

WoodStraw® Erosion Control Material Specified for ShoWare Event Center Project

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Auburn, WA – WoodStraw® wood strand erosion control material was specified by the City of Kent, Washington for mulching natural areas adjacent to the new ShoWare Event Center. The WoodStraw® mulch was manufactured and supplied by Forest Concepts, LLC of Auburn, Washington. The baled wood strand material was delivered as-needed from the Forest Concepts warehouse which is only a few miles from the project. Over the course of construction, more than 2,500 bales of WoodStraw® mulch was spread by City of Kent crews.

Project manager Kelly Peterson specified WoodStraw® because it had been proven to work in other similar projects around the Puget Sound region. The fact that the wood strand material also provided an attractive mulch around plantings was a bonus. Other erosion control materials would have needed to be covered with bark or other landscape mulch.

Next time you visit the ShoWare Center to attend a hockey game or other event, take a walk along the trail to the west of the parking lots to see the natural area and assess for yourself the performance and look of WoodStraw® erosion control mulch.

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Digital photos are available.

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