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Vessel  
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# Abandoned and Derelict Vessel Removal Program Updates

- Secured NEP grant funds, kick-off in June 2024
- Convened Technical Advisory Committee – Port Districts, Kitsap County Sherriff’s Office, local law enforcement, code compliance, Public Health District, WA DNR, WA Ecology, WDFW, BoatUS Foundation, US Navy, US Coast Guard, community partners
- Identified local challenges and issues
- Formed four focus groups to address challenges, identify solutions, and begin implementation

Legislative, Policy, and Enforcement

Vessel Tracking Database

Vessel Turn in Program Event

Public and Partner Resources

# Legislative, Policy, and Enforcement

House Bill 2199 signed by Governor on March 9, 2026

8           (5) "Derelict vessel" means (~~the vessel's owner is known and can~~  
9 ~~be located, and exerts control of~~) a vessel that:  
10           (a) Has been moored, anchored, or otherwise left in the waters of  
11 the state or on public property contrary to RCW 79.02.300 or rules  
12 adopted by an authorized public entity;  
13           (b) Has been left on private property without authorization of  
14 the owner; (~~or~~)  
15           (c) Has been left for a period of seven consecutive days, and:  
16           (i) Is sunk or in danger of sinking;  
17           (ii) Is obstructing a waterway; or  
18           (iii) Is endangering life or property; or  
19           (d) Has been in violation of state registration requirements  
20 under RCW 88.02.550 for at least two full annual registration periods  
21 and is prioritized for removal by the department or by an authorized  
22 public entity.

# Vessel Turn In Program Event

- Department of Natural Resources grant - \$300,000
- Summer 2026
- Remove up to 50 vessels
- 34 ft or less
- Recycle and dispose
- Open to WA residents with proof of vessel ownership
- Application window open through May 31<sup>st</sup>

## Kitsap County Vessel Turn-In Recycling Event



Summer 2026

You will be notified of date and location after you are pre-approved



### WHAT IS IT?

It's a **FREE Vessel Turn-In event**. If you have a vessel that is falling apart, and you don't know what to do with it, apply for this summer's Vessel Turn-In event. The program will properly dispose of your vessel with the goal of recycling a majority of the materials.

The Vessel Turn-In Program (VTIP) is managed by DNR to help prevent boats from becoming derelict or abandoned and to keep pollution out of our marine waters.

### WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

Participation is open to anyone who is a WA resident and has proof of ownership or the legal authority to dispose of the vessel.

### STEPS TO PARTICIPATE:

- 1) Fill out and notarize DNR's Vessel Turn-In [application](#) and **submit it by May 31, 2026**, to get pre-approved.
- 2) Email your completed application, proof of ownership, and **photos of your vessel** to: [dvrp@dnr.wa.gov](mailto:dvrp@dnr.wa.gov), and include "**Kitsap Vessel Turn-In Event**" in the subject line.
- 3) **Prior approval is required for this event**. Space will be limited and filled in the order applications are received and approved.

**Vessels 34 feet or less in length will be accepted. Vessels 35 feet or larger will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.**

*If you cannot drop off your vessel at the specified location, transportation can be coordinated.*

### APPLICATION ASSISTANCE:

Kitsap County is offering VTIP application assistance **during specific open hours or by appointment**. For more information about application assistance, visit Kitsap's website: [bit.ly/KitsapADV](http://bit.ly/KitsapADV), or contact **Kitsap1** by phone (360) 337-5777 or email ([help@kitsap1.com](mailto:help@kitsap1.com)).

