



Lake Washington/Cedar/Sammamish Watershed (WRIA 8)

2024 FACT SHEET

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

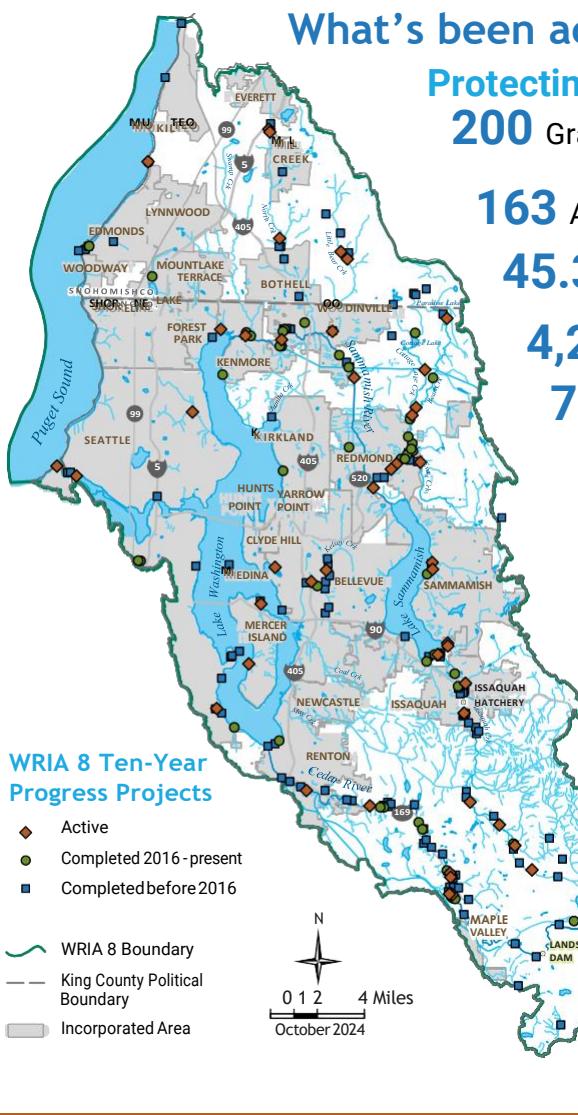
680 Linear feet of lakeshore armor removed

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 |
| Grand Total | 200 | \$38,263,409 | \$46,451,348 |

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 fiber optic trunk line.



For more information

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