

HCCC In Lieu Fee Mitigation Program Kicksoff First Mitigation Project!

HCCC partnered with the Great Peninsula Conservancy to acquire 17 acres of wetlands to be restored and protected in perpetuity.

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In 2014 HCCC sold mitigation credits to the Washington State Department of Transportation for wetland mitigation requirements associated with the SR3 Widening and Safety Project in Belfair. The HCCC in partnership with the Great Peninsula Conservancy acquired a 17 acre wetland parcel in Belfair as mitigation for wetland impacts occurring with the highway project. The property will be protected in perpetuity as a wetland; providing wildlife habitat, water quality and hydrologic functions to the area, and specifically the Union River watershed. In March 2015 wetland buffer restoration actions were initiated to enhance the functions and values of the wetland. An abandoned home and years of accumulated debris and garbage were removed from the property. The site will be planted this spring/fall with native vegetation, and long-term management of the property to control invasive species and protect the wetland will be conducted.







For more information please see the <u>In-Lieu Fee Program webpage</u> or contact Patty Michak, Mitigation Program Manager

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