



Lummi Island Heritage Trust



Personal Preserve Habitat Enhancement Pledge

The Personal Preserve Program educates and empowers individuals to manage their own properties for habitat preservation, personal enjoyment and a changing climate by focusing on native plants, wildlife stewardship, and water management. This guided path for environmental stewardship offers people a tangible, easy and positive way to make an impact on climate change. Together, we can improve our landscapes to become more adaptable, accessible and resilient for everyone.

By participating in the Personal Preserve Program, you will get connected to the right resources for your projects, e.g., learning more about pollinator gardens or installing a rain garden. The Heritage Trust will host workshops and educational events that teach practical approaches to creating and managing your Personal Preserve for native plants, wildlife, and water conservation amidst climate change.

All ages, skill levels, and properties are welcome. Make your Habitat Enhancement Pledge and be part of a community-wide-effort to make our Island more beautiful, wildlife friendly and resilient. To get started, select 5 (or more) enhancements to maintain and/or develop (See the backside of this form for suggestions and ideas). Complete this pledge form and return it to our office to receive your Personal Preserve Sign!

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

YES! I want to be a part of this community effort to make our Island more beautiful, wildlife friendly and resilient! I, _____, pledge to:

- Assess my property, identifying sections I currently maintain and areas for improvement
 Deck Porch/Patio Yard Forest Field/Meadow Wetland Acreage Shoreline
- Maintain or develop 5 habitat enhancements - **See back for details!**
- Attend 3 educational workshops
- Monitor and self-report my progress annually (form available on our website)

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Check out our website for resources, inspiration, upcoming workshops and events!



Native Plant Communities: As the foundation of habitats, native plants provide food, shelter, and safety for wildlife. They improve our environment through increased water quality, fresh air, the reduction of soil and wind erosion, and carbon sequestration. Indigenous plants require less maintenance and are more resistant to pests and disease. Invasive weeds threaten native plant species by competing for resources.

I pledge to:

- Identify and remove invasive species
- Choose natural and organic pest controls and fertilizers
- Plant trees to promote carbon sequestration
- Plant diverse, native food sources such as:
 - Seeds
 - Nectar
 - Fruit
 - Pollen
 - Nuts
 - Berries
 - Sap



Wildlife Stewardship: Habitat loss, climate change, invasive species, and human-made hazards are all challenges wildlife face. Managing your property for food, water, shelter, and safe places to raise young increases wildlife’s ability to thrive and survive.

I pledge to:

- Take measures to reduce bird-to-window collisions
- Reduce outdoor lighting
- Keep my domestic animals from chasing wildlife
- Provide food, water, shelter in the form of:
 - Brush/log pile
 - Burrows
 - Thicket
 - Bramble patch
 - Rock wall/pile
 - Bird feeder
 - Snags
 - Roosting boxes
 - Bird bath
 - Wooded area
 - Bat houses
 - Hummingbird feeder
 - Cave
 - Bird houses
 - Insect hotel
 - Meadow
 - Dense shrubs
 - Bee habitat enhancement



Water Management: We all use water. We are all upstream of someone. Eventually our runoff enters the Salish Sea. Using water wisely is necessary, especially living on an island. Safe drinking water, aquifer recharge areas, and stormwater runoff management are crucial to all residents of Lummi Island and the health of the Salish Sea.

I pledge to:

- Limit my water use
- Identify my water source(s)
- Maintain or install:
 - Rain garden
 - Practice mulch and composting
 - Drip irrigation
 - Xeriscape (water wise landscaping)
 - Water catchment
 - Remove impermeable surfaces