

Downstream Habitat Protection & Restoration



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Downstream Habitat

- Serves 2 HCP purposes:
 - Instream Flows - to complement beneficial instream flow management with beneficial land management
 - Landsburg Mitigation - as mitigation to the diversion dam at Landsburg
- Protection & restoration approach used for both purposes--managed as one program

Downstream Habitat Funding

- Funding allocations in 2001 - 2005
- Landsburg Mitigation: \$ 1.9 million*
- Instream Flows: \$ 3.8 million*
- TOTAL: \$5.7 million*

* in 2002 \$'s

Program Elements

- Guiding Principles
- Tools
 - Land acquisition
 - Habitat restoration
- Process for project selection
- Project evaluation criteria

Downstream Habitat *Guiding Principles*

- Biological considerations
 - Address factors limiting salmon production
 - Prioritize projects based on level of impact
 - Locate projects in active flood plain
- Strategic allocation of funding
 - Link to basin-wide recovery efforts
 - Emphasize protection
- Efficient use of funding
 - Leverage City funding with matching funds from non-City sources

Downstream Habitat *Protection & Restoration* Tools

- Land Acquisition
 - Fee simple
 - Conservation easement
 - Transfer of Development Credits program
 - To be owned and managed by non-City entity
- Restoration
 - Pilot projects that provide opportunities to evaluate effectiveness of approaches

Downstream Habitat *Project Selection Criteria*

- Habitat benefit
 - Complexity/diversity
 - Connectivity
 - Contiguity
- Feasibility
 - Landowner willingness
 - Partnership opportunity
 - Degree of threat
- Other benefits
 - Achieves multiple HCP goals
 - Achieves WRIA 8 planning goals
 - Provides educational opportunities

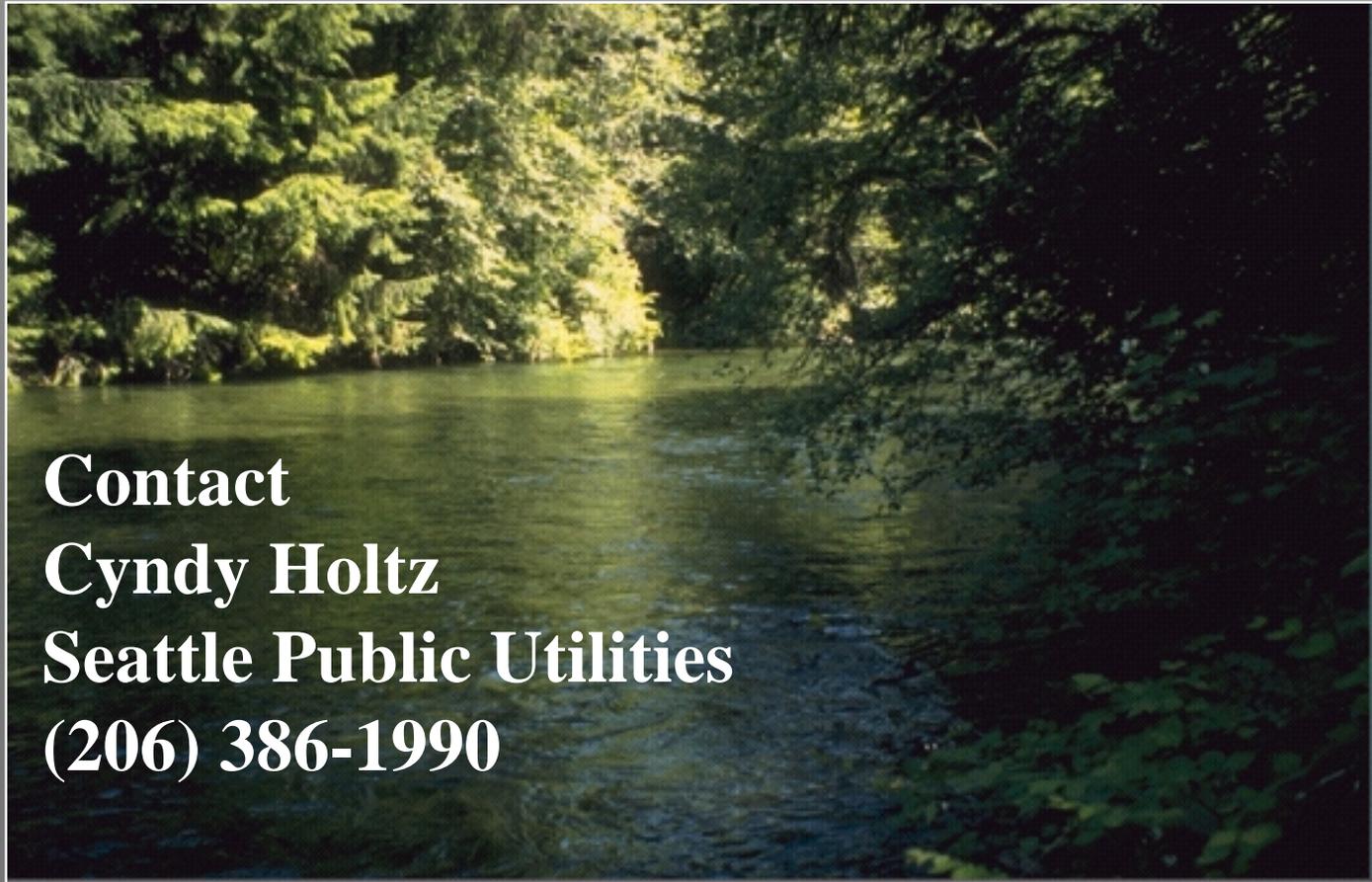
Downstream Habitat *Project Selection Process*

- Develop draft project list
- SPU team evaluates & prioritizes projects (based on guiding principles) & HCP Internal Steering Committee reviews
- Receive input from AFC, WRIA 8 subcommittee, Cedar River Council
- HCP Internal Steering Committee reviews
- Seattle City Council reviews
- Approval from Parties to Landsburg Mitigation Agreement (for LMA funding)

Downstream Habitat *Current Status*

- Seattle City Council reviewed program proposal - May 2001
- Project list developed - September 2001
- Review by Cedar River Council - October 2001
- Reviewed by AFC - January 2002
- Review by City Council - February 2002
- Begin implementation - March 2002

For additional information:



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