



Urban Aquatic Area Enhancement Services

KCD offers aquatic area enhancement services to help urban landowners protect and improve the health of creeks, streams, rivers and wetlands by enhancing and restoring vegetated riparian buffers. Buffers along water bodies can improve water quality, stabilize shorelines and create fish/wildlife habitat. This program provides free educational tours and workshops, as well as site visits and site-specific vegetation management recommendations, to empower landowners with the knowledge and skills needed to better steward their aquatic areas. KCD also offers financial incentives, as well as project design and implementation services to qualified property owners.

What is a buffer?

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

Who is eligible for financial assistance and implementation services?

Landowners who have aquatic areas on their properties and are within the city limits of a KCD Member Jurisdiction.*

What are the requirements?

- A minimum plantable buffer width of 15 to 35 feet, depending on stream width
- A 15-year project agreement with KCD

What is cost-share?

- Landowners pay 10% of labor and materials required for installation, not to exceed \$3,000
- KCD provides free project design, management and maintenance for 3 years

What are the benefits?

- Cleaner, cooler water
- Improved shoreline stability
- Attractive native plants
- Enjoyment of fish and wildlife
- Improved land stewardship

Contact Ashley Allan at ashley.allan@kingcd.org or **425-282-1919** for additional information.

* Member Jurisdictions include 34 cities in King County except Enumclaw, Federal Way, Milton, Pacific and Skykomish.



Before



After (3 years later)