



Crescent Valley Alliance

CVA Newsletter #27, April 2015

Mark your Calendars

next Tuesday, **April 21**, KGI Watershed meeting “Logging on the Peninsulas”
2:30-4:30 pm at Peninsula Light Company

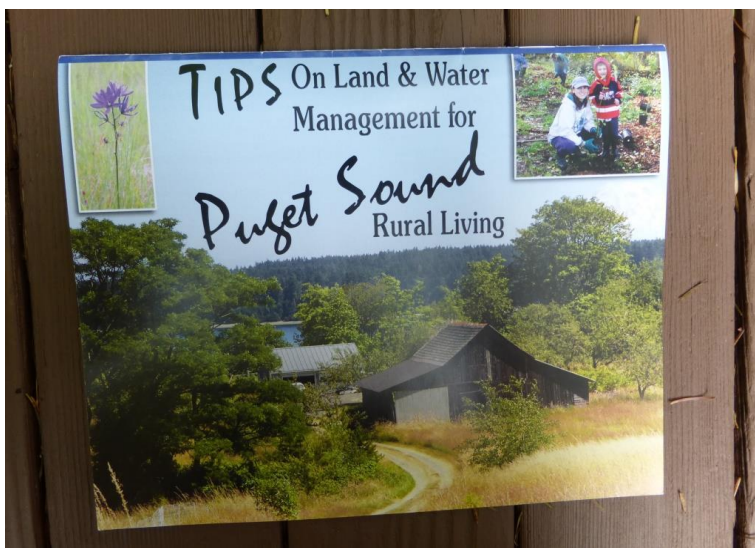
Residents who prize views, rural quiet, and proximity to Nature on the Gig Harbor and Key Peninsulas may consider commercial timber harvesting a threat to native wildlife, stream health, and our essential aquifers. On the other hand, many landowners consider harvesting timber on their property as a use of renewable resources, a return on long term investment, or source of income and a contribution to local jobs and lift to rural economies.

Key Peninsula/Gig Harbor Peninsula and Islands (KGI) Watershed Council is hosting a conversation about logging and forestry stewardship this side of the Narrows Bridge. The public is invited to enter this discussion with **Jim Heuring, District Manager, Department of Natural Resources (DNR) South Puget Sound; Julie Sackett, DNR Landowner Assistance Forester; Adonais Clark, Senior Planner with Pierce County Planning and Land Services.**

Peninsula Light Company is at 13315 Goodnough Drive. Overflow parking is available along Goodnough Drive.



Sunday, May 17, Annual CVA Picnic, 1-3 pm at Crescent Creek Park



Sofia Gidlund with Pierce Conservation District will provide practical tips for planning your property—how you can enjoy the rural environment without negatively affecting neighbors, wildlife and our watershed. Tips she will share include composting, soil and pasture health, erosion prevention, managing mud and wet areas, and much more.

Sofia will bring a miniature farm to let you try your hand at sustainable property planning.

In addition, residents of the watershed will find that the [website for the Conservation District](#) is full of useful information for living

in land zoned R10 and Biodiversity Management Area (BMA).

Once again CVA will provide BBQ grilled meats. Bring other foods to share, and your own beverages and utensils. More info to come in May. Questions? Lucinda Wingard 253-858-3647

NEWS: South Puget Sound Salmon Enhancement Group wants to sponsor a feasibility study for Crescent Creek's bridge and culvert at Vernhardson Street

In a response to a call from Kristin Williamson of South Puget Sound Salmon Enhancement Group, CVA has signed on as a community of interest, along with the City of Gig Harbor, for a grant application for a feasibility study. They wish to acquire data to support daylighting the culvert at the estuary, which would also mean, perhaps, safer pedestrian passage along with the fish!

The mission of this group is stated on their [website](#):

"Protect and restore salmon populations and aquatic habitat with an emphasis on ecosystem function through scientifically informed projects, community education, and volunteer involvement."

SPSSEG is a local voice for regional salmon recovery. From the highest peak in the Cascades, to the fertile shorelines and estuaries of Puget Sound, we restore salmon habitat with willing landowners. We seek out and partner with other organizations to help plan, fund, carry out, and monitor fishery enhancement and habitat restoration projects. We believe that by collaborating with local communities, schools, and individuals in King, Pierce, Kitsap, Thurston and Mason Counties, we can increase salmon numbers in our rivers and streams. Our non-profit non-governmental status helps us to get real results.

More Watershed Stewardship websites of interest:

[KGI Facebook Page](#)

[Department of Natural Resources Forest Stewardship programs](#)

[Puyallup Watershed Initiative on Biodiversity Conservation](#)

Art Wang, Board President of Audubon Society—"I want to see a watershed that includes room for people and for Nature"... "now, 50 years from now, and 100 years from now."

[Shore Stewards, Washington State University Extension](#)

Matthew Brincka, Water Resources Associate, WSU Kitsap Extension

—"Like I said in the March KGI meeting, the website was recently launched (less than a week ago) so there are still errors and reformatting that will occur.

The goal of the website is for it to be a central hub of information and then refer landowners out to prospective county/state organizations (i.e., health department, etc)."

[National Wildlife Backyard Wildlife Program](#)

