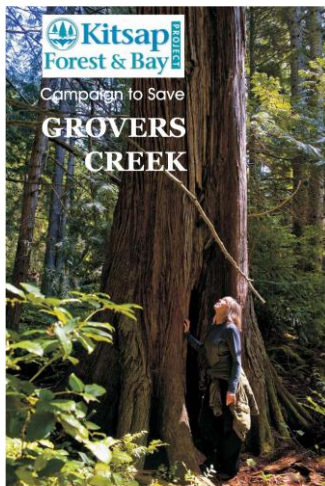




### Thank YOU for rising to the CHALLENGE!

Thanks to your overwhelming generosity, our 2014 Great Peninsula Challenge raised nearly \$90,000 for conservation! With our 1:1 match, **donations exceeded \$180,000!** Your challenge donations are the most powerful funds we raise, because they can be used where they are most needed. GPC is on track to conserve more than 1,000 acres in the next two years—thanks to YOU!



Fundraising Deadline: May 31, 2015

### Kitsap Forest & Bay Project – What's Next?

**Momentum is growing behind efforts to buy and preserve nearly 7,000 forested acres in north Kitsap County.**

In 2014 the project had two huge successes, acquiring 900 acres on the [Port Gamble Bay shoreline](#) and the [North Kitsap Heritage Park expansion](#).

**Now we begin Phase III of the Kitsap Forest & Bay Project – saving Grovers Creek.** This future preserve is rich in wildlife habitat and will provide a link in the future Sound to Olympics trail. The [first 21 acre parcel](#) of the Grovers Creek Preserve was purchased by Great Peninsula Conservancy in December (photo above). Other acquisitions are planned for later this year.

Learn more about our [Grovers Creek Campaign](#).

Learn more about the Kitsap Forest & Bay Project [here](#).



### Port Gamble Trail Cleanup – Feb 21

Come help spruce up Port Gamble Shoreline Park and the Port Gamble trailheads. On Saturday, Feb 21, join Great Peninsula Conservancy and our partners Kitsap County Parks, North Kitsap Trails Association, and Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance-West Sound for one big cleanup day (8:30 am – 1:00 pm). We'll meet at the [Uplands Trailhead #1](#) parking area (off Hwy 104, just south of the town of Port Gamble) at 8:30 am. From there we'll spread out to trailheads to pick up and bag years of accumulated garbage. Afterwards we'll celebrate our good work with a BBQ. We'll be working near busy highways (not recommended for young children), bagging and loading garbage into trucks to be hauled away. Bring your leather gloves and wear old clothes. We'll provide garbage bags, the trucks and the BBQ picnic! **RSVP:** [kate@greatpeninsula.org](mailto:kate@greatpeninsula.org)

DONATE

Your donations to Great Peninsula Conservancy help protect lands that enrich your life – ensuring clean air and water, inspiring you with natural beauty, and providing you with special places to explore. **Please donate online through [JustGive](#).** Or mail your gift to Great Peninsula Conservancy, 423 Pacific Avenue, Suite 401, Bremerton, WA 98337. Thank you!

### Stewardship Events – Get Outside and Volunteer!

#### Banner Forest Work Party – Feb 7

Come help groom trails during a Banner Forest work party on Saturday, Feb 7, 10 am to noon. Bring gloves, your favorite pruners, and a water bottle. Wear sturdy shoes and dress for the weather. Parking is extremely limited. Please carpool to the Banner Forest parking lot off of Banner Road, Port Orchard. **Directions:** [kitsapgov.com/parks](http://kitsapgov.com/parks)

#### Salmon in the Classroom Training – Feb 10

The Salmon in the Classroom program needs volunteers to staff field stations during March salmon release field trips at Clear Creek in Silverdale. Training for volunteers will be held Feb 10, 5:45 – 7:00 pm at Clear Creek Interpretive Center. **RSVP by Feb 6:** [clearcreektrail@yahoo.com](mailto:clearcreektrail@yahoo.com)

### **North Kitsap Heritage Park Work Party – Feb 14**

Love trails? Join volunteers at North Kitsap Heritage Park Saturday, Feb 14, from 9 am to noon. Meet at the Miller Bay Road parking area. **RSVP to** [info@northkitsaptrails.org](mailto:info@northkitsaptrails.org). **Info:** [kitsapgov.com/parks](http://kitsapgov.com/parks)

### **Plant Salvage Event – Feb 21 & 22**

Ueland Tree Farm invites the public to salvage native plants on a portion of their Bremerton tree farm, Saturday and Sunday, Feb 21 & 22, 9 am – 3:30 pm.

**Details & site map:** [uelandtreefarm.com](http://uelandtreefarm.com)

### **Cowling Creek Forest Stewardship Day – Feb 28**

Help improve wildlife habitat on Cowling Creek Forest Preserve. Volunteers are needed to move downed trees Saturday, Feb 28, 9 am to noon. Meet at Cowling Creek Center (20238 Miller Bay RD NE). Wear gloves and sturdy boots. **RSVP:** [mrkroeger@earthlink.net](mailto:mrkroeger@earthlink.net).

### **Cowling Creek Forest Stewardship Day – March 7**

Plant trees and understory plants in Cowling Creek Forest Preserve with Friend of Miller Bay on Saturday, March 7, 9 am to noon. Meet at Cowling Creek Center (20238 Miller Bay RD NE). Bring gloves and shovels. Wear boots and dress for the weather. **RSVP:** [mrkroeger@earthlink.net](mailto:mrkroeger@earthlink.net).



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