

SEAHURST PARK SHORELINE RESTORATION PROJECT

Reestablishing natural shoreline and beach access for all



Project Highlights:

- Winner of the Futurewise 2014 Livable Communities Award
- Removed 1,800 feet of concrete seawall
- Planted more than 20,200 trees and shrubs
- Replaced 18,000 cubic yards of gravel and sand to rebuild degraded beaches

“Creating a healthy Puget Sound is complex work. It’s about human health and quality of life. It’s about sustaining the populations of our native species. It’s about jobs and the economy. It’s about honoring our tribal treaty rights.”

-- Martha Kongsgaard, Puget Sound Partnership Leadership Council Chair

- WRIA 9 partners—the City of Burien, Puget Sound Partnership, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers—have restored the natural shoreline at Seahurst Park. This 178-acre park is enjoyed by thousands of beach visitors per year and its forested bluffs and gravel shoreline contribute to healthy salmon habitat.
- The nearshore including eelgrass beds, is critical to juvenile salmon as it provides ideal resting and feeding conditions, and serves as a travel corridor for migrating fish.
- The two phases of this project resulted in removal of bulkheads and almost a mile of natural shoreline--one of the largest contiguous lengths of natural shoreline within the cities of WRIA 9. Phase one was completed in 2005; phase two construction was completed in 2014.
- Phase one restored the southern 1,200 feet of the park’s beach, removed seawall, added 9,000 cubic yards of gravel and sand and planted native plants and shrubs.
- Shoreline restoration also improved public access to the beach.

For more information: <http://www.govlink.org/watersheds/9/>

