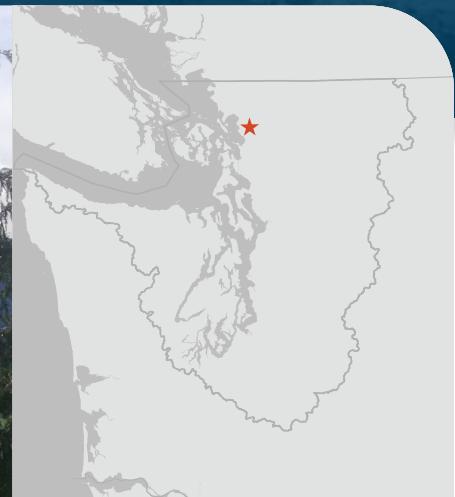


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Located along the South Fork Nooksack River, this project will acquire 502 acres of forested riparian habitat. This acquisition will end a history of short-term landownership of this vital riparian forest and allow for implementation of forest management practices that will reduce sedimentation and water temperatures and increase habitat complexity. Growth of mature riparian forests creates vital salmon habitat including large woody debris for feeding and refuge, in addition to shade that cools stream water.

KEY BENEFITS

- Reduces loss of ecologically important forest cover.
- Outdoor recreation opportunities maintained throughout the area.
- Supports local forestry economy.

SUPPORT FOR THIS PROJECT

- Ranked #8 for PSAR 2021-2023 regionally significant projects.
- Fulfills a priority strategy for salmon recovery in the South Fork watershed.
- Located in a priority area that has the greatest magnitude of benefit to the ESA-listed South Fork Chinook salmon population.

Funding Request

\$1,297,597

Congressional District: **1**

Legislative District: **42**

WRIA: **1** County: **Whatcom**

Project Sponsor:
Whatcom Land Trust

PROJECT BY THE NUMBERS

502 acres

Existing forest and salmon habitat protected

300 acres

Sustainably managed forest

4.64 miles

Streambank

126 years

Age of the oldest stand of trees on the property

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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.