

South Sound Riparian Workshop

Bringing partners together to amplify riparian restoration and protection in South Puget Sound

June 7 from 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM

Location: Friendly Meetinghouse

3201 Boston Harbor Rd NE, Olympia, WA 98506

The South Sound Riparian Workshop is for south Puget Sound project sponsors, local organizations, and riparian project funders to: (1) create a space for the development or amplification of strategic partnerships around riparian work in South Sound; (2) provide early input to funders as they consider development of riparian focused RFPs. Discussion sessions will include networking time and guided conversations to invite connections, and discuss project ideas, funding needs, and potential coordination in advance of potential riparian-focused RFPs expected later in 2024.

Time	Topic	Participants
9:00 AM	Networking and Getting Settled (<i>coffee + tea provided</i>)	All
9:30 AM	Welcome, Purpose and Agenda Review	Elizabeth McManus, AHSS LIO Coordinator
9:45 AM	Getting to Know Each Other (<i>structured networking/introductions</i>)	All
10:00	IGNITE Panel - A series of quick, informal 3-5 minute presentations on riparian issues intended to spark interest in further conversation throughout the workshop.	Project Sponsors and Practitioners
10:45	Funders Roundtable – (3-5 mins each) Ecology, RCO, NOAA, BEF, Conservation Commission, NRCS, USFWS Questions for Funders • How much money do you have to grant and what is the average size of a single grant? • What are the eligibility criteria for your program? • What is a typical project for your program? • Have you funded anything in the South Sound in the last 3-5 years?	Funding Organizations
11:30	Prep for Open Space: Choose Your Track (<i>topics to be refined during the workshop</i>) • Finding your Projects: choosing the right place; landowner outreach and willingness; design and feasibility Issues • Getting Projects Done: workforce development; volunteers; plant acquisition	Kristen Durance, PWR LIO Coordinator

	• Post-Project Maintenance and Stewardship: invasive weed control; volunteers • Working with Community: local engagement; encampment impacts and support Key question: <i>What aspects of this work are both critical to project success and particularly difficult to get funding for?</i>	
11:45	Lunch/Networking <i>Sandwiches from Lucky Lunchbox provided and will include options for GF and vegan. We will also have refreshments and snacks. There is a fridge available if needed.</i>	
12:30	Break out Session Round 1 (pick one topic) <i>Guiding Questions</i> • What aspects of this work are both critical to project success and particularly difficult right now? Why? • Is there a different way to approach this challenge? Is there a courageous conversation we should be having? • If there is a funding need, what could funders change or emphasize in their programs to improve riparian project success? How do we ensure funding is effective? • How could different partnerships support work in this topic area? Are these connections already happening or do they need nurturing? • Are there policy or programmatic needs that should be addressed? What change is suggested? • What can we do at the regional scale (South Sound) that would better support projects in this topic area? How about basin-wide (Puget Sound)?	Small Groups
1:00	Breakout Session Round 2 (pick a second topic) <i>Guiding Questions the Same as Above</i>	Small Groups
1:30	Making Connections – <i>What did you hear in breakouts and how can we support one another to improve riparian project funding and success?</i>	All
1:50	Funders Raconteur Showcase <i>I used to think ____ and now I’m wondering more about ____?</i>	Funders
2:20	Where do we go from here? How will today’s information be synthesized, shared, and used?	Facilitator
2:30	Adjourn and Enjoy the Day	