

BLACKJACK CREEK RAIN GARDEN & LID PROJECT

Blackjack Creek and its two major tributaries, Ruby Creek and Square Creek, constitute a large drainage with approximately 17 miles of stream corridor. From its headwaters, Blackjack Creek travels north through small farms and a deep ravine before discharging into Sinclair Inlet within the city of Port Orchard. Land use in the drainage is a combination of agricultural, rural residential, urban residential, commercial, and light industrial.

A watershed protection and restoration plan was completed by the Suquamish Tribe in 2017 for the Blackjack Creek Watershed. The tribe determined that many areas of the creek were impaired, especially Lower and Middle Blackjack Creek.

This project will provide environmental relief from stormwater stressors that are impacting the Blackjack Creek Watershed, by implementing low impact developments (LIDs) on private property within the watershed. LIDs that may be installed during this project include rain gardens, pervious pavement, cisterns, and outlets that transfer stormwater to infiltration trenches.

What we're doing

Kitsap Conservation District's LID/Rain Garden program will be working with landowners in the Blackjack Creek watershed to help them implement best management practices for managing polluted runoff before it reaches streams and the Puget Sound.

- Free online workshops/ virtual site tours
- Free site visits and technical assistance
- Cost share assistance
- Dig days (KCD - installed rain gardens)



WHAT YOU CAN DO

Give Kitsap Conservation District a call! We provide technical assistance and designs at no charge. We can assist you with building a rain garden or reimburse you for building it yourself/ hiring a contractor. Other practices covered by the program include native plantings, permeable paving and rainwater harvesting.

Other things you can do: maintain your septic system, practice water conservation techniques, use a car wash and learn about Puget Sound's ecosystems.

ABOUT KITSAP CONSERVATION DISTRICT

KCD works cooperatively with residents, businesses and farmers to help them meet their land use goals while addressing water and soil concerns and protecting waterways and fish habitat.

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