

Estuary and Salmon Restoration Program



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2025-2027 Prioritized Investment Plan

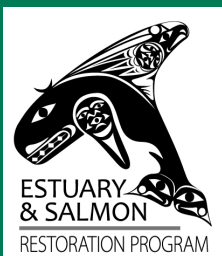
ESRP's \$27.5 Million Request will:

Restore 324 acres of nearshore habitat.

Remove 0.7 miles of shoreline armor.

Acquire & Protect 529 acres of nearshore habitat.

Design and Plan for 135,978 acres of future habitat restoration.



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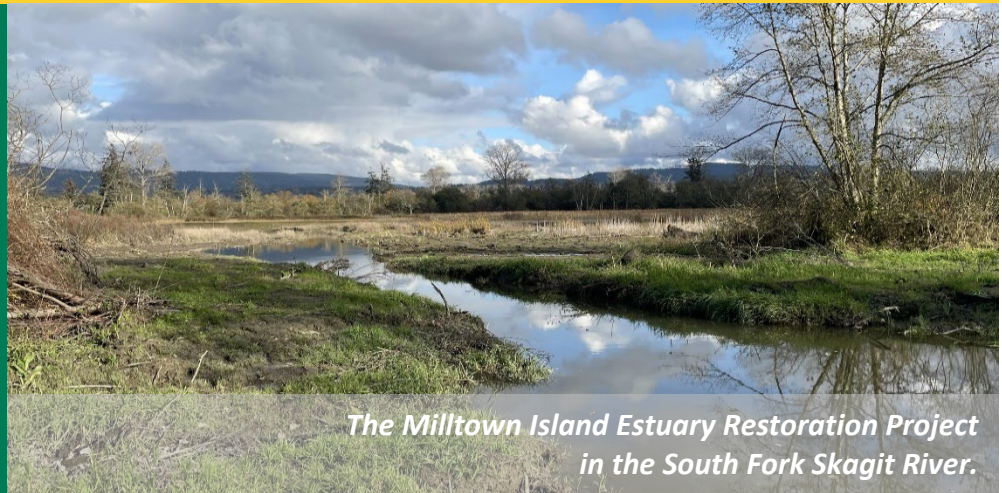
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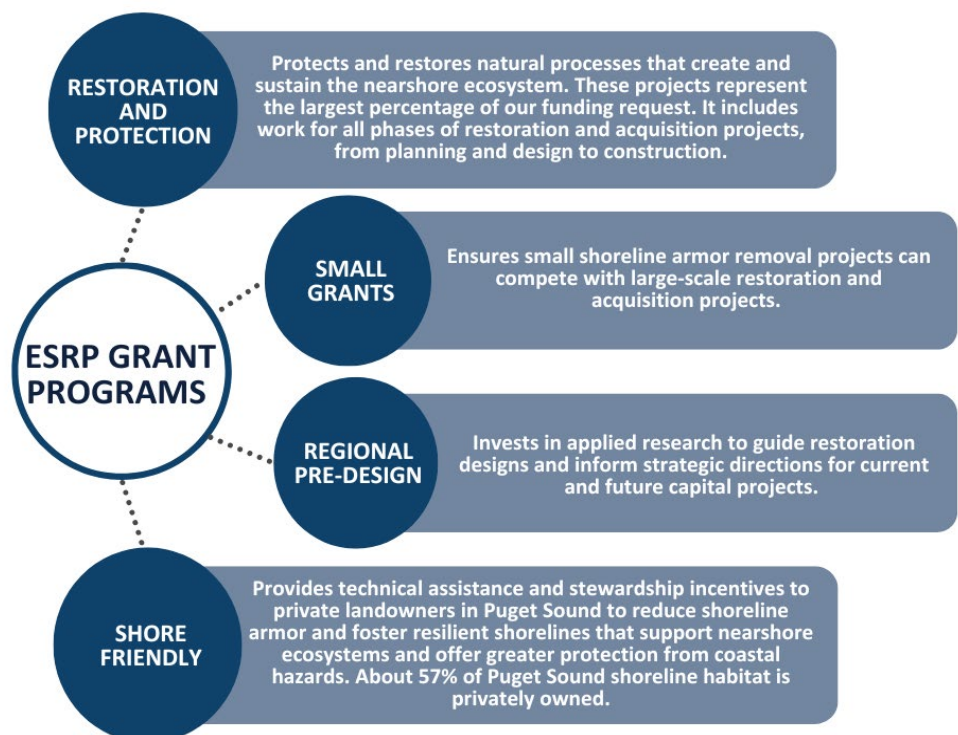