### REGISTER TODAY!

Download the Vessel Turn-In Program (VTIP) application:

[https://www.dnr.wa.gov/publications/agr\\_vtip\\_app.pdf](https://www.dnr.wa.gov/publications/agr_vtip_app.pdf)



Vessel Turn-In Program (VTIP) website: [bit.ly/3qhmG5e](http://bit.ly/3qhmG5e)

Partners and Funding:



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(360) 902-BOAT (2628) [dvrp@dnr.wa.gov](mailto:dvrp@dnr.wa.gov)

# Vessel Tracking Database

- Developed database for testing and refinement in 2026
- Pilot period is May – September 2026
- Finalize database application September – December 2026
  - Data submitted through Survey123 Form
  - Reports are reviewed and uploaded to Viewer Map



# Public & Partner Resources

- Updated and developed pamphlets and brochures
- [Kitsap County Abandoned and Derelict Vessel Process Tool](#)
- Department of Licensing Vessel Registration Outreach
- Program webpage:  
<https://www.kitsap.gov/dcd/Pages/Derelict-Vessel-Removal-Program.aspx>

**For emergency situations, contact 911 and the US Coast Guard at (206) 217-6001 or Channel 16 VHF-FM.**

## REPORT A VESSEL OF CONCERN

Department of Natural Resources (DNR)  
360-902-2628  
[dvrp@dnr.wa.gov](mailto:dvrp@dnr.wa.gov)

## WA DNR's **Derelict & Abandoned Reporting Tool (DART)**

## REPORT OIL SPILLS (24-hour response)

US National Response Center  
800-424-8802

Washington Department of Ecology  
800-OILS-911

## CONTACT

Kitsap1: +1 (360) 337-5777  
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## MAILING ADDRESS

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Port Orchard, WA 98366

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Subscribe to receive future notifications

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# Noxious Weed Control Program

Natural Resource Program Updates

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Field of Poison Hemlock  
South Kitsap

# Mission

The Kitsap County Noxious Weed Control Program exists to protect our local landscapes, natural resources, and agricultural areas from the impacts of invasive, harmful plants.



**Giant Hogweed**

*Heracleum mantegazzianum*

Listed 1991, Class A

# 2026 Noxious Weed Control Board

| Name                        | District             | Term – End Date   |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| Dylan Mendenhall, Chair     | Bremerton            | December 31, 2027 |
| Deborah Rudnick, Vice Chair | Bainbridge Island    | December 31, 2028 |
| Joseph Fulford              | North Kitsap         | December 31, 2028 |
| Amy Lawrence                | Central Kitsap       | December 31, 2027 |
| Jessica Hartsell            | South Kitsap         | December 31, 2027 |
| Jess Sappington             | WSU Kitsap Extension | <i>Ex-officio</i> |



# Kitsap County

## 2026 Noxious Weed List

*RCW 17.10.090 requires county noxious weed boards to hold a public hearing and adopt a county weed list within 90 days of the state noxious weed list adoption. The Kitsap County Noxious Weed Control Board adopted the county's 2026 noxious weed list following a public hearing on February 11, 2026.*



**Waterhemp**  
*Amaranthus tuberculatus*  
Listed 2026, Class A

# 2026 Weed List Updates

## CLASS A

- addition of **waterhemp**, *Amaranthus tuberculatus*
- addition of **delta arrowhead**, *Sagittaria platyphylla*
- addition of **sunflower broomrape**, *Orobanche cumana*

## CLASS C

- addition of **Norway maple**, *Acer platanoides*
- addition of **English or common holly**, *Ilex aquifolium*
- addition of **black locust**, *Robinia pseudoacacia*
- designation for control of **Italian arum**, *Arum italicum* (pictured right)



**No changes to CLASS B**

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# Disposal Program

OPEN: APRIL 17 – OCTOBER 31, 2026

- **2026 Budget = \$15,000**
- Participation doubled: **289 disposals**, up from 141 in 2024
- Species doubled: **24 different species**, up from 11 in 2024
- **Top 5 Species Reported:** Blackberry, Ivy, Scotch broom, Tansy, Holly



