

# What does it take to protect what you love?

## It takes healthy seas.

Healthy seas are vital to humans and wildlife. Our well-being, economy, and future are directly linked to having an abundant sea. Marine and shoreline environments are damaged by pollution and noise, and threatened by oil spills. Friends advocates for the health of our marine ecosystem.



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## It takes natural shorelines.

Shorelines are more fragile than they might appear—and thrive when left in their natural state. Shoreline development, beach structures such as armoring, and vegetation removal alter shorelines in ways that harm productive habitat. Friends protects and restores shoreline habitat for all who depend on it.

## It takes a thriving community.

The San Juan Islands' rural character is reflected by its open fields, working farms, diverse forests, wetland areas, and strong communities. Friends protects and restores the natural processes that support resilient landscapes, strong local communities, and cultural traditions.



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## People like **YOU**

who are willing to go  
the extra distance

For nearly four decades, Friends of the San Juans has championed clean water, forests, food, and healthy communities. We harness science, education, and legal advocacy for a thriving environment and economy.

**We need you to help us protect what we all love.**



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