The Milltown Island Estuary Restoration Project in the South Fork Skagit River.

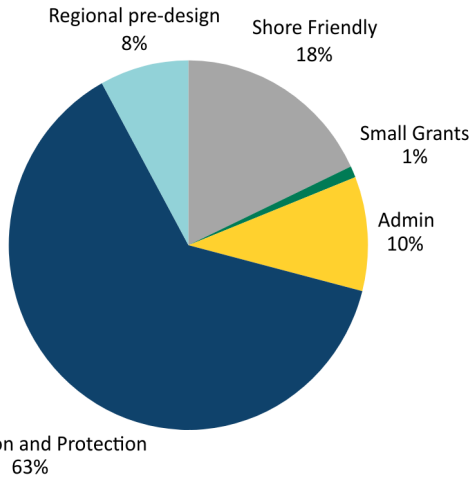
Supporting Puget Sound & Salmon Recovery

Since 2006, the [Estuary and Salmon Restoration Program \(ESRP\)](#) has provided capital funding and technical assistance to organizations working to restore critical shoreline and nearshore habitats. Our strategic approach supports recovery for all species – from tiny forage fish to the iconic salmon and Southern Resident killer whales – by restoring resilient and sustainable habitats that benefit us all. [ESRP was ranked the No. 1 overall priority in the Puget Sound Partnership's 2025-2027 legislative priority list.](#)

ESRP funds all phases of restoration through four competitive grant programs:



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Percent of ESRP budget request by grant program

2025 Prioritized Project List

ESRP administers a Sound-wide competitive technical review and evaluation for each of the four grant programs, then combines the results to create a single prioritized project list, the [2025-2027 ESRP Preliminary Investment Plan](#).

The projects proposed for the 2025-27 biennium are driven by community and regional planning efforts. This work will restore key fisheries and provide jobs across the Sound. All 31 proposed projects and 6 Shore Friendly Programs are aligned with regional salmon recovery efforts.

ESRP is administered in partnership with the Recreation and Conservation Office.



