



A Once in a Lifetime Opportunity

Kitsap Forest & Bay Project (KFBP), our vision of permanently protecting a forest landscape spanning north Kitsap as habitat for bears, birds, salmon and other wildlife – and as a future Sound to Olympics Trail corridor, has come true! The project is a once in a lifetime opportunity to help sustain our region's quality of life, environmental health and economic vitality. Conservation efforts on this scale are critical for protecting the vibrancy that makes the Puget Sound region a great place to live, work, visit and raise our families.

We Did It! Port Gamble Forest Saved!

KFBP Objectives

- Preserve marine, freshwater and upland habitats
- Protect cultural and natural resources
- Create a public network of land and water trails
- Grow a robust eco-recreation business sector
- Involve the community in stewardship of a public forest

KFBP Partners

- Kitsap County
- Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe
- Suquamish Tribe
- Pope Resources
- Forterra
- Great Peninsula Conservancy
- Kitsap Forest & Bay Coalition – 30 local and state agencies, businesses and community groups

KFBP Map

Kitsap Forest & Bay Project conserved over 4,000 acres.

Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park (3395 acres)

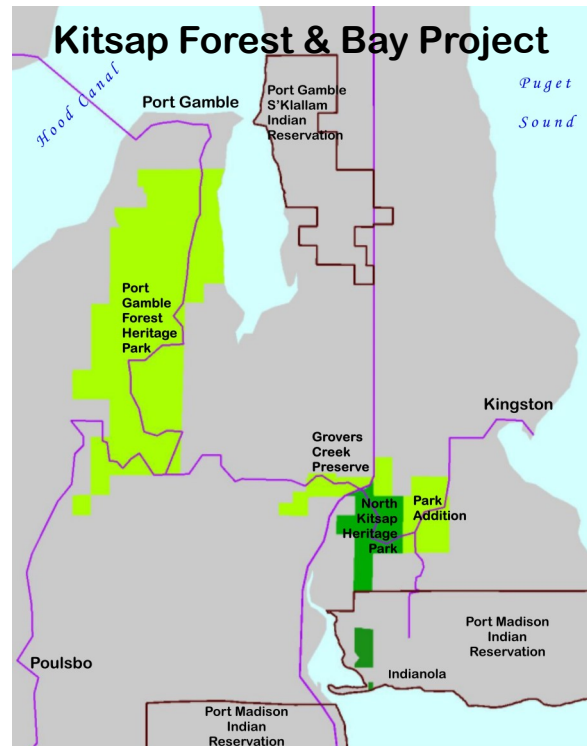
- 535 acres & 1.5 miles of shoreline; Saved Feb. 2014
- 1356 acres; Saved Dec. 2016
- 1504 acres; Saved Dec. 2017

North Kitsap Heritage Park Addition (366 acres)

- 366 acres; Saved Dec. 2014

Grovers Creek Preserve (280 acres)

- 200 acres; Saved April 2015
- 80 acres; Saved Feb. 2017



■ Kitsap Forest & Bay Project - Saved Land
■ Pre-existing County Parks ■ Future Trails

**Thank you Kitsap Forest & Bay
 Coalition & Community!
 Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park
 now 3400 acres forever!**

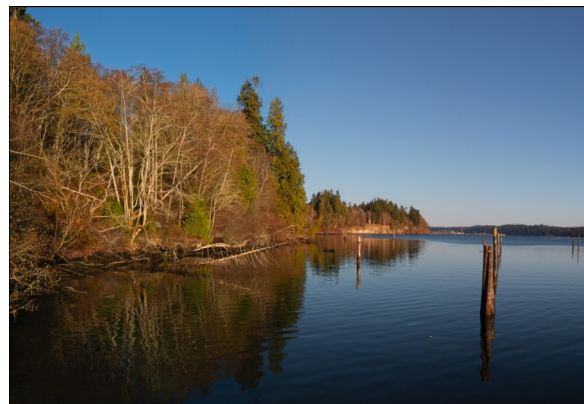


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Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park

Conserving Great Lands

Port Gamble Bay is part of an ecological system that supports species in Hood Canal and Central Puget Sound. The bay serves as a rich and productive nursery for endangered and threatened salmon species and critical stocks of forage fish, provides significant wintering habitat for ducks and other water birds, and supports the food chain for marine mammals. The forests of north Kitsap provide refuge for wildlife, protect our water quality and supply, and are an integral part of our scenic landscape.

Creating Great Communities

The lands and waters of Port Gamble Bay provide fundamental cultural and subsistence resources to the Port Gamble S'Klallam and Suquamish tribes. The bay's plentiful marine resources and protected waters have long been an important food source for native residents.

Port Gamble Bay also was significant in the settlement of the Pacific Northwest by Euro-Americans. One of the earliest lumber mills on the Pacific Coast was located at the mouth of Port Gamble Bay, serving as a critical component of the local economy for 150 years.

The spectacular forests and tidelands of KFBP serve as the backbone of a future regional land and water trail system, creating recreation opportunities for residents and visitors. Preservation of these lands supports healthy lifestyles, sustains cultural traditions, and support commercial enterprises including abundant shellfish harvests and an emerging eco-recreation industry. Kitsap Forest & Bay Project shapes the future of the Kitsap Peninsula.

KFBP Coalition

Back Country Horsemen, Olympic
Bainbridge Island Land Trust
City of Bainbridge Island
City of Poulsbo
Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance, West Sound
Forterra
Friends of Miller Bay
Great Peninsula Conservancy
Hansville Greenway Association
Hood Canal Coordinating Council
Hood Canal Environmental Council
Indianola Beach Improvement Club
Kitsap Audubon Society
Kitsap Citizens for Responsible Planning
Kitsap Conservation Voters
Kitsap County
Kitsap Economic Development Alliance
Kitsap Home Builders Foundation
Kitsap Regional Coordinating Council
North Kitsap Trails Association
Pope Resources
Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe
Puget Sound Partnership
REI Coop, Inc.
Smyth Lumber Mill
Sports Safety and Education Association
Stillwaters Environmental Center
Suquamish Tribe
Visit Kitsap Peninsula
WA Dept. of Ecology
WA Dept. of Fish and Wildlife
WA Leg. Dist. 23: Sen. C. Rolfes, Rep. S. Appleton, Rep. D. Hansen
WA Recreation and Conservation Office
West Sound Conservation Council
West Sound Cycling Club
West Sound Wildlife Shelter
WSU Kitsap County Extension

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"The community's commitment to this project is inspiring. Everyone wants this."

*State Sen. Christine Rolfes
(D-Bainbridge Island)*

"Conservation of these lands is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity."

*State Rep. Drew Hansen
(D-Bainbridge Island)*

"We have an obligation not only to protect the bay for future generations but for our ancestors who got us here."

*Jeromy Sullivan, Chairman
Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe*

"Preservation of this property is important for the longterm future of our people."

*Leonard Forsman, Chairman
Suquamish Tribe*

"This project exemplifies the kind of community-based conservation that is needed to restore the health of Puget Sound."

*Martha Kongsgaard, Chair
Puget Sound Partnership Leadership Council*

"This is going to span beyond our generation and generations to come. It will be for all time."

*Robert Gelder, Commissioner
Kitsap County*

"Kitsap Forest and Bay is a true community partnership that leverages conservation as part of a regional economic development strategy."

*Tom Ringo, President and CEO
Pope Resources*



Photo Credit: Joe Walsh
Grovers Creek Preserve