

Alliance for a Healthy South Sound LIO Council Meeting

MARCH 2025

Agenda

Time	Session	Speakers
10:00am	Welcome & Get Settled	Elizabeth McManus
10:05am	Overview of PhD Research Focused on Ecosystem Health in the Puget Sound	Krista Harrington
10:15am	LIO Collective Action Plan Next Steps – Healthy Shorelines	Elizabeth McManus
10:35am	Kitsap Natural Asset Management Program Overview	Brittany Gordon
11:05am	Agriculture Lands Presentations – Thurston Conservation District & Community Farmland Trust	Nora White (TCD) Rachel Friedman (CFT)
11:35am	AHSS LIO Updates	Elizabeth McManus
11:45am	Round Robin	All
11:55am	Wrap-up & Next Steps	Elizabeth McManus
12:00 - Adjourn and Enjoy the Day!		

PhD Research Overview

Krista Harrington, Oregon State University

LIO Collective Action Plan Next Steps

Healthy Shorelines

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LIO Collective Action Plans

- Describe the work that needs to happen locally to advance the Puget Sound Action Agenda
- Describes what is needed (funding, capacity, new policies, etc) to advance that work

What will Collective Action Plans include

- Clear connection between the local barriers/pressures/challenges, proposed solutions (i.e., actions), and the Action Agenda Strategies and Actions
- Clear project/action description (who would like to do what where to achieve what outcome)
 - Distinguish between local and regional actors
- Estimated cost for local work (rough estimates are fine)
- Staff/capacity needs for local work (rough estimates are fine)

Action Plans do not need to be perfect –
adaptively managing them will be an iterative process

- Regulatory Strategy: Increase and improve shoreline regulation implementation, compliance, enforcement, and communication.
- Incentives Strategy: Expand and improve incentives and education for residential property owners to motivate voluntary actions for healthy, climate resilient shorelines.
- Long-Term Strategic Planning Strategy: Improve long-term strategic planning to reduce shoreline armoring and increase public access and related human wellbeing benefits.
- Design Strategy: Increase and improve coastal process-based design and technical training.

LIO Collective Action Plan Discussion: Healthy Shorelines

- What shoreline strategies are most important in the South Sound
 - DRAFT AA Strategies on the left for reference
- What is the critical local work (actions) to advance shoreline protection and restoration in South Sound?
- Are there also things that need to happen at the state or Puget Sound level?

- Mobilize Funding
- Institutional Capacity Building
- Technical Assistance Building
- Implementation and Effectiveness
- Monitoring & Evaluation
- Policy & Regulation Development
- Recovery Planning & Design
- Compliance Monitoring & Enforcement
- Incentives
- Education & Awareness
- Other

LIO Collective Action Plan Discussion: Healthy Shorelines

- What categories of action seem like highest priority in the AHSS region?
 - Categories on the left for reference
- Should we group or combine these categories of action differently?
- Which organizations (local actors) are critical to engage in Action Plan development for shorelines?



Kitsap Natural Asset Management

Brittany Gordon, Kitsap County



Agriculture Lands

Nora White, Thurston Conservation District &
Rachel Friedman, Community Farmland Trust



Community Farm Land Trust

Farm Preservation and Riparian Management

Rachel Friedman, Chair

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Who is the Community Farm Land Trust?

