

KGI Watershed Council

Annual Planning Workshop

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KGI Watershed – 2008 – A Year in Review

What were the significant events for KGI during 2008?

January – March	April – June	July – September	October - December
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainability Expo • Newsletter (February) • Storms and Emergency Management • Book Club started • Water festival • Puget Sound Partner Core Group • Puget Sound Partnership Planning both South Sound and North Kitsap 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beach walk (June) • Earth Day – Weed Walk, Crescent Valley Alliance (April) • Taylor Bay – tour and clean-up (April) • 3 shellfish grants and partnership with Pen Light and School Districts • Livable Community Fair, Key Pen and Peninsula • Tertiary Treatment Plant proposal • Pierce County Environmental Services increased interest and involvement in KGI • Key Pen farmers market begins 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Book Club “Nature’s Operating Instructions.” • Shellfish grants 3x \$75,000 (Contracted out to a variety of organizations and agencies) • County sponsored natural yard care • A more open line of communication with the City of Gig Harbor • We decided to not participate in the Key Pen fair • Progress was made on the State of the Watershed report. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Book Club “Silent Spring” • Septic repair grants and loans – partnering with Pierce County Housing program • Burley and Filucy water quality increases • Lu Winsor Grant solicitation (up to \$11,000) • Minter Creek hatchery tour • Gig Harbor and Pierce County – revising shoreline regulations • Planning for Donkey Creek Festival (chum) • Adopted 5-year action agenda • Barbara Ann moved to water quality section • First realtor workshop – 22 participate – great start • Reports back on Lu Winsor grants – another first.

A Look at What's Changing

Global	Local	KGI
<p>Depressed Economy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decreasing value of recycling <p>Agriculture - aquaculture</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Genetically modified seeds – must purchase new – seeds hybridized • The Heritage Seed Collection (a positive sign) • More emphasis on organic and green • Increasingly monoculture (animals, timber, agriculture, and cultural/traditions) • Over-harvesting the aquaculture • Concerns over invasive species • More pesticides, insecticides and chemicals • Increasing interest in buying local (distribution) <p>Climate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate changes • Increasing awareness of carbon footprint <p>Water</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water shortages • “Water neutral” • Water access rights increasing in importance • Water justice • Efforts to recycle water for drinking • Overmedication – impact of chemicals in water • Destruction of watersheds <p>Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over development • Excessive bio solids • Consumerism <p>Political</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transition from Bush to Obama 	<p>Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increasing enthusiasm for low impact development • Development fees are down • The development “landscape” is changing • Jurisdictions Promote Economic Development (taxes) • Growth Management Plan encourages urban density <p>Water</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multiple years of flooding • 1986 was the last aquifer study here – none planned for future <p>Farmland</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loss of farmland (as value of land increases) • Loss of farming knowledge • Increased tension between saving or paving farmland <p>Shorelines</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The State Supreme Court decision is impacting shorelines <p>Other</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Puget Sound Partnership • Stewardship programs developing with electronics recycling 	<p>Farming</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More organic and small farms • Cooperative farms • Emergency Food Network has community garden • TPCHD has garden facilitator • Increase in family gardening <p>Water</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water quality is improving • Nothing is happening around studying aquifers <p>Culture</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People seeking more community • A need/desire for a public gathering place • Kids no longer have a sense of place or home (too mobile) • A citified generation – not able to sustain themselves • General increased need for self sufficiency and resiliency • Public space as open space • Parks vs. food question • Maslow’s hierarchy – people must take care of survival issues first <p>Agriculture</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beginning to look to native plants as food source • Food to flower programs • A return to local <p>Composting/recycling</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recycling at home • We’ve reached capacity on composting facilities • Anerobic digesters in the future

