

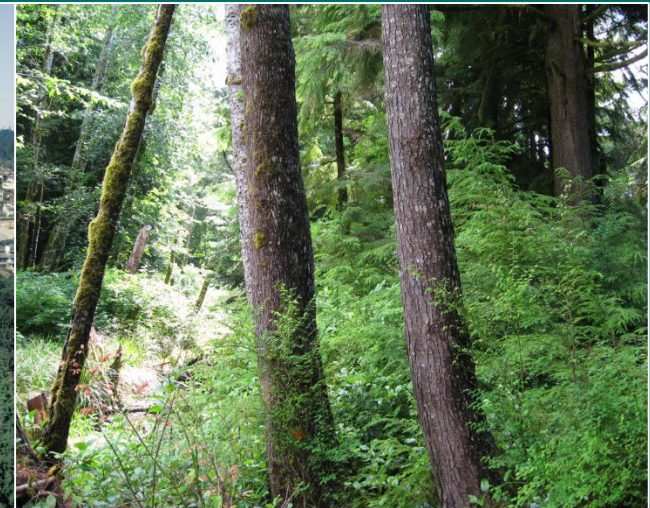
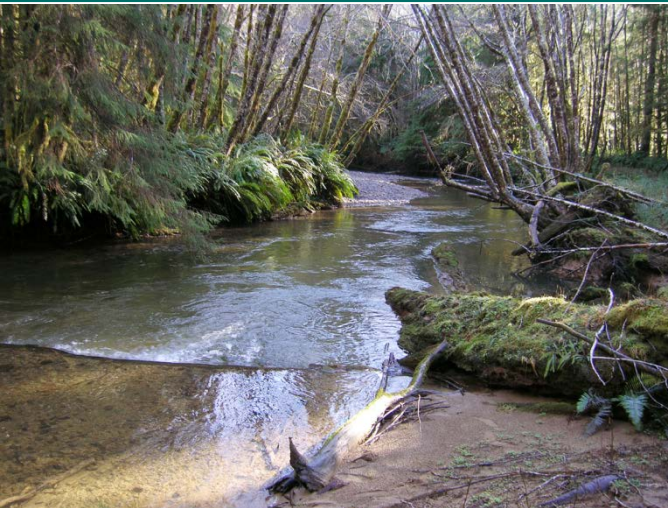


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Natural Resources

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Community Forest Trust 2015-17 Capital Budget Proposal

Board of Natural Resources
October 7, 2014



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Purpose

Protect working forestlands with a high risk of conversion to non-forest uses, but that have important value to local communities

- Conversion of these forests represent a loss of important social and environmental services, and an erosion of timber and natural resource-based economies.
- DNR and local communities can partner to provide a tool to help protect working forestlands



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Overview

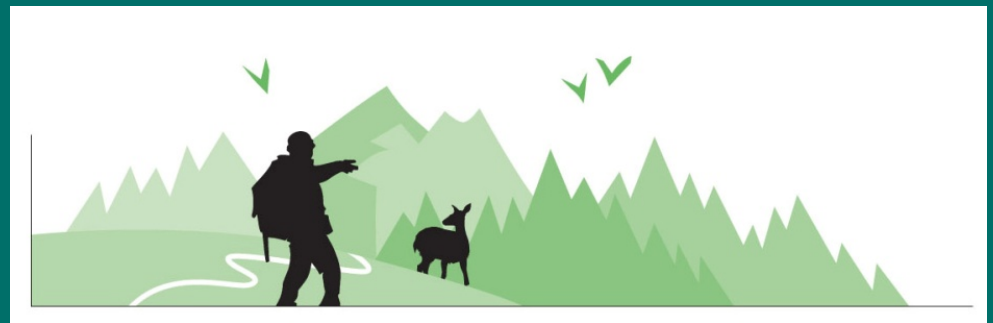
- Passed by 2011 Legislature as ESHB 1421
- Creates a discrete non-fiduciary forest land trust with lands managed by DNR
- Acquired forest lands can be private or trust lands
- Lands acquired jointly with local partner resources and state capital appropriations



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Overview continued...

- Emphasis on self-sustaining, active forest management
- Requires a community working forest management plan developed by DNR and local partners
- Lands may be divested by Board if they do not perform



Community Forest Trust Legislation

How it works...

