



Improving water quality and riparian habitat on streams that flow through the urban centers of Snohomish County

Why are riparian buffers important?

A riparian buffer is an area of native vegetation along the bank of a stream that separates the water from developed areas such as lawns, crops, pastures, buildings, and driveways. Buffers can include ground covers, grasses, shrubs, and trees. When functioning properly, buffers provide many benefits for people and for wildlife.

Why use native plants?

Native plants are those species that occur historically in a particular region. The advantages of landscaping with native plants are:

- Increased resistance to pests and environmental stress
- Less water use and maintenance
- Increased species diversity
- Excellent wildlife habitat
- Beautiful landscapes

CURB Partnership



What is CURB?

CURB assists homeowners in restoring riparian areas on their property through the use of native plant buffers.

Eligible streams include urban streams within the City limits of: Brier, Edmonds, Mukilteo, Lake Stevens, Everett, Marysville and Stanwood.



How CURB works

SCD provides: Buffer design, plants, volunteers to assist with site preparation and planting, and a maintenance plan

The homeowner provides: The site, site preparation, planting labor and maintenance for 10 years



Interested?

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