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# Meadowdale Beach Park Estuary Restoration

## Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) Grants

\$1 million Estuary and Salmon  
Restoration Program  
(With Washington Department of Fish  
and Wildlife)

\$608,289 Puget Sound  
Acquisition and Restoration  
(With Puget Sound Partnership)

\$191,711 Salmon State  
(Salmon Recovery Funding Board)

\$500,000 Aquatic Lands  
Enhancement Account  
(Recreation and Conservation Funding  
Board)

\$604,078 Washington Wildlife  
and Recreation Program  
(Recreation and Conservation Funding  
Board)

\$704,713 Snohomish County  
\$3,608,791 Total

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## Project Description

The restoration of the Meadowdale Beach Park estuary is a large, multi-agency project that restores habitat and creates public access to the beach at Meadowdale Beach Park on the north end of Brown's Bay on Puget Sound. The park hosts 65,000 visitors yearly and is one of only three Snohomish County parks on Puget Sound shoreline.

The Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office has provided some of the grants to fund the on-the-ground work. The grants are helping Snohomish County restore the natural processes of Lund's Gulch Creek, the estuary, and the near-shore.

## Project Details

- Removing 17,000 cubic yards of fill to re-establish a 1.3-acre estuary.
- Replacing a culvert under the Burlington Northern-Santa Fe railroad tracks and 2,000 cubic yards of hardened shoreline armor with a railroad bridge. The work will widen the channel to 90 feet, allowing the creek to meander, to deliver sediment to the beach, and to improve connection to the near-shore pocket estuary habitat.
- Placing tree root wads and logs in the creek to improve Chinook salmon habitat.
- Planting native vegetation along the near-shore and creekbanks to improve salmon habitat.
- Moving park amenities inland, including benches, picnic tables and a portable restroom enclosure.
- Rerouting pathways and adding seven viewpoints and four interpretive signs, a wetland boardwalk, and a pedestrian bridge over the creek for viewing salmon.





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The area was labeled as "most degraded" by the Puget Sound Nearshore Ecosystem Restoration Project. The restoration demonstrates that a healthy coastal ecosystem can co-exist with critical transportation infrastructure and robust public recreation.

### More Details

<https://secure.rco.wa.gov/prism/search/projectsnapshot.aspx?ProjectNumber=18-1259>