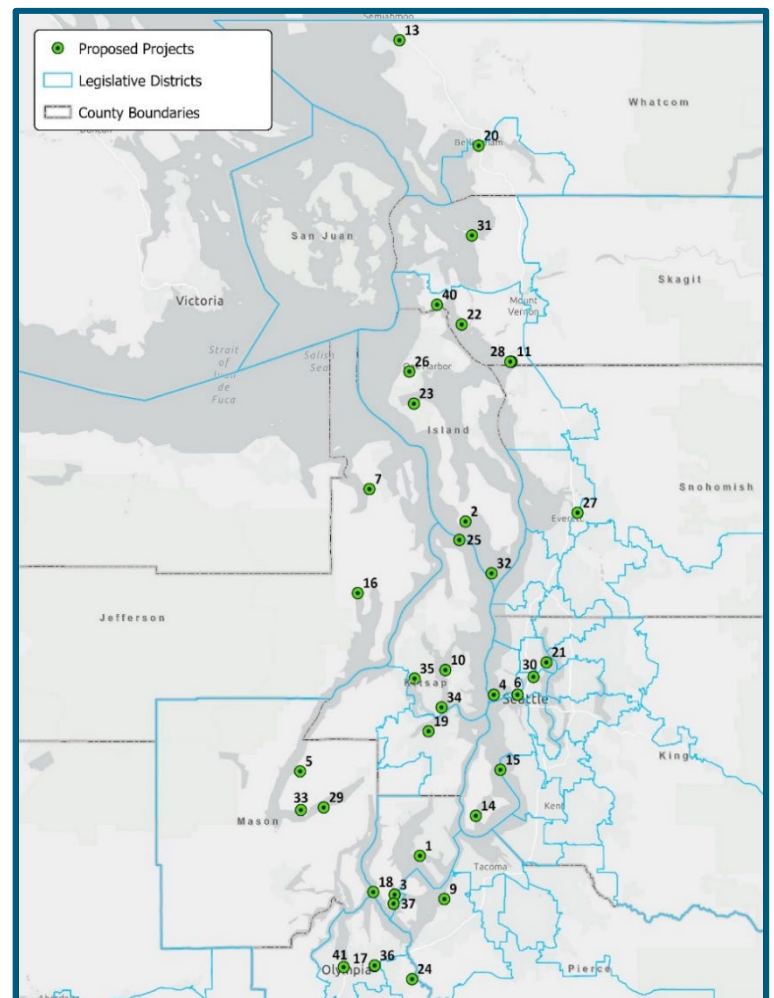
Map Note: Shore Friendly investment occurs on multiple parcels across 1,400 miles of privately owned shoreline in Puget Sound, from the Strait of Juan de Fuca to the Canadian border.

Regional Pre-Design projects are assigned a point based on the project sponsor's office, as many projects are Puget Sound-wide in scope.



Removing Armor with Landowner Incentives

Over a third of Puget Sound's shoreline is armored, limiting critical forage fish spawning habitat. In 2019, ESRP adopted the [Shore Friendly Program](#), which coordinates with six local leads to provide stewardship incentives to shoreline landowners, creating a pipeline of future capital habitat restoration projects. Shore Friendly has reached thousands of private shoreline landowners, resulting in miles of armor removal, prevention of unnecessary armor installation, healthier shoreline habitats, and greater resilience to coastal hazards for participating landowners.



Visit our [interactive web map](#) for full details on each proposed ESRP & Shore Friendly project for the 2025-27 biennium.



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2025-2027 Preliminary Investment Plan



