

WINONA WETLANDS PURCHASE

STATE PROGRAM: Washington Department of Ecology

ASSISTANCE RECIPIENT: City of Port Townsend

ASSISTANCE AMOUNT: \$400,000



PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The City of Port Townsend, Washington was able to meet several stormwater management and wetlands preservation objectives by obtaining a \$400,000 loan at 0% interest from Washington State's CWSRF to purchase an area known as the Winona Wetlands. This wetland provides critical stormwater attenuation for the area and maintains valuable habitat for local wildlife. Potential development of the area not only threatened the wetlands but would also result in significant stormwater management problems. The city purchased 6.5 acres in Phase I of the project and an additional 9 acres in Phase II. The loans were completely paid back within 5 years with a portion of the city's new \$5 per household stormwater utility fee.

To read more about this case study, please visit https://www.epa.gov/sites/default/files/2015-10/documents/gi_in_cwsrf.pdf.