



Planning 2022 Project Site Visits and Tours

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WRIA 8 staff are interested in scheduling site visits this summer with Salmon Recovery Council members, legislators, members of Congress, and other funders and partners to see some of the great project work going on and to highlight priority issues affecting salmon survival in WRIA 8.

Below is an initial list of projects and locations in the watershed that might be ripe for site visits this summer/fall. This list isn't meant to be final or comprehensive but just to spur discussion of the topic. Salmon Recovery Council input will help inform the selection of sites.

As you consider suggesting and prioritizing sites to visit, please consider the different intended audience(s) for each visit. Feel free to suggest site visits that touch on general salmon survival and recovery topics as well as specific restoration project sites.

Project-Specific Site visits (in or recently completed construction)

- Lower Issaquah Creek, City of Issaquah – construction summer 2022
- Bear Creek Little Bit Reach Restoration Project, King County – construction summer 2022
- Evans Creek Relocation Project – construction 2023
- Lower Taylor Creek, Seattle Public Utilities – construction 2023-24

Save for later – large projects that will soon complete construction that are ripe for ribbon cutting/media events

- Riverbend Floodplain Restoration, King County – in construction
- Meadowdale Beach and Estuary Restoration, Snohomish County – in construction

Non-Project Specific Site Visits

- Ballard Locks & Lake Washington Ship Canal (discuss Locks infrastructure repairs (incl. fish ladder), predation, Ship Canal temperature issues)
- Issaquah Creek/Lake Sammamish State Park (discuss lower Issaquah restoration project, kokanee recovery efforts, predation (Merwin traps), artificial light, and aquatic weeds)