Himalayan Blackberry



English Ivy

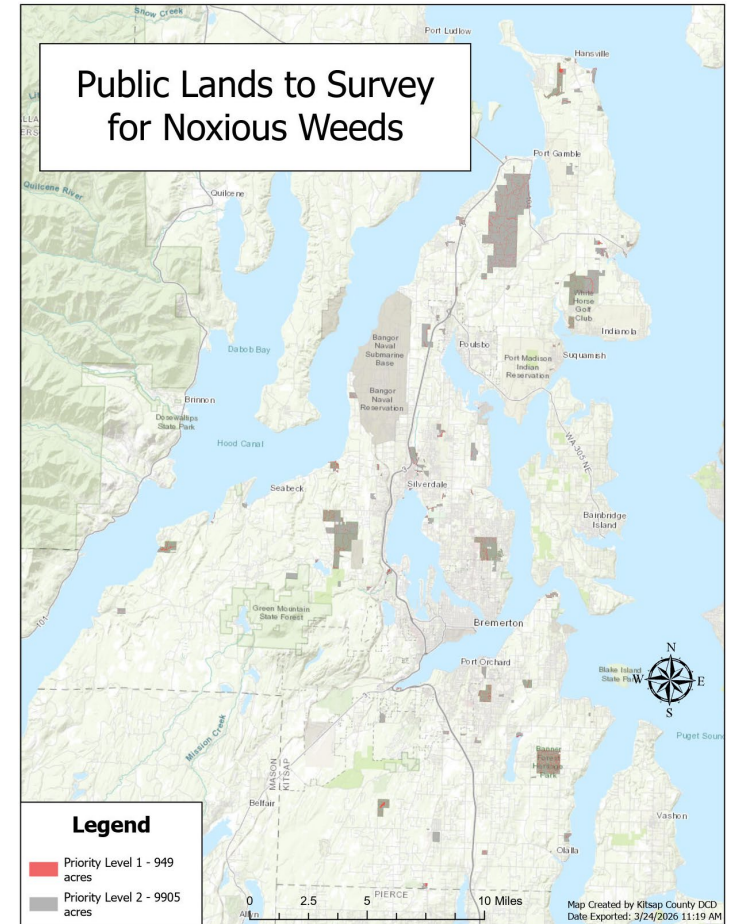


Scotch broom

*Credit:*  
WA State  
NWCB

# Survey of Noxious Weeds on Public Lands

- **Timeline:** 2 years (Summer 2026 – Summer 2028)
- **Project area:** County Parks, State Parks, DNR lands, WDFW lands (11,000+ acres)
- **Goal:** Update baseline spatial data of noxious weeds across public lands to improve understanding of infestation patterns and guide the prioritization of limited resources.



# Tool Lending Program

- **Free** tool lending
- 8 weed wrenches or varying sizes, loppers and culti-weeders
- Kitsap residents can rent tools for one week
- Tools must be returned to designated location at Kitsap County Fairgrounds
- Opportunity for education and outreach
- **Reservation Request** available online - [Kitsap County Noxious Weed Control Program](#)

