important habitat protection and restoration projects for Puget Sound. Funding is appropriated every two years by the Washington State Legislature and allocated through the Salmon Recovery Funding Board. The program has two parts, with $30 million provided as base funding for locally significant projects and remaining funds allocated to projects that are ranked as regionally significant.



Adult Chinook salmon, photo credit: Ron DeCloux

A GOOD INVESTMENT

PSAR projects restore habitat critical to the survival of Puget Sound salmon populations.

Projects are thoroughly reviewed to ensure that they benefit salmon populations and local communities. The projects:

- ☑ Support recovery of Puget Sound salmon, a critical food source for endangered southern resident orcas
- ☑ Provide local jobs, public access, and recreational opportunities
- ☑ Align with the Puget Sound Salmon Recovery Plan and the Puget Sound Action Agenda
- ☑ Are informed by science and the NOAA-approved Chinook salmon recovery strategy
- ☑ Are endorsed by members of the public, cities, counties, tribes, non-profit organizations, and government agencies

PSAR projects make cost effective use of public money.

PSAR supports local communities by creating more than 2,600 jobs in the last 10 years. PSAR has also leveraged $78 million in federal and other matching funds and generated more than $470 million in economic activity.

PSAR investments have supported the work of our partners to restore and protect more than 3,000 acres of estuary habitat, 80 river miles for fish passage, and 10,000 acres of watershed habitat. Many projects support multiple benefits.

The Puget Sound Partnership manages the PSAR program; funds are administered through the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office.

Southern Resident orca "J38," photographed in Puget Sound on February 2, 2018, Photo credit, Center for Whale Research.

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For more information on the PSAR program, go to www.psp.wa.gov/PSAR

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