



King County Flood Control District Funds Issaquah Creek Restoration and Conservation

The King County Flood Control District has passed funding for two projects around Issaquah, promoting salmon habitat and healthy watershed restoration.

“Habitat restoration is critical to promote and protect environmental health and salmon survival,” said King County Flood Control District Supervisor **Kathy Lambert**. “These two projects along Issaquah Creek provide important resources to remove noxious weeds, restore native vegetation, and encourage salmon recovery in the region.”

“These grants will restore and boost the health of the Issaquah Creek area,” said King County Flood Control District Chair **Reagan Dunn**. “Salmon are a core part of our environmental and cultural heritage and the Flood Control District will continue to prioritize their conservation and wellbeing.”

The first project will purchase a 125 acre farm at the headwaters of Issaquah Creek, allowing restoration efforts to begin along Issaquah, Holder, and Carey Creeks. The second project will support the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust by removing knotweed and other weeds along Issaquah Creek, and restoring habitat, native trees, and plant life along its banks. The project will also educate private landowners on best practices to take care of land bordering waterways.

A total of \$322,424 was granted to the two projects. The King County Flood Control District Board of Supervisors, comprised of all nine King County Councilmembers, awarded the grants. These grants are part of the Water Resource Inventory Area (WRIA) grants, which promote environmental consciousness, salmon health, and habitat recovery.

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