



Small Habitat Restoration Program

Building effective and inexpensive projects that enhance aquatic ecosystems

Annual Report



In the Small Habitat Restoration Program (SHRP) continued to build low cost habitat restoration projects to enhance and restore streams and wetlands. SHRP worked to achieve this goal through habitat assessment, habitat restoration, scientific monitoring, and by working with watershed groups, providing volunteer opportunities and obtaining grant support. Since SHRP has performed over projects in the White Green, Puget Cedar, Sammamish, Lake Washington and Snoqualmie basins.

The SHRP Program works closely with the Basin Steward Program to identify projects and restoration priorities within King County's watersheds. This ensures that SHRP projects fit into the broader plans for watershed restoration and build on the successes of other restoration and stewardship efforts.

In SHRP activities on restoration projects improved streams, wetlands, and riparian buffers in the urban and rural service areas of unincorporated King County. SHRP leveraged public funds with grants, community volunteer planting events, and partnerships between landowners, local, state, and federal agencies. The SHRP Web site (<http://dnr.metrokc.gov/wlr/cposa/shrp/>) includes an online project application and technical assistance with guidelines for designing, planting, and maintaining habitat restoration projects.

Urban Projects in

The Small Habitat Restoration Program had active habitat restoration projects in the Urban Service Area, including projects that were in the construction phase, projects in the design and permitting phase, projects that were maintained and monitored, and one technical assistance project. SHRP projects improved a total of lineal feet of streams, square feet of wetlands, and acres of stream and wetland buffer in the Urban Service Area in.

Rural Projects in

The Small Habitat Restoration Program had active habitat restoration projects in the Rural Service Area, including projects that were in construction phase, one project in the design and permitting phase, and projects that were maintained and monitored. SHRP projects improved a total of acres of wetland, almost acres of stream and wetland buffer, 500 feet of beach, and 6,710 lineal feet of streams in the Rural Service Area in.

Mission

The Small Habitat Restoration Program constructs small scale habitat restoration projects in stream corridors and wetlands. The goal of the SHRP program is to restore habitat-forming processes for fish and wildlife. Projects include stabilizing eroding stream banks, restoring fish access to upstream habitat, installing live stock fences, controlling invasive weeds, planting native vegetation, and providing technical assistance to landowners. Individual project costs typically range from to. Projects are constructed on private or public property as long as they provide benefits to the public at large.



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