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Edmonds Receives \$200,000 Grant from the Salmon Recovery Funding Board for Opening of Willow Creek from Edmonds Marsh to Puget Sound

(Edmonds – WA) The City of Edmonds will receive a grant for \$200,000 from the State of Washington Recreation and Conservation office, Salmon Recovery Funding Board to continue work on the Willow Creek “daylighting” project. This grant is from the Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration Fund (PSAR). The grant is part of more than \$42 million given to organizations around the state for projects that restore and protect salmon habitat. For more information about the grant program go to: <http://www.rco.wa.gov/documents/salmon/119-SRFB-KingCounty.pdf>

The City of Edmonds will use this grant to complete the feasibility study for a project to improve the connection of Edmonds Marsh to Puget Sound through Willow Creek, which currently flows through a system of buried pipes and vaults built in the 1960s. Restoring an open channel connection from the marsh to Puget Sound will give salmon access to the marsh for rearing.

Edmonds Marsh is a 32-acre remnant of a historical, more than 100-acre estuary and marsh complex located a short distance from the downtown core of Edmonds. The creek is used by Chinook salmon, which are listed as threatened with the risk of extinction under the federal Endangered Species Act. The City of Edmonds will contribute \$35,300 in donations of labor for the feasibility phase plus additional funding to move the project into the permitting and design phases.

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