

King Conservation District

Urban Aquatic Area Enhancement Services

The King Conservation District offers aquatic area enhancement services to help urban homeowners protect and improve the health of streams, rivers, wetlands, lakes, ponds and marine shorelines. A band of vegetation, called a buffer, planted adjacent to a water body with native trees and shrubs can improve water quality, stabilize shorelines, and enhance fish and wildlife habitat. Many homeowners do not have the money or expertise to plant buffers on their own; but KCD is available to make aquatic area enhancement possible by designing and installing buffer projects. KCD buffer services include free project design and management, as well as sharing the cost of labor (invasive species removal and planting), and project materials (plants, mulch, plant protectors). KCD will also cover most of the cost on three years of maintenance and monitoring to ensure a high rate of plant survival.

WHAT IS A BUFFER?

A buffer is a band of vegetation along a stream, river, wetland, lake, pond or marine shoreline.

Who's eligible?

Homeowners and property managers within the city limits of a jurisdiction in King County* and adjacent to a stream, river, wetland, lake, pond or marine shoreline.

* Excluding Enumclaw, Federal Way, Milton, Pacific and Skykomish

What are the benefits?

- Cleaner water
- Improved shoreline stability and habitat
- Attractive native plants for increased property value
- Enjoyment of fish and wildlife
- Improved land stewardship!

HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?

- Complete design and project managment: **FREE**
- Installation (labor, plants, mulch): **Landowner 10%; KCD 90%**
- Maintenance (3 years): **Landowner 10%; KCD 90%**

For more information about this program & other conservation services:

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Before



After