Rank	PRISM Number	Program-Project Type ¹	Project Name	Primary Sponsor	Program Total Includes agency administration	Cumulative	Legislative District	County
1	24-1250	Portfolio R&P-Restoration	DeMolay Sandspit Bulkhead Removal Implementation	Pierce County Conservation District	\$715,666	\$715,666	26	Pierce
2	24-1200	R&P-Acquisition	Double Bluff Acquisition	Whidbey Camano Land Trust	\$2,145,000	\$2,860,666	10	Island
3	23-1890	Small Grants–Restoration ²	Filucy Bay Shoreline Armor Removal	Pierce County Conservation District	\$165,000	\$3,025,666	26	Pierce
4	24-1916	RPD-Planning	Shoreline Armor Removal Planning Phase Two	Cramer Fish Sciences	\$429,858	\$3,455,524	Puget Sound wide	Puget Sound wide
5	24-1280	R&P-Acquisition	Dewatto Estuary Protection	Great Peninsula Conservancy	\$3,630,000	\$7,085,524	35	Mason
6	24-1903	RPD-Planning	Coastal Inlets and Estuaries Tidal Sizing Guidance Phase Two	Environmental Science Associates	\$192,060	\$7,277,584	Puget Sound wide	Puget Sound wide
7	23-1850	Small Grants–Restoration ²	Adelma Beach Bulkhead Removal and Restoration	Northwest Straits Marine Conservation Foundation	\$165,000	\$7,442,584	24	Jefferson
8	24-1227	R&P -Restoration	zis a ba II Restoration - Construction Supplemental	Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians	<i>Removed from request. Funded by Natural Climate Solutions Account in 2024 Supplemental Budget.</i>		10	Snohomish
9	24-1901	RPD-Planning	Water Resource Inventory Area 10/12 Embayment Small Coastal Stream Restoration Planning	South Puget Sound Salmon Enhancement Group	\$275,000	\$7,717,584	22, 26, 27, 28	Thurston, Pierce
10	23-1842	Small Grants–Restoration ²	Battle Point Smith Armor Removal and Riparian Restoration Guidelines for Natural Channel Levees	Mid Sound Fisheries Enhancement Group	\$163,802	\$7,881,386	23	Kitsap
11	24-1914	RPD-Planning	Restoration Guidelines for Natural Channel Levees	Skagit River System Cooperative	\$97,330	\$7,978,716	Puget Sound wide	Puget Sound wide
12	24-1205	R&P - Restoration	Still Harbor Phase 2 - Armor Removal	Natural Resources Dept of	<i>Removed from request. Funded by Natural Climate Solutions Account in 2024 Supplemental Budget.</i>		28	Pierce
13	24-1121	R&P-Acquisition and Restoration	California Creek Estuary East	Whatcom Land Trust	\$406,189	\$8,384,905	42	Whatcom
14	24-1182	R&P-Acquisition and Restoration	Maury Island Aquatic Reserve Armoring Removal Phase Four	King County Water and Land Resources Division	\$1,265,000	\$9,649,905	34	King
15	24-1902	RPD-Planning	Juvenile Chinook Non-natal Habitat Restoration Planning	King County Water and Land Resources Division	\$237,709	\$9,887,614	21,23, 26, 32, 30,33, 34, 36, 43	King, Kitsap, Snohomish
16	23-1900	R&P-Planning	Little Quilcene River Estuary Preliminary Design	Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group	\$299,376	\$10,186,990	24	Jefferson
17	24-1907	RPD-Planning	Beach Change Analysis for Restoration Planning	Washington Department of Ecology	\$131,980	\$10,318,970	Puget Sound wide	Puget Sound wide
18	24-1207	Shore Friendly-Planning	Shore Friendly South Sound Collaborative 2025-2027	Pierce County Conservation District	\$1,622,500	\$11,941,470	22, 26, 27, 28, 35	Mason, Thurston, Pierce
19	24-1144	Shore Friendly-Planning	Shore Friendly Kitsap 2025-2027	Kitsap County	\$770,000	\$12,711,470	23, 26, 35	Kitsap

¹Program: R&P=Restoration and Protection, RPD= Regional Pre-design

²These projects were identified and developed into implementation-ready projects through the Shore Friendly Program project development pipeline.