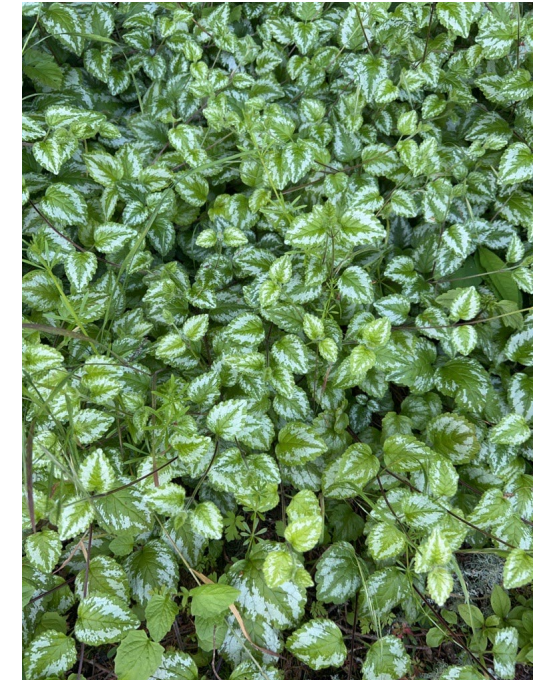


Credit: Whatcom County

# Stewardship Assistance Program

- **Financial Assistance:** \$2,500 per landowner
- **Total Funding:** up to \$50,000 annually
- Stewardship agreement, two-year term, follow up visits/treatment
- **Contractor:** Environmental Restoration & Stormwater Management (ERSM)

| Priority Species       | Hardship Funded Species*   |
|------------------------|----------------------------|
| All Class As           | Butterfly bush             |
| All Class B Designates | Purple & Wand Loosestrifes |
| Knotweeds              | Spurge laurel              |
| Yellow Archangel       | Myrtle laurel              |
| Italian Arum           | Spurge flax                |
| Tansy Ragwort          |                            |



**Yellow Archangel**  
*Lamium galeobdolon*

\*Meets Senior & Disabled Tax Exemption

# Education and Outreach - Activities

- **Read-Roam-Rules**
    - Monday, July 20th, 5pm - 7pm at Long Lake County Park
    - Monday, July 27th, 5pm - 7pm at Kitsap Regional Library, Port Orchard
  - **Quarterly Newsletters**
  - **Educational Video Series** – Weed wrench use, weed reporting tools, herbicides, disposal, etc.
  - **New Postcard Notices** for Priority Species
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# Education and Outreach - Postcards



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Noxious Weed Control Board  
619 Division Street MS-36  
Port Orchard, WA 98366

Invasive plants impact all of us, and we must work together to stop their spread. Please reach out to [noxiousweeds@kitsap.gov](mailto:noxiousweeds@kitsap.gov) for guidance on control, disposal, and prevention.

You can visit our program website at [www.kcowa.us/noxiousweeds](http://www.kcowa.us/noxiousweeds) to learn more about the Kitsap County Noxious Weed Control Board or to find additional resources.



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## Noxious Weed Notice

**Tansy ragwort** has been spotted on or near your property.

Tansy ragwort (*Senecio jacobaea*) is a **toxic** Class B noxious weed in Washington State. Control is not required but is highly encouraged due to the toxic nature of the plant.

Plants can be hand pulled or dug out and placed in the trash, **not the compost**. Be sure to wear gloves and long sleeves when handling tansy. Avoid mowing as it may encourage new growth.



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# Shore Friendly Kitsap

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## Mission

To empower Puget Sound waterfront landowners to create beautiful, environmentally friendly shorelines for themselves and generations to come.