- List of candidate community forests presented to legislature; private owner or state trust
- Legislature appropriates capital funds to acquire
- Local community contributes to acquisition
- Purchased lands go into Community Forest Trust ownership and must have revenue-producing activities to minimally offset management costs



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Board responsibilities

- Provide input on draft list of proposed properties before they are submitted to the legislature
- Approve all acquisitions of real property
- Divest in nonperforming community forest parcels, or for those for which DNR cannot reach agreement on a management plan
- Reimburse (at the Board's discretion) the local entities' and state's financial contribution



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North Kitsap Community Forest budget request

- Proposed inclusion of 484 acres of commercial forest lands in North Kitsap Co., currently owned by Pope Resources
- Total project cost is \$3.4 million, which includes property acquisition, development of management plan and basic program guidelines
- Community match will be \$450-500K
- Review team thoroughly evaluated proposal



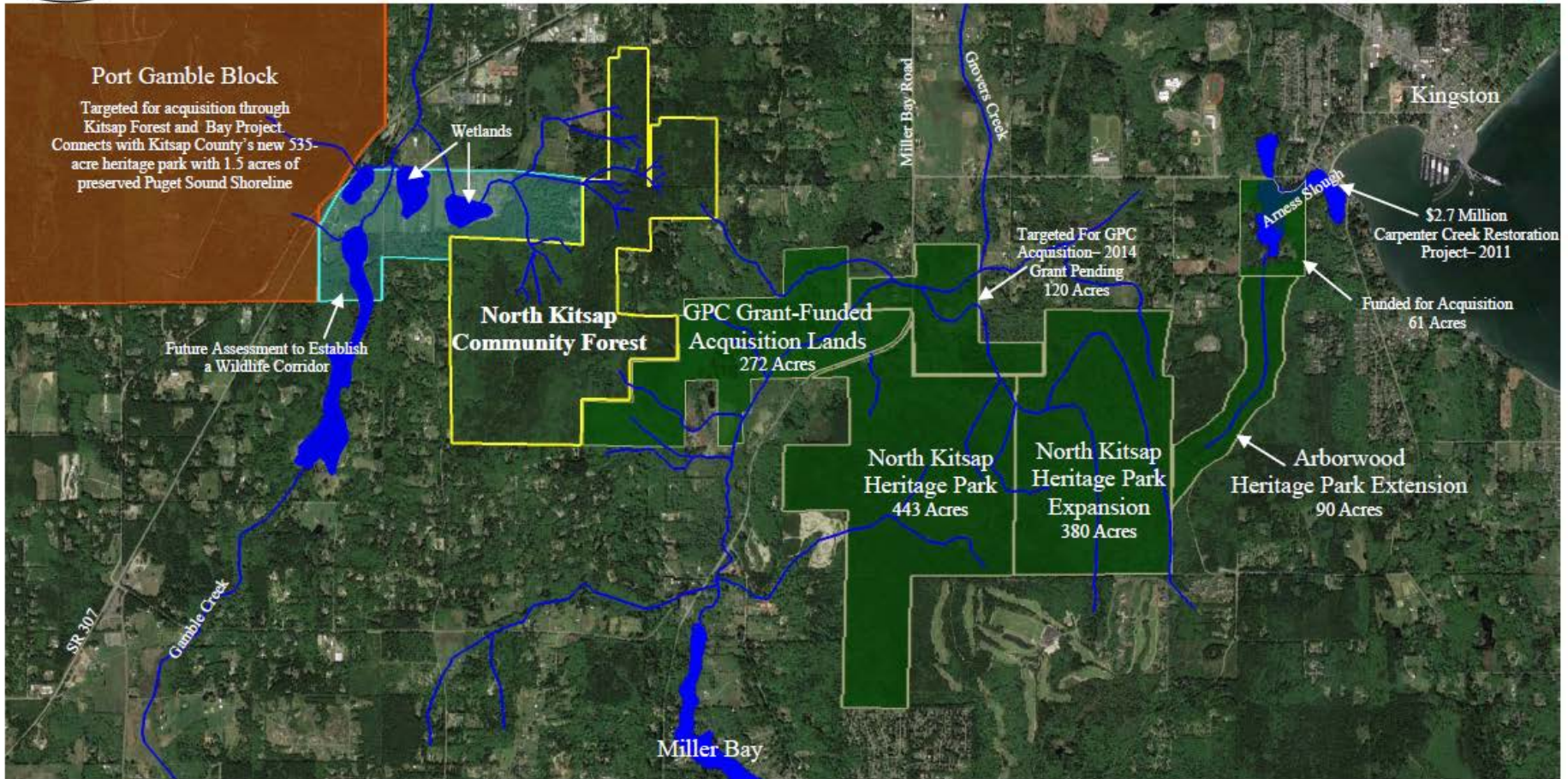
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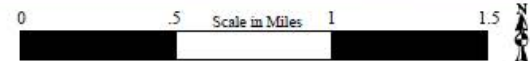