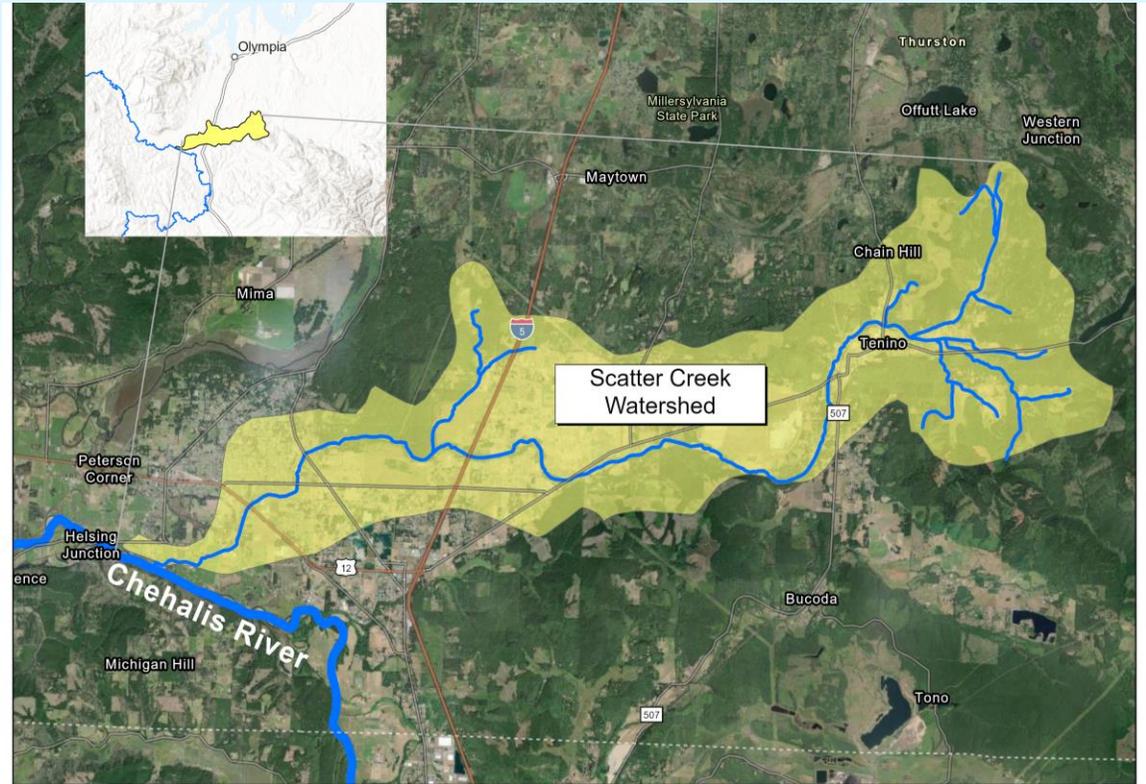
Farming and land conservation in community

- Established in 1997
- Mission: Promote local food and farming systems, farm preservation, outreach, partnerships and diverse opportunities
- Work in 4 counties. Preserved 216 acres of actively farmed land
- Community Land Trust model: Assure affordable land, farming infrastructure habitat conservation in perpetuity.
- Utilize a 99-year lease: Ensures secure land tenure and sustainable farming and habitat management

Scatter Creek Basin

Farms in the Basin

- Tributary to Chehalis River
- Timber in headwaters
- Agriculture in lowlands
- Coho spawning throughout
- Steelhead use lower river
- Chum reported in the past



Scatter Creek Watershed

Created by Washington Water Trust

Farms in lower Scatter Creek basin

Scatter Creek Farm and Conservancy

- 147-acre parcel owned by CFLT
- Co-managed CFLT and Creekside Conservancy
- Artesian springs
- 1200 ft seasonal streams infiltration



Farms in lower Scatter Creek basin

James Historic Farm

- 29-acre farm
- Artesian springs feed pond
- Maintained forested buffers



Farms in lower Scatter Creek basin

Arney Farm (under consideration for acquisition)

- 25-acre parcel
- Scatter Creek flows through property
- Buffer of mature trees
- Scatter Creek floods
- Floods beneficially in pasture



Farms in lower Scatter Creek basin

Marriage of agriculture and habitat management

- Integrate habitat conservation
- Sustainable agricultural preservation
- Agricultural ground leases



- www.communityfarmlandtrust.org



LIO Updates

- Action Agenda Process
- South Sound Science Center Next Steps

South Sound Science Center - Next Steps

- Conversation with the South Sound Science Symposium Planning Committee to identify key science and research needs and science funding gaps
- Develop a South Sound Science Center Committee to help refine the objectives and build structure.
- Seek initial funding.



Round Robin Announcements



Thank you for
being here!

THE NEXT AHSS LIO
COUNCIL MEETING IS ON
JUNE 26, 2025!