



# Lake Washington/Cedar/Sammamish Watershed (WRIA 8)

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## Making our watershed a place where people and salmon can live together – ten years of progress in WRIA 8

The Lake Washington/Cedar/Sammamish Watershed (also referred to as the Water Resource Inventory Area, or WRIA, 8) partnership has actively worked to protect and restore habitat for threatened Chinook salmon and improve watershed health since 2000. The partnership is comprised of 29 local governments, state and federal agencies, community organizations, businesses, and special purpose districts.

### WRIA 8 partners are working together for maximum impact

- Guiding implementation of the watershed's salmon recovery plan and identifying the highest priority activities for local, state, and federal grant funding.
- Ensuring partners are knowledgeable about key issues and policies affecting salmon and the most current science informing recovery efforts.
- Providing opportunities for cross-jurisdictional collaboration on high priority restoration activities and legislative outreach.

### What's been accomplished in the last 10 years?

#### Protecting and restoring habitat

**200** Grants with **22** Project sponsors

**163** Acres planted in riparian

**45.3** Total miles riparian treated

**4,228** Pieces of wood installed

**70.3** Acres of floodplain reconnected

**10** Acres of channel/off-channel connected or added

**1.2** Miles of levee removed or set back

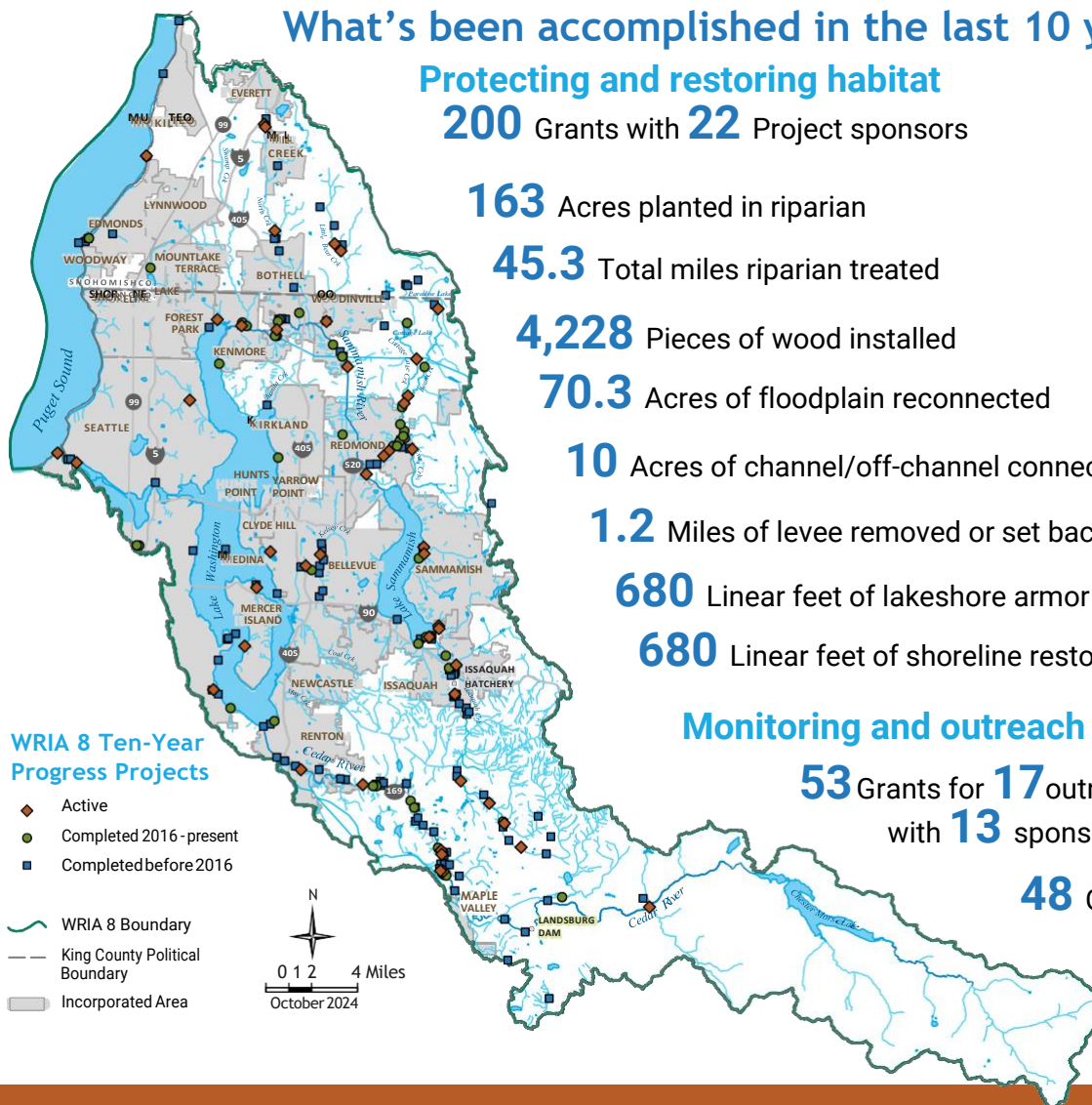
**680** Linear feet of lakeshore armor removed

**680** Linear feet of shoreline restored

#### Monitoring and outreach

**53** Grants for **17** outreach programs  
with **13** sponsors

**48** Grants for **26** monitoring  
activities and studies  
with **10** sponsors



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## Investing in salmon

Project Type	Number of Grant Awards	Total Grant Funding Awarded	Total Matching Funds
Acquisition	6	\$3,312,971	\$2,972,500
Monitoring	48	\$4,634,772	\$2,325,182
Outreach	53	\$1,410,340	\$2,769,973
Restoration	93	\$28,905,326	\$38,383,693
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>\$38,263,409</b>	<b>\$46,451,348</b>

Table includes grant funding directed by the WRIA 8 Salmon Recovery Council through the King County Flood Control District Cooperative Watershed Management grant program, and the state Salmon Recovery Funding Board and Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration grant programs.



*Riverbend Floodplain Restoration project, pre-planting (Cedar River)*



*Riverbend Floodplain Restoration project, one year post-construction (Cedar River)*

## Project highlight: Riverbend floodplain restoration

King County acquired and restored 52 acres of floodplain and a mile-long stretch of the Cedar River east of Renton. They worked with Seattle Public Utilities to remove failing levees, plant over 23,000 trees and 44,000 shrubs, and create side channels that provide slow-water shallow habitat that is ideal for multiple salmon species. This project also improved resiliency to climate change by relocating residents out of harms way and addressing the increasing risk of flood damage to the Cedar River Trail, State Route 169, and underground utilities including a priority regional fiberoptic trunk line.



## For more information

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