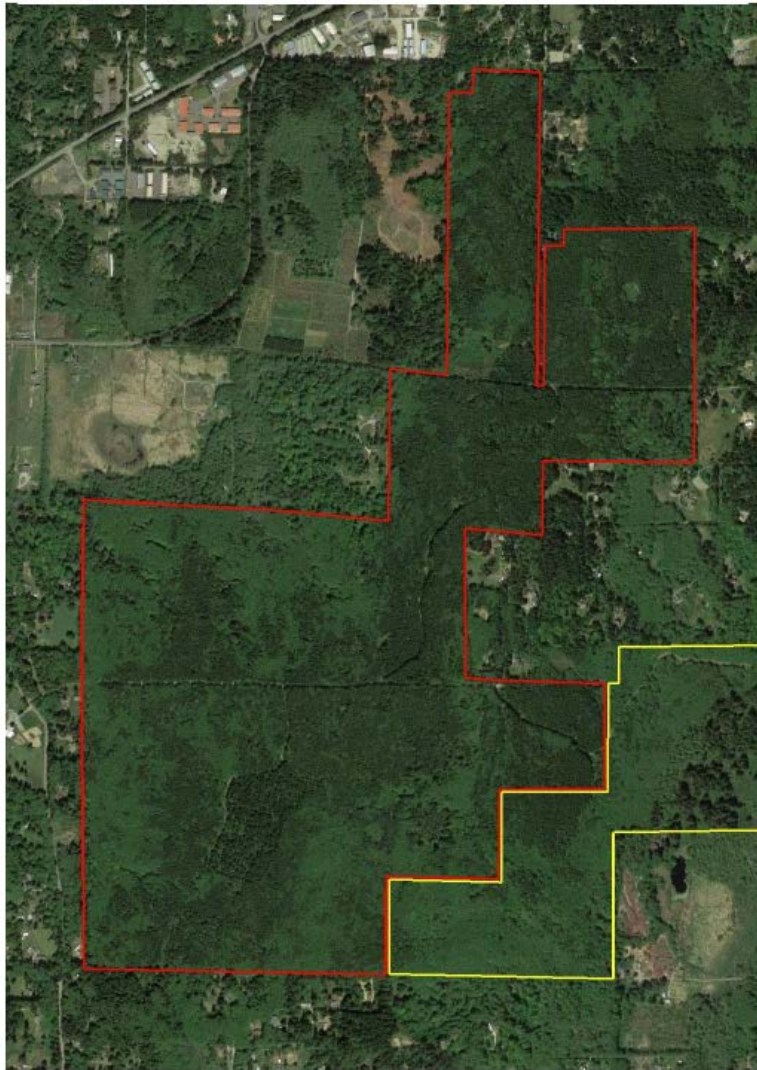
North Kitsap Wildlife Corridor



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North Kitsap Community Forest Aerial Image



Great Peninsula Conservancy

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- North Kitsap Community Forest
- GPC Grant-Funded Fee Acquisition Lands



North Kitsap Community Forest Residential Conversion Risk Map



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North Kitsap proposal (cont.)

- DNR staff working in partnership with local proponents to create a strong community forest proposal to take to Legislature
- This pilot project will serve as a model
- Key elements:
 - ✓ Landscape that can support its own management
 - ✓ Strong and diverse local community support
 - ✓ Agreement on forest management principles
 - ✓ Willing seller
 - ✓ Strong linkages to Puget Sound restoration



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Questions?





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