

## VISION

The Hylebos Watershed is the healthiest urban watershed in Puget Sound.

## ABOUT

Since 1983, Friends of the Hylebos has been working to protect and restore streams, wetlands, forests and open space throughout Hylebos watershed. The watershed lies primarily in Federal Way and stretches from South King into Pierce County. In 2011, Friends of the Hylebos joined forces with EarthCorps.

EarthCorps trains emerging environmental leaders from across the United States and around the world and engages more than 10,000 volunteers each year to restore natural areas around the Puget Sound region, including the Hylebos watershed. EarthCorps - Friends of the Hylebos combines the strengths of both organizations to engage the community to conserve and restore critical habitats.

## THE ACTION PLAN STORY



The purpose of the Hylebos Watershed Action Plan is to provide a framework that moves us towards our vision and creates a context for major decisions in the watershed.

The Hylebos Watershed Action Plan was developed by EarthCorps-Friends of the Hylebos under direction of the Friends of the Hylebos Advisory Committee, EarthCorps staff, interested citizens, watershed residents and National Park Service staff. The National Park Service Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program provided technical assistance in the planning process.

The plan incorporates input from City of Federal Way planning documents, as well as input from 91 stakeholders who were either interviewed or surveyed.



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WATERSHED  
ACTION PLAN**

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# PRIORITIES AND STRATEGIES:

**Conservation** - conserve and steward the watershed for current and future generations

**Ecological Planning** - evaluate watershed health and prioritize conservation and restoration actions

**Land Acquisition** - acquire strategic properties along Hylebos Creek

**Restoration** - enhance watershed health through habitat restoration

**Stewardship** - conduct on-going maintenance of sites in restoration

**Community Engagement** - involve local residents in watershed education and stewardship

**Education** - engage people of all ages, especially youth, to understand and value the watershed

**Service and Volunteerism** - provide opportunities for hands-on connections to the watershed

**Diversity** - bring together diverse constituents to enjoy and support the watershed

**Recreation and Health** - provide opportunities for active living through trails, birding and other activities

**Sustainability** - ensure resources are in place to maintain watershed health over the long-term

**Advisory Groups** - grow Friends of the Hylebos Watershed Advisory Committee and engage community leaders

**Funding** - develop strategy to fund and implement the Hylebos Watershed Action Plan

