

Upcoming Open House

On June 8, 2018 PIC Project partners will hold an open house from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM at the Historic Dungeness Schoolhouse, 2781 Towne Road, Sequim.

Attendees can expect direct interaction with project partners including Clallam County Environmental Health, Clallam Conservation District, Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe, and Streamkeepers of Clallam County.

Topics covered will include recent water quality sampling results in the Matriotti/Lotzgesell area and improvements happening right now in the Meadowbrook/Golden Sands area.

Clallam Conservation District will provide an overview of their streamside tree and shrub plantings, septic cost-share program, and free farm planning/technical assistance available to property owners.

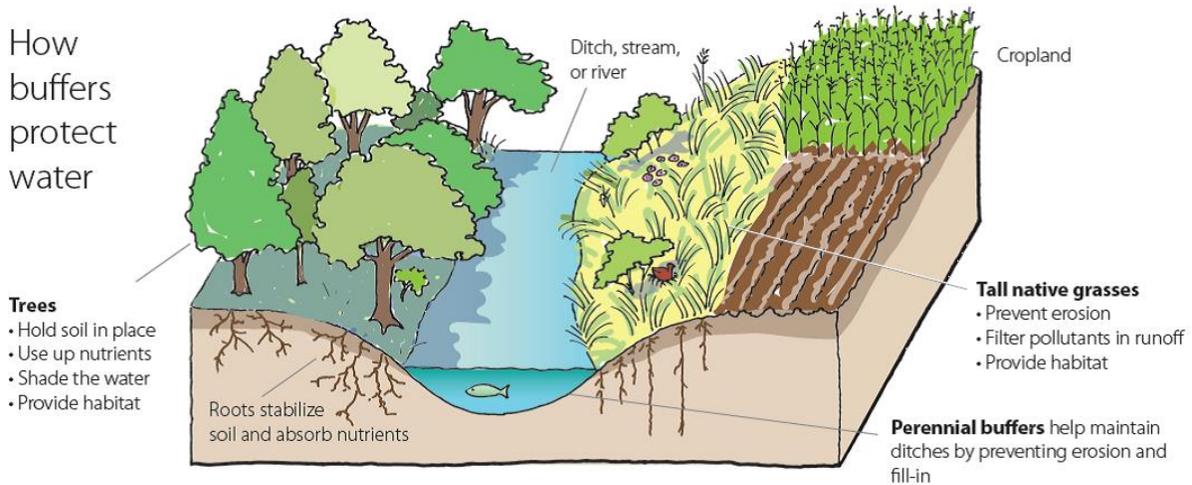
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Vegetated Stream Banks

Vegetated stream banks are incredibly important to water quality and stream health. Shading keeps water temperatures cool enough for fish to survive. Fallen trees provide hiding spots for salmon. The PIC Project benefits from streamside vegetation that helps keep pollutants from runoff out of waterways.



From Minnesota Statewide Buffer Program: <https://www.wsbeng.com/wsbpedia/blog/minnesota-statewide-buffer-program>

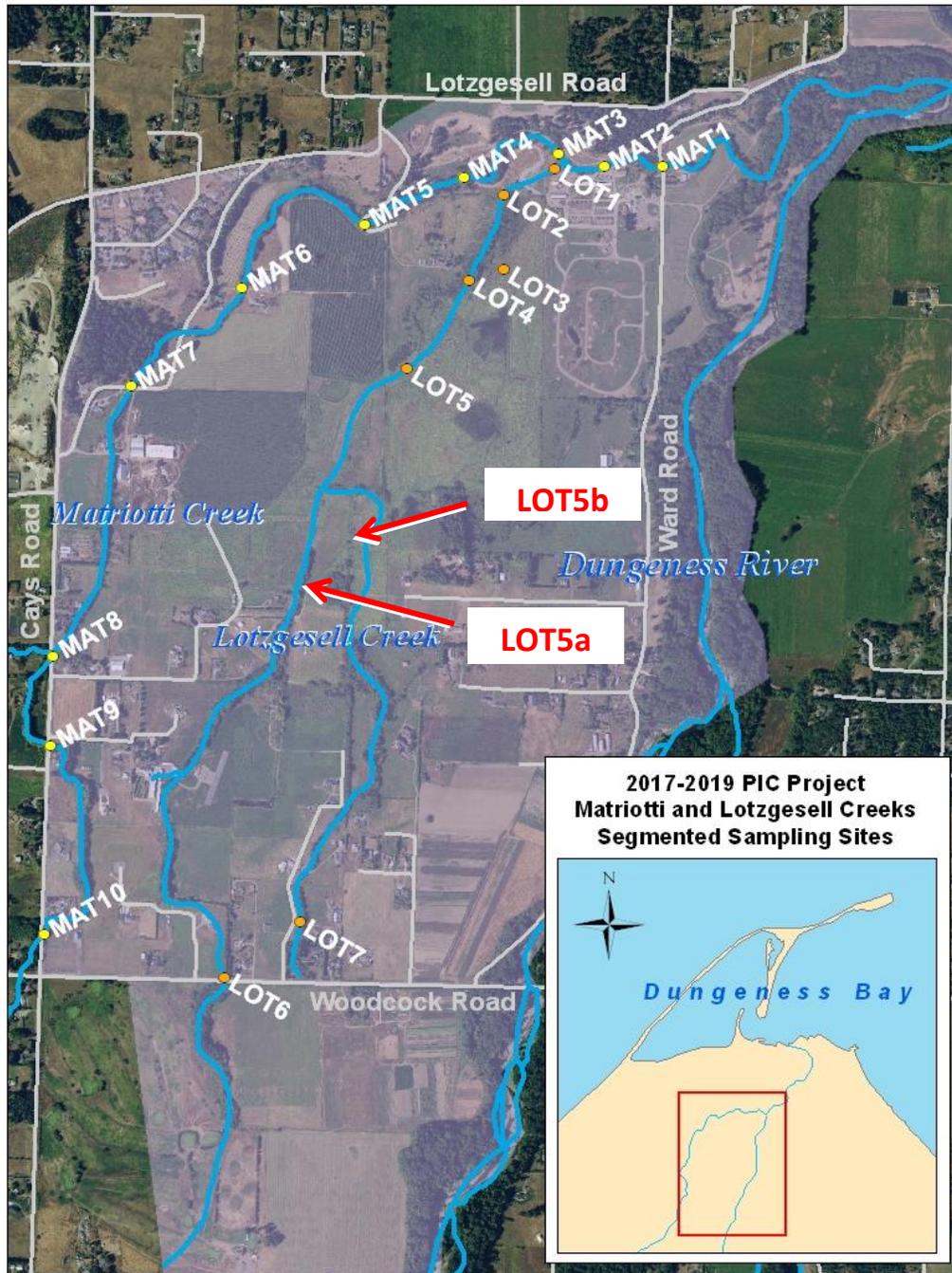
At the upcoming PIC open house the Clallam Conservation District will present information on their Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) that pays for streamside plantings of native trees and shrubs. You may have seen young plants with blue or white tubes around them next to streams or ditches. The tubes protect plantings until they become established and provide ecosystem benefits. Eventually, some of these trees and shrubs will help shade the water for fish, stabilize stream banks, and keep out reed canary grass—an invasive plant that takes over streams, ditches, and fields.



