Graduates of the program will take on education and leadership roles in their communities. They will work with a variety of individuals and organizations, including many of their fellow volunteers. The work will range from small individual projects to bigger, coordinated projects and or program support. Your project ideas are always welcome.

WSU Watershed Master/Beach Watchers attend over 100 hours of classroom and field training in a wide range of topics including forestry, coastal geology, marine biology, stream ecology, agriculture, beach monitoring, low-impact development, Lake Whatcom and more.

Watershed Master/Beach Watchers come from all walks of life and bring a rich cross-section of backgrounds, experiences, service and talents. We are dedicated to protecting and preserving the fragile environment of Puget Sound through research, education, public awareness and example.

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Watershed Master/Beach Watchers are...

On the Beach
- Surveying beaches for creosote logs, invasive Spartina.
- Teaching beach goers about our marine resources.
- Organizing clean-ups.
- Sampling shellfish populations.
- Assisting the Marine Mammal Stranding Network.
- Collecting baseline data.

In the Classroom
- Organizing and sponsoring a one-day community university on Whatcom County’s natural resources.
- Teaching after-school environmental science classes.
- Teaching Brownies about watershed processes and water pollution.
- Teaching elementary school students about aquatic insects.

On the Land
- Improving water quality by planting trees on Four-mile Creek.
- Educating and assisting landowners with environmentally-friendly land management.
- Creating guides to watershed friendly living in Whatcom County.
- Gathering information on storm water impacts and management methods.
- Organizing public education tours on topics such as low-impact development, soft shore armoring, low-tide walks, and Bellingham Bay.

On the Water
- Monitoring for European green crab.
- Taking water quality samples.
- Supporting Community Oyster farm efforts.
- Conducting stream measurements.

In the Community
- Promoting and leading guided tours of Lake Whatcom-friendly landscaping.
- Surveying community opinions on storm water detention ponds.
- Promoting low-impact development and improved storm water management.
- Creating public education talks on topics such as mercury contamination and marine habitat restoration values for people and wildlife.
- Conducting shoreline living and bluff management workshops.
- Teaching fair-goers about polluted runoff and how to prevent it.
- Forming community stewardship groups.

Making a Difference!

Doug Stark, Beach Naturalists, ReSources
Tom Reed, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Geoff Menzies, Drayton Harbor Community Oyster Farm