

# Incentivizing "Shore Friendly" Projects in Puget Sound

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## A very brief introduction to Puget Sound





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Windemere Real Estate



**Hugh Shipman** 



Seattle Municipal Archive (1935)

## "Soft shore" stabilization

### Engineered projects that utilize sediment, logs, and plants to slow erosion



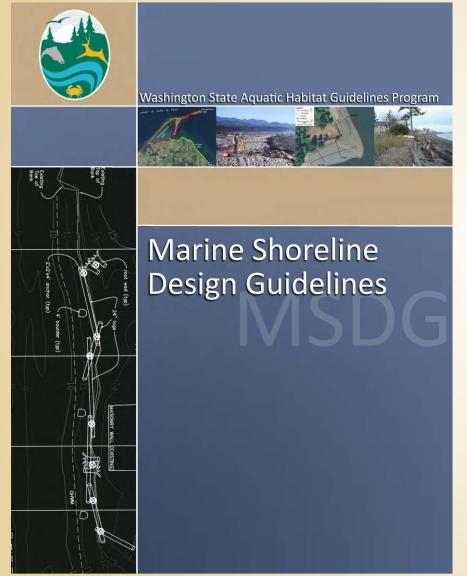
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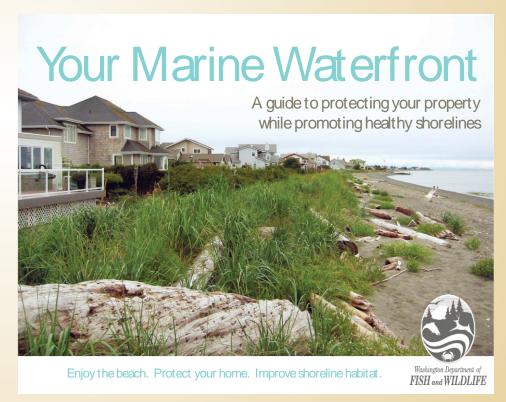
**USACE Seattle District** 

**Seahurst Park Beach Restoration (Phase 2)** 

## Pivot to residential projects



National Estuary Program partners recognized hundreds of small projects are needed to meet regional goals for reducing hard armor



WDFW 2016

## Incentive strategy development







#### **Shore Friendly Final Report**

- Prepared for: WA Department of Fish and Wildlife and WA State Department of Natural Resources
- Prepared by: Colehour + Cohen, Applied Research Northwest, Social Marketing Services, Futurewise and Coastal Geologic Services

Prepared as part of the project: Social Marketing Strategy to Reduce Puget Sound Shoreline Armoring









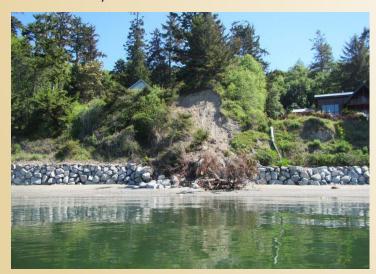


- > Employed social marketing techniques
- > Grouped and prioritized residential parcels
- > Identified target behaviors for each group
- > Identified barriers/motivators for each behavior
- > Developed incentive tools and messages to address key barriers/motivators

## Shore Friendly program elements



**Shore Friendly Mason** 



- > Homeowner education
- > Influencer education
- > Technical assistance
  - Free on-site erosion assessments
  - Whole-property approach
  - Neighbors as program ambassadors
- > Design assistance
- > Permitting assistance
- > Financial assistance



## Local implementation

#### Pilot campaigns (2012-2016)













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#### Expansion (2019)

















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### **Outcomes 2012-2018**





**Shore Friendly Kitsap** 

- > In-person engagement with 870+ shoreline homeowners
- > 21 influencer trainings reached 480+ real estate agents, contractors, and consultants
- > 20 completed armor removal projects (1200+ linear feet)
- > At least 35 additional projects in the pipeline

## Loan program feasibility study

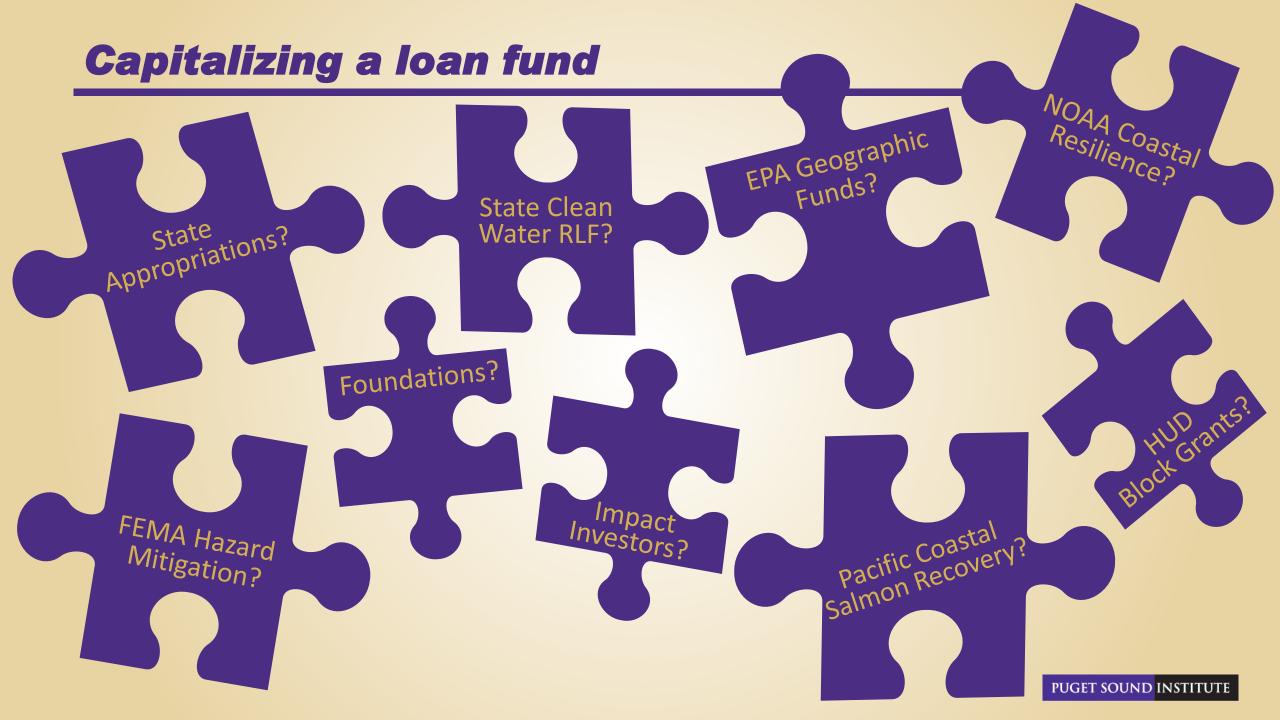
- Create a Revolving Loan Fund to finance Shore Friendly projects
  - Focus on properties with failing armor and low to medium erosion risk
- Incorporate coastal flood hazard mitigation as target behavior
  - Elevating homes
  - Moving homes away from water or bluff edge



**Shore Friendly Mason** 



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## **Policy opportunities**

- > Coastal Communities Adaptation Act (H.R. 1317)
- > Living Shorelines Act (H.R. 3115)



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