Reed Canary Grass—WA Noxious Weed Control Board

Matriotti/Lotzgesell Segmented Sampling Sites

Segmented water quality sampling continues on Matriotti and Lotzgesell Creeks, including at newly-added LOT5a and LOT5b. Results on the following page correspond to the sites mapped below.



May 2018 UPDATE

Segmented Sampling Data

The latest round of segmented sampling took place on April 26, 2018. Water quality data follow:

Sample Site	Date	Time	Temp. (deg. C)	Salinity (ppt)	Fecal CFU
LOT1	4/26/2018	12:52	12.2	0.2	16
LOT2	4/26/2018	12:58	12.4	0.2	2
LOT3	4/26/2018	13:49	17.2	0.2	22
LOT4	4/26/2018	13:53	12.9	0.1	2
LOT5	4/26/2018	13:59	13.0	0.1	2
LOT5a	4/26/2018	14:33	15.5	0.1	2
LOT5b	4/26/2018	14:27	13.1	0.1	2
LOT6	4/26/2018	14:54	12.4	0.1	20
LOT7	4/26/2018	14:57	12.3	0.1	2
MAT1	4/26/2018	12:41	12.4	0.1	42
MAT2	4/26/2018	12:49	12.4	0.2	42
MAT3	4/26/2018	13:10	12.4	0.2	76
MAT4	4/26/2018	13:01	11.7	0.2	40
MAT5	4/26/2018	13:37	12.0	0.2	36
MAT6	4/26/2018	14:13	12.4	0.1	26
MAT7	4/26/2018	14:18	12.0	0.1	8
MAT8	4/26/2018	14:43	13.6	0.1	18
MAT9	4/26/2018	14:47	12.2	0.1	26
MAT10	4/26/2018	14:50	12.5	0.1	2

Summer 2018 Building Season

The sun is out, the ground is starting to dry, and septic system installations are picking up in the “old” PIC Project area.

Meadowbrook (Dungeness) Slough Corrections

The process to correct two failing septic systems next to Meadowbrook Slough is under way. Each is at a different stage in the design/permitting process. The Environmental Health Department is hopeful that both will be fixed before the end of the summer.

Golden Sands Slough Corrections

Thanks to Clallam Conservation District’s cost share program, at least one septic system installation began in Golden Sands in May. A second system should soon follow. Meanwhile, the Environmental Health Department has initiated compliance timelines to address the remaining Sani-Cans, sewage holding tanks, greywater discharges, and other non-conforming systems.

Septic Inspection Compliance

Septic inspection compliance efforts continue in the 3-Crabs area. Out of 31 homeowners initially contacted, only two have not scheduled inspections as required by State law. Environmental Health will continue to use available tools to compel these inspections to happen. Meanwhile, 50 homeowners near “Old Town Dungeness” (generally located around Sequim Dungeness Way and Meadowbrook Creek) were given notice of inspection requirements at the beginning of April, 2018. Of those initially contacted, 46 moved into a formal compliance timeline at the beginning of May, 2018.

Resources:

- [Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program \(CREP\)](#)
- [Noxious Weed Control Board](#)