



Camano Wildlife Habitat Project

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Greetings!

Thank you for your interest in Habitat Stewards Training, a component of the Camano Wildlife Habitat Project, sponsored by Friends of Camano Island Parks. Habitat Stewards assist and mentor community members in preserving and restoring wildlife habitat. The training is a program of the National Wildlife Federation to enhance wildlife habitat throughout communities to provide learning opportunities as well as the ability to benefit local environments.

Habitat Stewards Training includes topics ranging from identifying native plants to creating a personal wildlife sanctuary. It will be offered at the Island County Multi-Purpose Center, 141 N East Camano Drive, **Wednesdays — January 16, February 20, March 20, April 17, May 15, June 19 — from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m.** Training will include **five Saturday field trips — January 19, February 23, March 23, April 20, May 18 — from 9:30 a.m. to noon.**

The training will offer workshops on specific issues surrounding habitat conservation such as migratory birds and water conservation, as well as specific elements of habitat projects such as demonstration gardens and backyard bird feeding that may be initiated in your yard or neighborhood. Other sessions include topics such as philosophy of habitat restoration and site analysis. Volunteers are expected to participate in each of the training sessions.

Once you've completed the training, the fun continues! Habitat Stewards volunteer by assisting in the creation, preservation, or restoration of wildlife habitat in the community. After the formal training and as we work on wildlife habitat projects, we will have voluntary Habitat Stewards meetings to address challenges, brainstorm solutions, and share success before the monthly habitat programs open to the public at the Island County Multi-Purpose Center, 141 N East Camano Drive, the third Wednesday evening of the month.

Please complete the application and return it as soon as possible. The training fee is a donation of time or money to assist FOCIP's Camano Wildlife Habitat Project. If you are not a Friends of Camano Island Parks member, there is an additional \$10 fee for the annual FOCIP membership.

Thank you for your interest in our community project's vision of creating an island in harmony with nature — one yard at a time. We look forward to meeting and working with you during the training and beyond.

Sincerely,

Val Schroeder
NWF Habitat Stewards Host
FOCIP Habitat Project Committee