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20	24-1291	Shore Friendly-Planning	Shore Friendly-Northwest Straits 2025-2027	Northwest Straits Marine Conservation Foundation	\$1,952,500	\$14,663,970	10, 21, 24, 38, 40, 42	Whatcom, Skagit, San Juan, Jefferson, Clallam, Snohomish, Island
21	24-1183	Shore Friendly-Planning	Shore Friendly King County Program 2025-2027	Mid Sound Fisheries Enhancement Group	\$495,000	\$15,158,970	30, 32, 33, 34, 36, 37, 43, 46	King
22	24-1307	Shore Friendly-Planning	Swinomish Shore Friendly Program 2025-2027	Swinomish Indian Tribal Community	\$330,000	\$15,488,970	10	Skagit
23	24-1300	Shore Friendly-Planning	Island County Shore Friendly Program 2025-2027	Island County	\$330,000	\$15,818,970	10	Island
24	24-1905	RPD-Planning	Avian Communities Informing Estuary Restoration	Ecostudies Institute	\$302,500	\$16,121,470	Puget Sound wide	Puget Sound wide
25	24-1912	RPD-Planning	Web-based Viewer of Beach Topographic Data	Washington Department of Ecology	\$95,605	\$16,217,076	Puget Sound wide	Puget Sound wide
26	24-1904	RPD-Planning	Bluff Recession Analysis for Restoration Planning	Herrera Environmental Consult	\$170,302	\$16,387,378	Puget Sound wide	Puget Sound wide
27	24-1030	R&P-Restoration	Spencer Island Estuary Restoration	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$1,650,000	\$18,037,378	38	Snohomish
28	24-1915	RPD-Planning	Guidelines for Large Wood in Low Tide Pool Habitat	Skagit River System Cooperative	\$192,458	\$18,229,836	10	Skagit
29	24-1185	R&P-Restoration	Twanoh State Park Shoreline Restoration Phase Two	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$1,350,326	\$19,580,162	35	Mason
30	24-1910	RPD-Planning	Shoreline Sediment Characteristics for Restoration	University of Washington	\$36,842	\$19,617,004	Puget Sound wide	Puget Sound wide
31	24-1023	R&P-Planning, Acquisition, and Restoration	Padilla and Samish Bays Protection and Planning Two	Skagit Land Trust	\$1,649,120	\$21,266,124	40	Skagit
32	24-1906	RPD-Planning	Beach Nourishment Design Considerations in Puget Sound	Natural Systems Design	\$231,309	\$21,497,433	Puget Sound wide	Puget Sound wide
33	24-1086	R&P-Planning	Tahuya Estuary Bridge Preliminary Design	Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group	\$796,919	\$22,294,352	35	Mason
34	24-1251	R&P-Acquisition	Enetai Shoreline Protection	Great Peninsula Conservancy	\$3,344,220	\$25,638,572	23	Kitsap
35	23-1868	R&P-Restoration ²	Dyes Inlet Lagoon Bulkhead Removal	Kitsap County Community Development	\$325,479	\$25,964,051	23	Kitsap
36	24-1911	RPD-Planning	Coastal Stream Delta Evaluation for Restoration	Washington Department of Ecology	\$93,500	\$26,057,551	Puget Sound wide	Puget Sound wide
37	24-1127	R&P-Planning	Sound View Camp Nearshore Restoration	Nisqually Land Trust	\$242,000	\$26,299,551	26	Pierce
38	24-1137	R&P - Planning	Clayton Beach Nearshore Restoration	Northwest Straits Marine Conservation Foundation	<i>Removed from request. Funded by Natural Climate Solutions Account in 2024 Supplemental Budget.</i>		40	Skagit
39	24-1011	R&P - Planning	Lilliwaup Creek Restoration Feasibility	Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group			35	Mason
40	24-1252	R&P - Restoration ²	Dewey Beach Armor Removal	Northwest Straits Marine Conservation Foundation	\$469,929	\$26,769,480	10	Skagit
41	24-1089	R&P-Planning	Deschutes Estuary Restoration	Washington Department of Enterprise Services	\$440,000	\$27,209,480	22	Thurston
<i>Reserved funds for cost increases to identified projects</i>					\$323,400	\$27,532,880		
					Total Request	\$27,532,880		

Notes:

- This preliminary investment plan weaves together the Estuary and Salmon Restoration Program (ESRP)'s four grant program offerings: Restoration and Protection (R&P), Regional Pre-design (RPD), Small Grants, and Shore Friendly.
- The streamlined "portfolio" designation is reserved for projects that have completed feasibility design and ranked well in a previous ESRP investment plan. This designation allows high-performing project sponsors to request funding to complete the next phase of priority projects through a streamlined application process, and to be placed at the top of subsequent Estuary and Salmon Restoration Program investment plans.
- Several of the Regional Pre-design projects will result in planning guidance applicable to restoration projects in any part of Puget Sound and are denoted as "Puget Sound wide" in the "Legislative District" and "County" columns.