

# 1. INTRODUCTION

The Illahee community in central Kitsap County has several unique features that make it an extraordinary place to live and visit. The community has been very active in preserving the natural features of the area, including the preservation of the 460-acre Illahee Forest Preserve surrounding Illahee Creek and its tributaries. The community continues to work toward preservation and restoration of Illahee Creek through development of the Illahee Community Plan with Kitsap County, and development of this Surface Water Management Plan (SWMP), funded through a Centennial Clean Water Grant from the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology). The goal of this plan is to provide the community and Kitsap County with a tool to make surface water improvements in the Illahee Watershed and prevent further degradation of Illahee Creek and Puget Sound from existing and future development. A companion Aquifer Protection Plan, developed simultaneously for the Illahee community, is included as Appendix A of this plan.