



The Alliance for
Puget Sound Shorelines

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Goal 1: Create 10 new shoreline parks or natural areas.

Over the next three years, the Alliance for Puget Sound Shorelines will work to complete 10 new shoreline park or natural area acquisitions. Shoreline protection is essential to the ecological health of the Sound—it helps protect and foster the critical habitat and dynamic natural processes that support the Sound’s rich web of life. The shorelines are also where the vast majority of people connect with and enjoy the Sound every day.

Over the years, our organizations have collaborated with many tribal, private, government, and nonprofit partners to complete shoreline park and natural area acquisitions around Puget Sound. Through the Alliance, our organizations are building on these longstanding efforts. **We seek to partner with entities throughout Puget Sound interested in acquiring and protecting shoreline properties that will protect the health of the Sound and provide our growing population with more places to directly experience the Sound’s shorelines and waters.**

Types of Acquisition Projects: The Alliance hopes to complete 10 new shoreline acquisitions that protect some of the following values we feel are critical to protecting Puget Sound:

- Protection of plants, animals, and natural communities that are dependent on nearshore habitat, including submerged and tideland habitat, and adjoining uplands.
- Increased opportunities for people to enjoy the Puget Sound shorelines and the waters of the Sound – we hope to reverse Washington’s history of selling off public land along the shoreline and create new places for people to connect with the Sound.
- Areas that will be functional or viable over time. Acquisitions in proximity of other protected land can result in greater protection than would be expected based on the size of the acquired site.
- In some instances, we expect to work on areas that have been little affected by human activity. In others, we expect to engage in habitat enhancement and restoration on acquisition sites.

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