



Restoration Project

This summer, as a part of a restoration project for the Upper South Fork of the Skokomish River, Mason Conservation District organized transport of large pieces of wood into the river to restore habitat areas. In the photos, a helicopter can be seen (bottom left), which lifted the wood into the air (left) in order to place them in the Skokomish River (bottom right). Photos are courtesy of District Engineer, Matthew Phillips.



Upcoming Events



Make sure to join us for our future events! Our community events include workshops, volunteer workdays, and more. Mark your calendars to volunteer with us for Orca Recovery Day on October 15th and join us for our next free Pier Peer events. Find out more at masoncd.org/events.



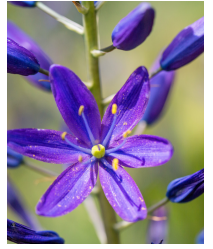
Pier Peer in Allyn
Date: September 24th, 2022
Time: 7:00 - 9:00pm
Location: Port of Allyn
 18560 WA-3, Allyn, WA 98524

Pier Peer in Shelton
Date: October 29th, 2022
Time: 7:00 - 9:00pm
Location: Shelton Yacht Club
 701 E Pine St, Shelton, WA 98584

Recent Community Events



In November, we planted camas bulbs at the Shelton Family YMCA. Students from Cedar High School were able to plant 1,000 bulbs throughout the drainage field next to the parking lot. This was further planting from the 2,000 bulbs that were planted last spring.



Camas plants are a traditional food source and a delicacy. The roots could be cooked down to make sugars or ground and mixed with water to make a batter that could be cooked like pancakes. Funding provided by Squaxin Island Tribe.

Working with HOPE Garden Project and the City of Shelton, we have been busy building a community garden at Callanan Park! With students from Cedar High School, we have built many structures for the garden including the fence and garden beds. HOPE garden students have helped build the structures at the garden and have planted native plants around the garden. Gardeners are hard at work growing food in the garden beds and two beds at the garden are dedicated to producing food to donate to local food banks!

We have been workshops at the garden which focus on a variety of gardening practices. Stay tuned for upcoming workshops and other ways to get involved. For more information or to apply for a garden bed, please visit masoncd.org/callanan-community-garden



Native Plant Sale

Our 2022 annual native plant sale goes live on December 1st!

At Mason Conservation District, we offer a variety of native trees and shrubs for conservation purposes such as wildlife habitat, windbreaks, hedgerows, reforestation and stream enhancement. They also work great on home and garden projects. The majority of the plants offered are bareroot stock which means they do not come in pots or burlap bags, but are harvested from the field in winter when the plants are dormant and ready to be replanted. Bareroot plants are affordable, hardy, have well-developed roots, and are easy to handle, transport and plant. Order early for the best deals and availability.



Look for species such as beargrass!

Urban Stormwater Projects

This past year we built rain gardens in three City of Shelton neighborhoods. Six rain gardens were built in the Bordeaux neighborhood and seven were built in the Mountain View neighborhood. Rain gardens are a great way to help manage stormwater events (when large amounts of rain fall in relatively short periods of time) because they collect, filter, and slowly release the water.



We also had three urban tree giveaways this year during which we gave trees to City of Shelton residents to plant in their yards. These trees were distributed in an effort to help manage stormwater in the city. Any City of Shelton resident was eligible to apply for a tree and we gave away over 30 trees!



Additionally, more than 1,600 square feet of concrete and asphalt were removed from the front entrance of the new Thurston Mason Behavioral Health Organization's Shelton facility to assist the City of Shelton with improved stormwater management. The area was replanted with native trees and shrubs designed to improve stormwater water infiltration, while also serving as a natural barrier between the Center's patients and the public.



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Are you looking for assistance with your forested land?

We can help you manage your forest for long-term health, wildlife habitat, timber, or aesthetics. Our services are free and voluntary!

- We help forest landowners develop forest plans that address their concerns: wildfire protection, forest health and productivity, wildlife habitat improvement, and maintaining or potentially reducing the property tax burden.
- We can help fund and implement solutions, such as planting and managing trees, planning for harvests, and rental payments for riparian buffers, and easements.



Contact our Stewardship Foresters, Margaret Kreder at mkreder@masoncd.org or (360) 427-9436 Ext. 102 for a free site visit to discuss your needs and goals!



WATERSHED WISE

Mason Conservation District



Do you have saltwater shoreline on your property?

Mason Conservation District's Shore Friendly Mason program links waterfront residents with the technical support and resources to make informed, cost-effective and environmentally-friendly decisions about shoreline management. We offer free, non-regulatory site visits and erosion assessments to help you identify problems or opportunities specific to your stretch of the shoreline.



Common questions of shoreline owners include:

- Do I need to protect my shoreline from erosion?
- How do I manage shoreline plants - and views?
- What should I do with the water draining down my slope?
- Are there alternatives to bulkheads for managing erosion?

For more information of the Shore Friendly Mason program visit masoncd.org/shore-friendly-mason. If you would like discuss the shoreline on your property with us contact Jacob Murray by email at jmurray@masoncd.org or call (360) 427-9436 ext. 155. You can also sign up for an erosion assessment site visit that gauges your erosion risk and points you to the resources you need.

