Green Shores for Homes
A non-regulatory approach to encourage living shorelines

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BEFORE

Paul Broadhurst Design
Bulkheads affect habitat and impede sediment distribution.

Source: Hugh Shipman
We build houses too close to the shoreline…

Source: Zillow
And there are consequences.

Shipman, Coastal Landsliding on Puget Sound, 2001
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A Salish Sea Tale

Map Credit:
Steven Fick/Canadian Geographic
Credit Categories

- Shoreline Process: 6 different credits
- Shoreline Habitat: 6 different credits
- Water Quality: 6 different credits
- Stewardship: 4 different credits
Shoreline Process Credits for Bulkhead Removal

- Remove bulkhead and restore natural site conditions.
- Address erosion caused by neighboring bulkheads.

Anticipate that fill may erode quickly until it reaches a stable shape.

Remove non-native materials, including non-native fill and underground structures.

Source: Makers
Shoreline Habitat credits for use of native vegetation

Source: Makers
Shoreline habitat credits for Large Woody Debris

Source: Makers
Water Quality credits for stormwater and septic

Source: Makers
Shoreline stewardship credits for joint docks
Submittal Forms

Credits Checklist

Instructions and submittal forms for a Green Shores for Homes application

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Welcome to Green Shores™ for Homes (GSH). Whether you are a waterfront homeowner, contractor or jurisdiction, this program provides you with the tools you need to enjoy the many recreational, scenic, environmental, and shoreline protection benefits of preserved or restored shorelines. GSH is a voluntary, incentive-based program similar to green building rating programs such as Built Green™ and LEED™. A residential shoreline project receives points for design features from four categories of credits.
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PILOT PROPERTIES
Lake Property

Before

After
Marine Property

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