2009 Work Plan

	Jan. – Mar	Apr. – June	July – Sept.	Oct. – Dec.
Natural Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Continue to assist with shellfish partner activities (ongoing) •Explore Coulter Creek opportunity (ongoing) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Assist with meeting on Filucy Bay and explore potential re: the farm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Create a Slovic information guide re: fishing and wildlife for the farmers market 	
Partnering	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Vaughn Bay event •T/PCHD Environmental Health Indicators Program •Increase contributions to the Lu Winsor funds via match grants and Puget Sound Partnership •Hold a Shoreline Realtors workshop •Hold a work party to build the rain garden, March 14 at Peninsula School (9-12 & 1-4) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Market Lu Winsor grants more aggressively and with timeline •Explore KGI sponsored community farm/garden (Wilkinson) •CVA Annual event/picnic, May 17 (wildlife count in April) •Work party 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •CV Event •Work Party •Lu Winsor allocations (accept proposals in August, announce 10/15 and allocate Oct./Nov.) 	
Activities and Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Continue the book group (ongoing) •Perma-culture workshop – invite others to attend (Feb) •Water for Life (?) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Ken Pen Livable Fair •Launch film forum with “End of Suburbia” film •Beach walk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Brief school board (Shannon Wiggs or Claudia Thomas) •Create school project for stream monitoring •Create a list of projects •Hold public forum on economic value of wetlands •“Flow” for film fourm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Harvest fest party at Longbranch Improvement Club (oysters and beer) •Third film for film forum •Donkey Creek Chum festival
Organization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Continue the Newsletter (ongoing) •Start a KGI blog •Develop an expanded mailing list 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Contact earth covenant congregations •Brief Westside Watershed Council •Explore alternative meeting and workshop sites 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Brief SWAB •Senior project to evaluate and advise on website 	
Monitoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •AP follow-up symposium on Burley monitoring 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Health Dept. report on wells and groundwater •State of the Watershed Report •Put high school monitoring project online 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Presentation to KGI on stream monitoring results 	

A Conversation on the Impact of Changes on KGI Watershed Council

- The culture still hasn't changed its thinking about what builds an economy
- There is growing tension between increasing awareness and old habits
- There is an opportunity now to become creative about recycling here in Pierce County
- To really implement the plan we need to support communities. Through community we can impact water quality
- There are several stark realities: the economy is down, there is increasing interest in resiliency, there is hunger for community and we are collectively responsible.
- We have been learning and doing this year – we are connecting with the community and using community groups to impact water quality.
- We need to look at enabling people who want to help themselves i.e., fishing licenses, connecting the dots between water quality, sustainability and our sources of food
- We need to know and address the pervasive issues for our communities – once they meet their basic needs then they can focus on water quality. This is about listening to the community.
- This was a year of branching out. We are seeing successes, increasing partnerships and implementing the plan. We have learned that we can take action with “who we have”. We don't have to wait to become larger.

Consider as a Future Opportunity...

Can we begin education on how we care for the salt water shoreline? Are there any shoreline groups like there are watershed councils?

- Monitor local bays
- Education efforts
- Opportunities for advocacy

Potential Expansion of the KGI Watershed Boundaries to Include Coulter Creek.

This creek begins in Kitsap County and flows through Mason County. It is northwest of Rocky Creek in the Victory area. It has excellent salmon potential.

Pros:

- We have an opportunity to reach out to Kitsap and Mason Counties in partnership around Coulter Creek
- We can access complete maps with consistency
- This would provide for excellent salmon stream tours and education
- Impacting Coulter Creek salmon will have an impact on other areas
- We would have the opportunity to secure funding – Coulter Creek is a tier-1 stream
- Kitsap County is OK with this
- This would provide an advocacy voice for Coulter Creek
- It would give them a voice in a non-governmental group

Concerns:

- Coulter Creek is mostly outside of Pierce County
- We don't have and can't access funds to create data on Coulter Creek
- There are several other parties involved: Mason County, a land owner, Squaxin Tribe and Allyn Salmon Enhancement

Criteria for a decision: that all other parties are supportive of our including Coulter Creek in the KGI watershed