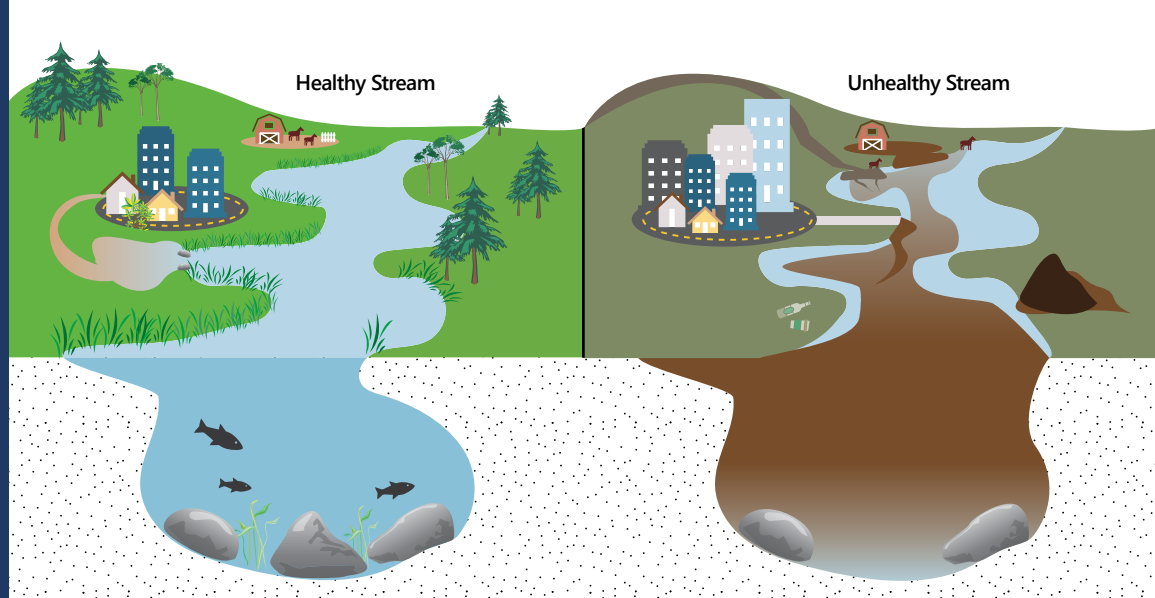


Lake Stevens Plan for Salmonid Basins



Why are salmon important to Lake Stevens?

Salmon are more than just fish. When salmon thrive, it means our streams and lakes are clean and healthy. They're also part of our culture, economy, and recreation, supporting fishing, boating, and time in nature.



What is the City's fish habitat model, and how will it help?

The City is creating a science-based map of salmon habitat guided by "framing questions", which are simple but important questions like: *Where are streams most damaged? Where can floodplains be reconnected? Which areas should we protect for the future?* The answers show where salmon need the most help and where the community will see the biggest benefits. The model results will guide growth, stormwater planning, and restoration so projects improve salmon habitat, reduce flooding, and keep our water clean.



What challenges do salmon face here?

Development, polluted runoff, and warmer waters threaten salmon survival and the overall health of streams and Lake Stevens. Lake Stevens and nearby creeks are listed as "impaired" for water quality, and Chinook salmon populations have dropped to less than 10% of their historic numbers. As the City continues to grow, the resources needed for salmon may be impacted, depending on how the Comprehensive plan is structured and implemented through the municipal code.

How does this connect to climate change?

Hotter summers, heavier rains, and less snowpack put stress on local streams. By restoring shaded stream corridors, reconnecting floodplains, and protecting cold-water tributaries, we can help salmon survive, improve water quality, and make our city more resilient to flooding and extreme weather.

What can residents do to help?

- Plant and protect trees along streams for shade and cleaner water
- Reduce lawn chemicals and car wash runoff
- Engage with the project – introduce the webapp
- Support rain gardens and other stormwater retrofits
- Take the pledge to protect Lake Stevens through everyday choices to improve water quality



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