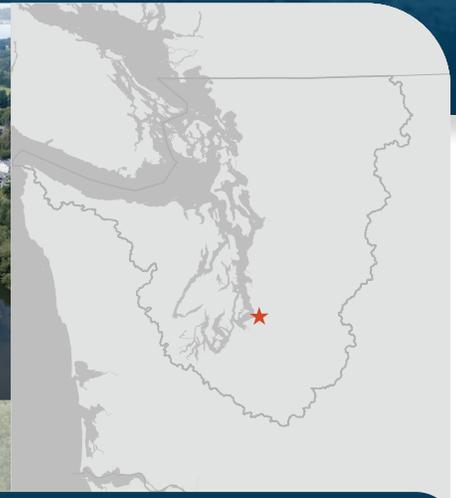


Downey Farmstead Side Channel Restoration

2021-2023 PSAR REGIONALLY SIGNIFICANT PROJECT

RANKED
#6 of 8



Constructing a side channel and reconnecting the Green River to its floodplain will provide critical rearing habitat for young salmon, which need slow water areas to rest, feed, and grow as they migrate into Puget Sound. The lower Green River has lost most of this important habitat to development, so young salmon are much smaller and more vulnerable when they enter the estuary. Planting native vegetation will shade the water and attract insects to feed the salmon.

KEY BENEFITS

- Restores side channel habitat and reconnects floodplain for young salmon to rest and grow.
- Maintains water quality in side channels for adult salmon migration.
- Supports Chinook salmon – a critical food source for endangered southern resident orcas.
- Reduces risk of flooding to nearby urban and agricultural properties.

SUPPORT FOR THIS PROJECT

- Ranked #6 for PSAR large capital program funding.
- Included as a Near Term Action in the Action Agenda.
- Addresses a key limiting factor for salmon recovery in the WRIA 9 Green/Duwamish and Central Puget Sound Watershed Salmon Habitat Plan.
- This project supports tribal treaty rights.

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Funding Request

\$4,799,932

Congressional District: **8**

Legislative District: **33**

WRIA: **9** County: **King**

Project Sponsor: **City of Kent**

PROJECT BY THE NUMBERS

1,875 feet

Side channel habitat for salmon

130 acre-feet

Storage for floodwaters

16 acres

Floodplain habitat reconnected
to Green River

6.34 acres

Off-channel rearing available for salmon

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WHAT IS PSAR?

The Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration (PSAR) program was created in 2007 to help implement the most important habitat protection and restoration projects for Puget Sound. Funding is appropriated every two years by the Washington State Legislature and allocated through the Salmon Recovery Funding Board. The program has two parts, with \$30 million provided as base funding for locally significant projects and remaining funds allocated to projects that are ranked as regionally significant.

A GOOD INVESTMENT

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- Support recovery of Puget Sound salmon, a critical food source for endangered southern resident orcas
- Provide local jobs, public access, and recreational opportunities
- Align with the Puget Sound Salmon Recovery Plan and the Puget Sound Action Agenda
- Are informed by science and the NOAA-approved Chinook salmon recovery strategy
- Are endorsed by members of the public, cities, counties, tribes, non-profit organizations, and government agencies

PSAR projects make cost-effective use of public money.

PSAR supports local communities by **creating more than 3,400 jobs in the last 13 years**. PSAR has also **leveraged \$157 million in federal and other matching funds and generated approximately \$560 million in economic activity**.

PSAR investments have supported the work of our partners to **restore and protect more than 3,200 acres of estuary habitat, 140 river miles for fish passage, and 12,000 acres of watershed habitat**. Many projects support multiple benefits.

The Puget Sound Partnership manages the PSAR program; funds are administered through the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office.