



Rural Aquatic Area Enhancement Services

KCD offers aquatic area enhancement services to help livestock and agricultural landowners protect and improve the health of streams, rivers, wetlands, lakes and ponds. A buffer planted adjacent to a water body with native trees and shrubs can improve water quality, stabilize shorelines, and enhance fish and wildlife habitat. Many landowners do not have the money or expertise to plant buffers on their own; but KCD makes aquatic area enhancement possible by designing and installing buffer enhancement projects and replacement planting with native species. KCD will also provide three years of free maintenance and monitoring to ensure a high rate of plant survival.

Who is eligible?

Landowners or land managers with a KCD Farm Conservation Plan and pastures adjacent to a stream, river, wetland, lake or pond.

What is included?

- Free project design and management
- Cost share on labor for invasive species (such as blackberry and ivy) removal and native vegetation planting
- Project materials which included plants, mulch and plant protectors

What are the benefits?

- Cleaner water
- Improved shoreline stability
- Attractive native plants for increased property value
- Enjoyment of fish and wildlife
- Improved land stewardship!

How much will it cost?

- Complete design and project management: FREE
- Installation (labor, plants, mulch): Landowner 10%; KCD and Washington State Conservation Commission 90%
- Maintenance (3 years): Landowner 10%; KCD 90%

What is a buffer?

A buffer is a band of vegetation along a stream, river, wetland, lake or pond.



Before



During



After (3 years later)

Contact Jacobus Saperstein at 425-282-1912 or jacobus.saperstein@kingcd.org for additional information about this program and other conservation services.