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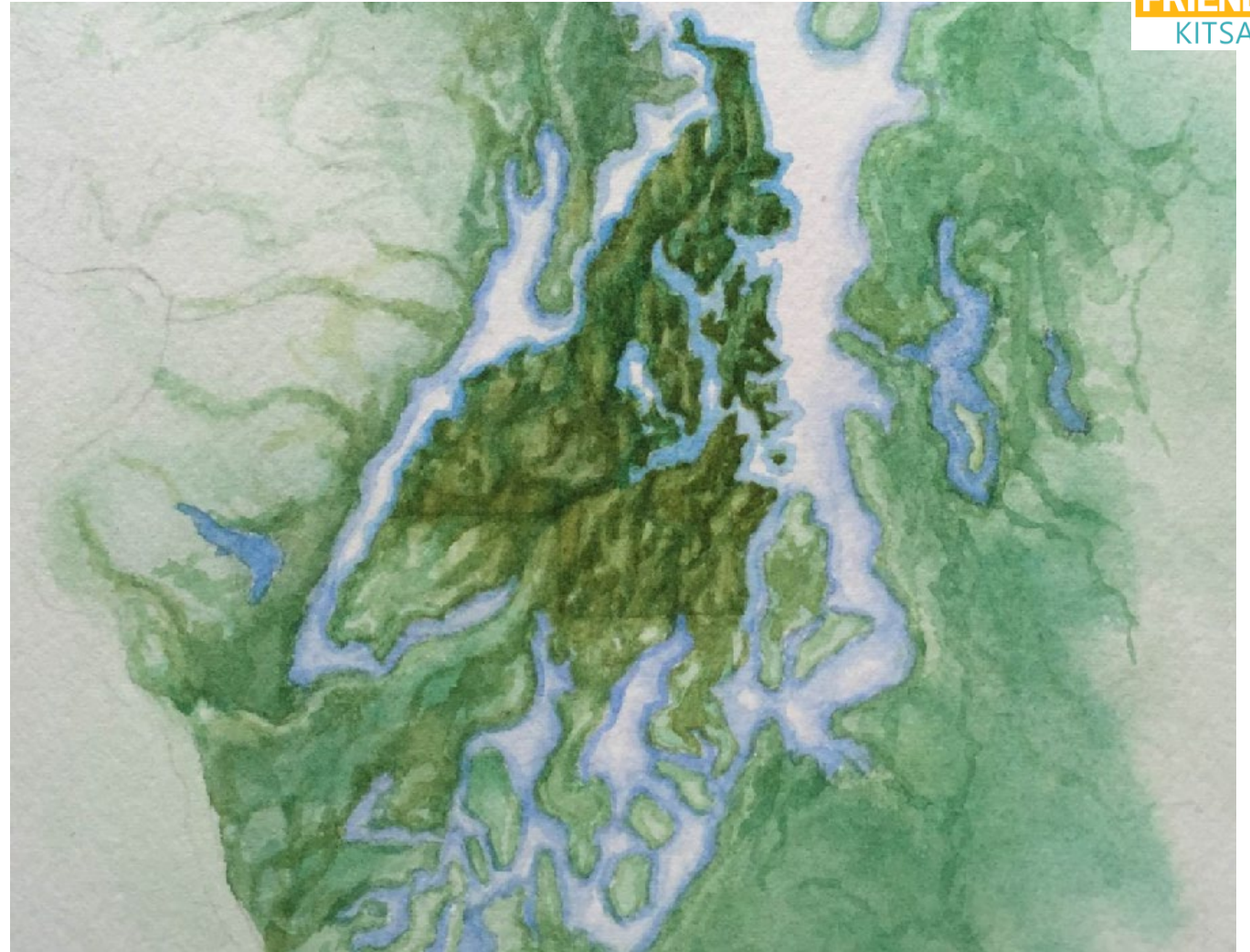
# What we do

- Help landowners who are interested in removing all or part of their bulkheads
- Provide technical support and resources to guide them through their restoration projects, from start to end
- Use social marketing techniques, providing incentives and reducing barriers



