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Shoreline Restoration Booklet Available

Kitsap County Offers *Shoreline Restoration: Alternatives for Kitsap County Shorelines* Booklet

Kitsap County Department of Community Development has produced a booklet titled *Shoreline Restoration: Alternatives for Kitsap County Shorelines*. The booklet was funded by the Washington State Department of Ecology as an addendum to grant funding currently provided for Kitsap County's Shoreline Master Program Update.

The 11-page booklet is aimed primarily at shoreline property owners, and contains a brief explanation answering a common question: "what is shoreline restoration?" Various types of restoration projects are described, such as: utilization of native vegetation, logs and stumps as an alternative to hard bulkheads on both marine and freshwater shorelines; and replacement of stream culverts that are constricting fish access and water flow. For each different type of restoration, bullet points describe the roles and benefits, along with "before" and "after" photos of successful projects. In addition, the booklet provides information on preservation through conservation easements, future public restoration projects and links to additional resources.

The booklet will be utilized for public outreach as part Kitsap County's Shoreline Master Program update, and demonstrates some proven alternatives for consideration by landowners with an interest in shoreline restoration.

For more information on the Shoreline Restoration Booklet, contact Kathlene Barnhart at 360.337.5777. The booklet is available at Kitsap County Department of Community Development, 619 Division Street, Port Orchard, or electronically at www.kitsapshoreline.org.