



Urban Aquatic Area Enhancement Services

KCD offers aquatic area enhancement services to help urban landowners protect and improve the health of streams, rivers, wetlands, lakes and ponds. Buffers along water bodies can improve water quality, stabilize shorelines, and enhance fish and wildlife habitat. Many landowners do not have the money or expertise to plant their own buffers, but KCD is able to make aquatic area enhancement possible by designing and installing buffer enhancement projects. Additionally, KCD provides cost share on three years of maintenance and monitoring to ensure a high rate of plant survival.

What is a buffer?

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

Who is eligible?

Landowners or land managers within the city limits of a KCD member jurisdiction in King County and adjacent to a stream, river, wetland, lake or pond.

What is included?

- Free project design and management
- Cost share on labor for invasive species 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 90%
- Maintenance (3 years): Landowner 10%; KCD 90%



Before



After (3 years later)

Contact Ashley Allan at 425-282-1919 or ashley.allan@kingcd.org for additional information about this program and other conservation services.