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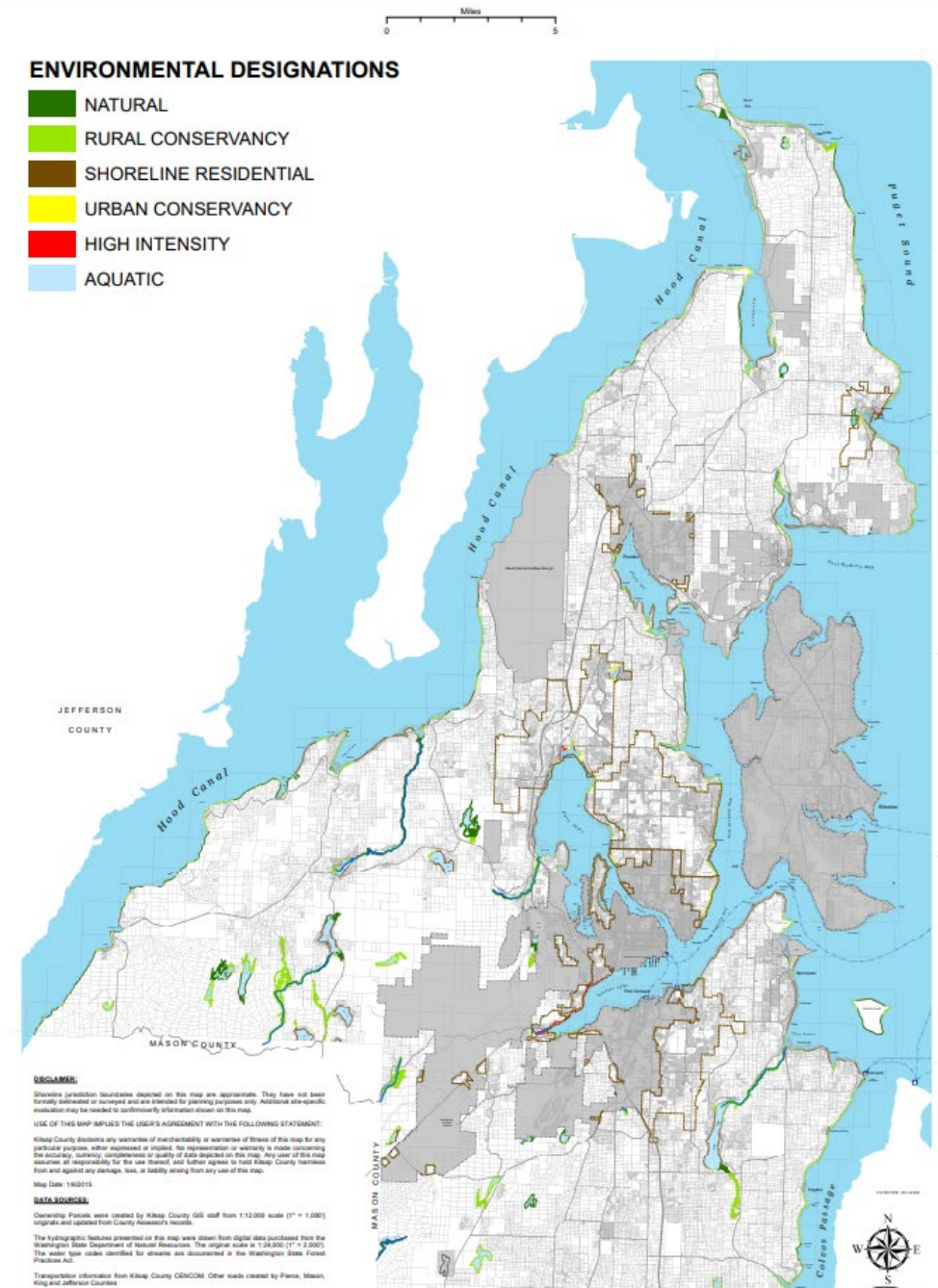
- 265 miles of marine waterfront
- 201 miles are residential



# Program Boundaries

- Serve entire County
- Including the 4 cities
  - ✓ Bainbridge Island
  - ✓ Poulsbo
  - ✓ Bremerton
  - ✓ Port Orchard

## KITSAP COUNTY SHORELINE ENVIRONMENT DESIGNATIONS



# Technical Support and Resources

- Free site visits from staff
- Free site visits from licensed geologist
- Mini-grants for design (\$10,000) and construction (\$30,000)
- Nexus to grant funding opportunities
- Permitting assistance and permit costs



# Raise Awareness

- Postcards
- Events
  - ✓ Beach Walk
  - ✓ Landowner Workshop
  - ✓ Contractors, Arborists, Landscapers Workshop
  - ✓ Planner/Permit Reviewer Workshop
- Facebook Group
- Quarterly Newsletters



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