



What is Shore Friendly?

Shore Friendly Kitsap is a new program to assist marine waterfront homeowners who are interested in voluntarily removing all or part of their old bulkhead

For some locations, bulkheads may not be necessary for erosion protection. Removing all or some of your old bulkhead can:

- enhance the natural beauty of your property
- increase direct access to your beach
- benefit plants and animals



Photo: Washington Water Trails Association

Benefits of Bulkhead Removal

Enhance your property in areas with low erosion risk, improving your waterfront's natural look and beach access

Save money by removing bulkheads that require continual, expensive repairs. Structures may contribute to their own failure by trapping water on the landward side and increasing the threat of land movement.

Improve the beach for plants and animals by taking out bulkheads. Studies show bulkheads reduce habitat, plants, sand, and sediment, and in turn deprive young salmon of food and shelter.

For more information about *Shore Friendly Kitsap*, please contact us:

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About *Shore Friendly Kitsap*



Before and after bulkhead removal and soft shore protection on Samish Island.

Shore Friendly Kitsap is a new program to assist marine waterfront homeowners who are interested in voluntarily removing all or part of their old bulkhead or replacing it with soft shore stabilization.

Information will be available for marine waterfront homeowners in Kitsap County who are interested in learning more about their waterfront and the benefits of bulkhead removal.

The Shore Friendly team can provide:

- Cost-share incentives
- Free site erosion visits to discuss removal feasibility at your location
- Assistance navigating the permit process.

By removing or reducing your old bulkhead, you are making a statement to your community that you are committed to a healthy sustainable Puget Sound.

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