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Strawberry Pointer

You're invited!

*Fri. Night, Aug. 22, 6-8 pm at Taylor Road Firehouse
Burgers, Brauts & Info about your neighborhood!*

Strawberry Point Project Partners

Whidbey Camano Land Trust

Protects our islands' natural habitats and rural lands in partnership with land-owners and the broader community. 360-222-3310
www.wclt.org

Whidbey Island Conservation District

Free non-regulatory technical assistance on farming, forest planning and low impact development for Whidbey residents. 360-678-4708
www.whidbeycd.org

WSU/Island County Extension Service

Education based info & programs for Whidbey & Camano: Beach Watchers, Shore Stewards, 4-H, Agricultural Sustainability & Land Stewardship with Livestock Advisors, Waste Wise & Master Gardeners. 360-679-7327
www.island.wsu.edu

Island Co. Planning & Community Develop.

Resource Enhancement Program administers your County's Salmon Recovery & Water Quality Monitoring Programs. 360-678-5111 x6069
www.islandcounty.net

*Island Co. & WA State
Parks Cooperating*

It's time for the annual Strawberry Point get-together — Friday night, Aug. 22, 6-8 pm, at the Taylor Road Fire Station.

Chow down on burgers or brauts & fixings, cooked & served by your No. Whidbey Fire & Rescue Dist. Commissioners.

You'll have a chance to visit with neighbors, and hear about Strawberry Pt. watershed happenings.

Some folks have learned new skills to better manage their forested lands. You'll hear their updates, and learn about two free

upcoming workshops: Nov. 15, Farm Planning and Best Management Practices; Jan. 24, "Living On A Bluff".

Hosted by the Strawberry Point Protection Project, funded in part by Washington Salmon Recovery Funding Board.

Dinner starts at 6 pm; program follows. RSVP not required, but appreciated! Leave message, 360 678-5111 x6069.

No cost; donations welcome in the Fireman's Boot for worthy local causes.

LOOKING BACK

Pictured in our masthead is the natural beauty of Strawberry Point. A team of scientists visited the area this past April to study the marine and riparian shores of Strawberry Point watersheds.

Whidbey Camano Land Trust staff helped with the assessment, and will share details about their project at the dinner and program Aug. 22nd.



Sign up Aug. 22
Free farm plastics
recycling event coming
this fall

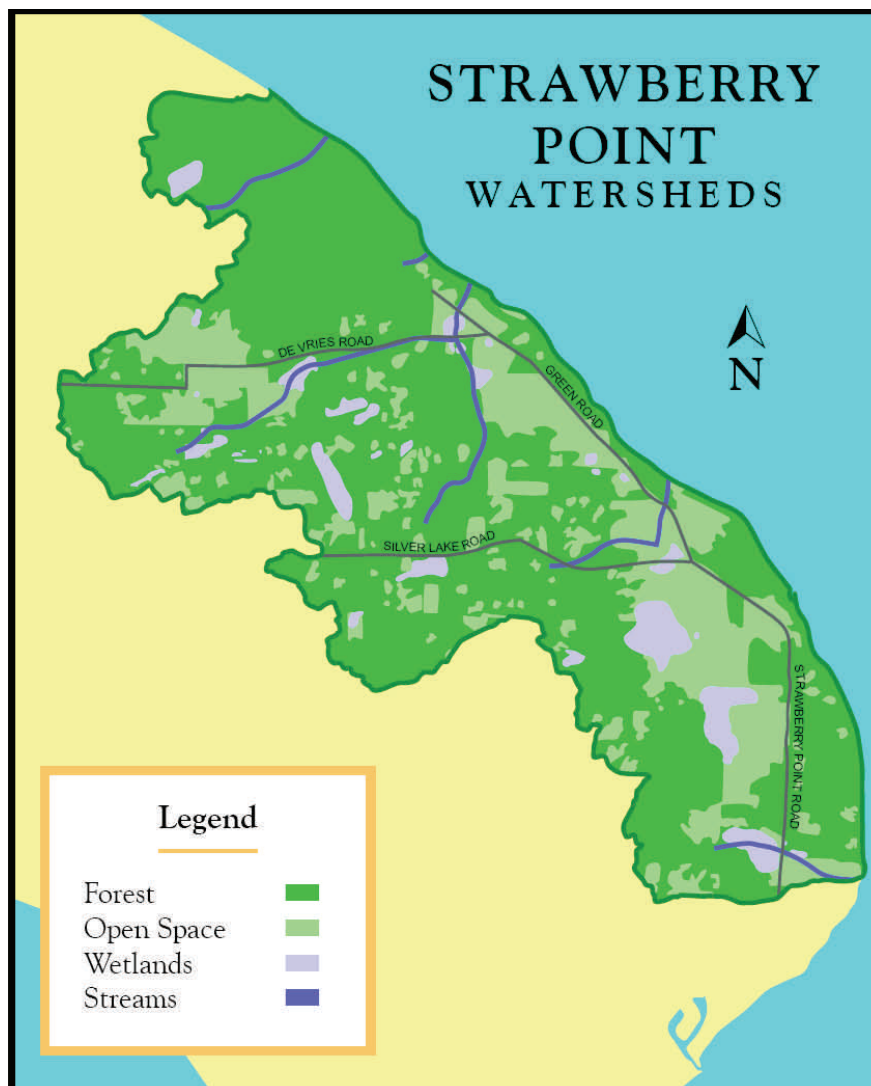
Strawberry Pointers can recycle "agricultural plastics" free, this fall, at a WSU Shore Stewards event! Sign up, get details, Aug. 22, 6-8 pm, Taylor Road Fire station, 3440 Taylor Rd.

When it rains...

All that storm water flows off our roofs and over driveways, yards and fields, picking up pollutants along the way and carrying them into Puget Sound. At the Strawberry Point Community Dinner, Aug. 22, Whidbey Island Conservation District and Island Co. WWSU Extension will show you some alternatives to managing storm water runoff. Low Impact Development, or LID, is the emerging trend in storm water management and site design combined with best management practices (BMPs). The goal of LID is to mimic the ways in which nature handled storm water before development brought changes to the landscape, by using design techniques that infiltrate, filter, store, evaporate, and detain runoff close to its source. Have you noticed your water usage going up this summer? You'll also learn about systems for capturing and reusing rain water for irrigation, such as rain barrels and cisterns. Now is the time to implement these practices, while the sun is shining and before the rain returns!



Rain garden captures runoff, removes pollutants before storm water drains downhill to the Sound or infiltrates into our aquifers (drinking water)—come lend a hand putting in Silverlake Fire Station's rain garden Sept. 20, and learn how to create one on your property!



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RESOURCE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

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