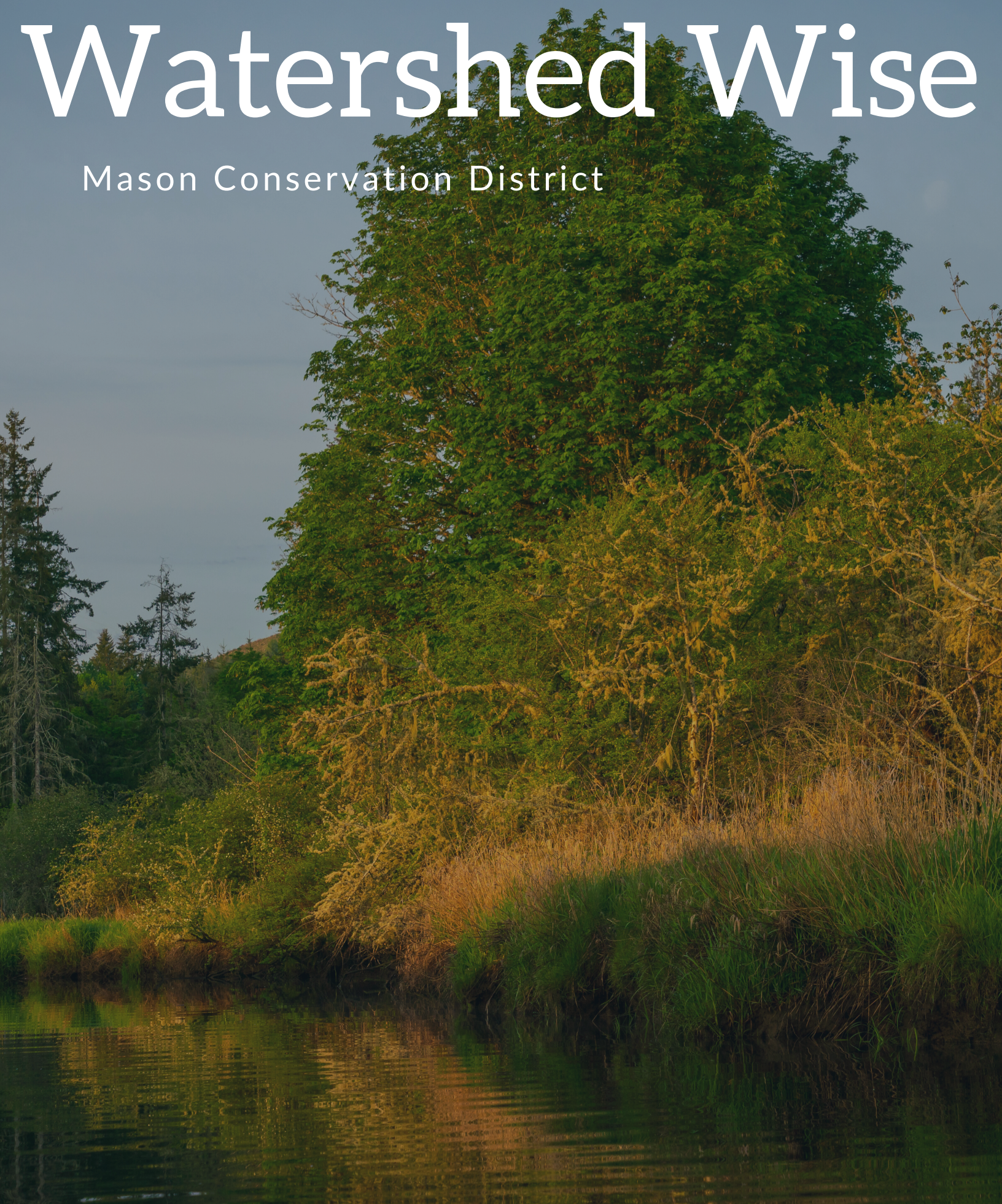


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# Watershed Wise

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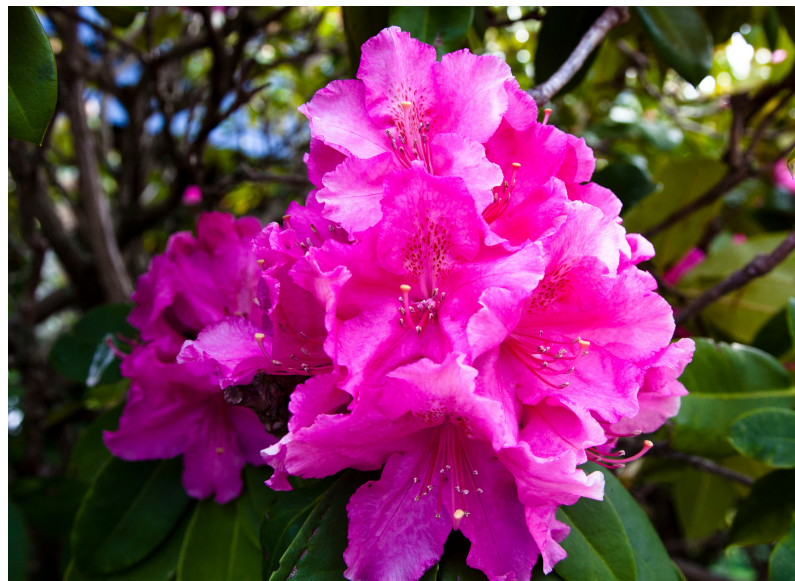




# Native Plant Sale - Now Open!

Mason Conservation District is accepting online orders for the 31st Annual Plant Sale now through February 1st. Plants will be available for pick-up on February 19th - 20th.

We will have staggered pick-up slots this year to reduce the number of customers picking up at once.



Keep an eye out for some of our upcoming educational videos and workshops!

Including: "Landscaping with Native Plants" and "Rain Garden Design and Construction"





# Urban Tree Program

## Providing Trees to City of Shelton Residents

### Do you want to Plant an Urban Tree?

Mason Conservation District has the opportunity to provide a limited number of trees to residents living in the City of Shelton this winter. This event is part of an Urban Tree Program promoting tree plantings in the city to help reduce stormwater flows and decrease pollution entering Goldsborough or Shelton Creeks.

### Urban Tree Voucher Program Details

The District will provide an email voucher for an urban tree to the first 50 approved applications. There will be a “no contact” tree pick up event at the Mason Conservation District’s office; dates and times for the event will be provided with voucher notification.

Applications will be accepted until all vouchers have been issued, not to exceed January 31, 2021. Trees must be planted by February 28, 2021. Please pass this information on to your neighbors.



# Orca Recovery Day



On October 17th, Mason Conservation District celebrated the third annual Orca Recovery Day by hosting two events. Some volunteers planted Camas bulbs and wildflower seeds at the YMCA in Shelton, while others participated in an invasive plant removal and native planting at Bayshore Preserve in partnership with Capitol Land Trust.

Orca Recovery Day was developed in 2018 by Allan Warren of Pierce Conservation District in response to the decreasing population of the Southern Resident Orca Whales. This year, our event was adapted to follow CDC Covid-19 guidelines. By hosting multiple events with limited group sizes, sanitizing tools between use, wearing face coverings and maintaining social distance, we were still able to get outside and make a difference.

