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County, city and citizens celebrate Lundeen Creek restoration

Snohomish County, Lake Stevens and a host of community members and volunteers will join together Saturday, April 5, to celebrate the completion of the Lundeen Creek Restoration Project.

The celebration will include the planting of native vegetation by community volunteers and a ceremonial tree planting and ribbon cutting by local officials and community leaders. The volunteer planting event gets underway at 10 a.m. with the official ceremony scheduled for 11:30 a.m. Participants can meet at 2715 101st Ave. NE, following the signs for the event from 101st Avenue Northeast.

Lundeen Creek is a tributary of Lake Stevens. During the past century, the stream's natural functions have been compromised by logging, farming and development activities, which resulted in chronic flooding and drainage problems for nearby residents. In addition, once plentiful native fish runs in the creek were severely depleted.

Through a two-year cooperative effort between Snohomish County, Lake Stevens, stream-bank property owners and community volunteers, about 1,100 feet of existing stream channels now have been restored, 1,300 feet of new channels constructed and natural stream functions and habitat conditions recreated. As if to reward the community's efforts, hundreds of native Kokanee salmon returned to Lundeen Creek to spawn in late 2007.

The Lundeen Creek Restoration Project is located at the north end of Lake Stevens in an area recently annexed into the city. It is bounded by Lundeen Parkway, Callow Road, 30th Street Northeast and 101st Avenue Northeast.

For more information on the project, contact Craig Garric at 425-388-3050 or Craig.Garric@snoco.org.

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