PROTECTION AND RESTORATION PLANS FOR SELECT B-IBI BASINS

The project focuses on improving freshwater quality and addresses Puget Sound Partnership recovery goals related to protecting and restoring streams in Puget Sound lowlands.

What we’re doing
King County will analyze regional stream macroinvertebrate data to identify 10 healthy basins needing protection and three degraded basins needing restoration. Candidate environmental stressors for each degraded basin will be identified and restoration plans will be developed to target those stressors. Protection plans will be developed for healthy basins to insure their long-term health.

WHAT YOU CAN DO
Everyone can play a part in protecting water quality and stream habitats. Promoting the conservation of forested lands and protecting riparian areas can help ensure healthy basins remain healthy. For degraded basins, actions are needed that help control the flow and improve the quality of stormwater runoff. These include installing rain gardens at your home, as well as encouraging regional planners and developers to implement the most effective stormwater controls. Reducing the delivery of contaminants and fine sediments, protecting riparian areas, and restoring natural flows are all key factors needed to protect and restore freshwater quality.

ABOUT
The WLR Division protects King County’s water and land resources by providing services that protect public health and safety and yield significant environmental benefits.

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