Overall, we had a total of 34 volunteers plant 2,000 Camas bulbs, 55 native shrubs, spread wildflower seed, and remove 0.2 acres of invasive English ivy and Himalayan blackberry.

Orca Recovery Day would not have been possible without the dedication and support from so many people in the community. It was a great day for working together towards the common goal of Orca recovery.







Photo courtesy of Mary Birchem

# Twin Rivers Ranch Preserve Bridge Removal

Capitol Land Trust, a local nonprofit organization that conserves land in Southwest Washington, acquired the Twin Rivers Ranch Preserve in 2010. This 133 acre property lies at the head of Oakland Bay, and protects two salmon-bearing creeks.

This year, Mason Conservation District assisted with the removal of a 55-foot-long bridge that was creating a fish barrier, and removing armoring on the shoreline.

Katrinka Hibler, MCD Engineer, lead this project. Hibler designed a new road that was constructed to allow access to the property in place of the bridge, which also included a stormwater management plan.



# MASON CONSERVATION DISTRICT 2020 PLANT SALE

Order online at [www.masoncd.org](http://www.masoncd.org)

Plants are sold on a first-come, first-served basis. Quantities are limited and some species always sell out so please order early. Several species of native plants not listed are available for special order. Call for availability and pricing.

Orders accepted through February 1st.

Pick up your order Friday, February 19th, between 10 AM & 5:30 PM or Saturday, February 20th between 10 AM & 3 PM at the Mason Conservation District office at 450 W Business Park Road, Shelton, WA 98584.

This year, there will be staggered pick-up slots to reduce the number of customers picking up at once. Please sign up for a time slot after you have purchased.

## Mail in Orders

If you would like to order through the mail, please contact Jen Thurman-Williams at 360-427-9436, ext. 113 to receive a paper copy order form.