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King County Flood Control District WRIA funding to go toward Lower Taylor Creek restoration projects

Today, the King County Flood Control District approved \$100,000 in grants toward Lower Taylor Creek to support ongoing Chinook salmon recovery efforts in the Lake Washington/Cedar/Sammamish Watershed or Watershed Resource Inventory Area (WRIA) 8. These funds were part of \$4.6 million the District approved as part of the Cooperative Watershed Management Grant Program.

“The Lower Taylor Creek Restoration funding is an important step towards the final design and permitting for that project,” Supervisor Larry Gossett. “Once completed, this project will provide rearing and refuge habitat for juvenile Chinook salmon exiting the Cedar River.”

“When we invest in restoring King County’s critical habitats we invest in the future of our region’s ecosystems,” said Reagan Dunn, Chair of the Flood Control District. “I look forward to seeing the results of these projects throughout our four major watersheds.”

“We appreciate this additional grant funding from the King County Flood Control District,” said Mami Hara, general manager and CEO of Seattle Public Utilities. “This project will provide a critical first resting stop for juvenile Chinook as they leave the Cedar River into Lake Washington.”

Lower Taylor Creek Restoration Final Design and Permitting sponsored by Seattle Public Utilities will receive \$100,000. This funding will be used to complete 90 percent of the design and permitting for the Lower Taylor Creek Project, which will provide rearing and refuge habitat for juvenile Chinook salmon out-migrating from the Cedar River.

Grant recipients participating in the Cooperative Watershed Management Grant Program must address high priority habitats or watershed processes that significantly influence productivity in each basin. To ensure high quality projects, only those that have been scientifically vetted and ranked competitively by their respective WRIA Forum are candidates for funding. Cities, towns, special districts, public schools, King County, federally recognized tribes and non-profits are eligible to apply for the grants.

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