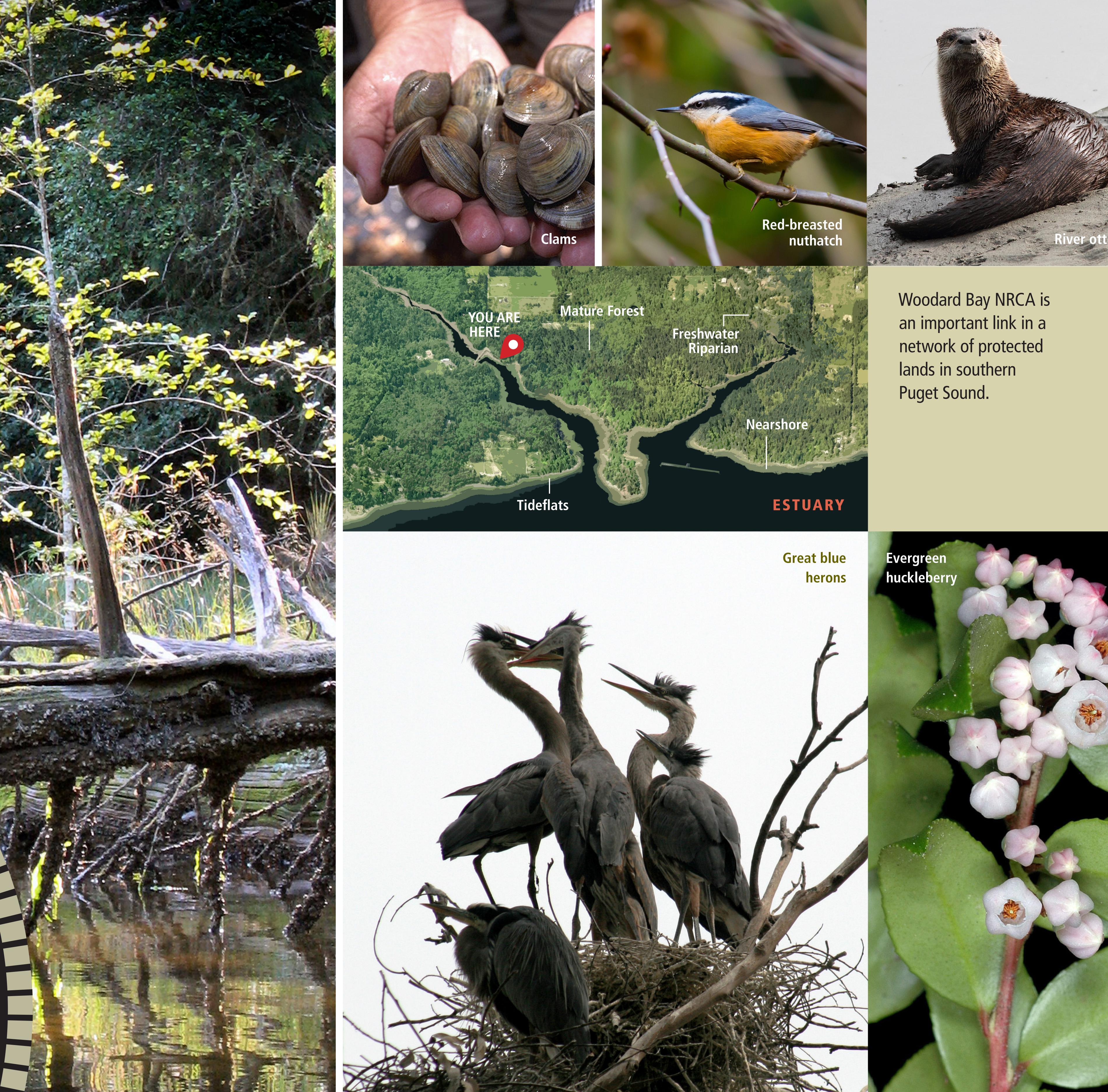
## NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION AREA

## Woodard Bay: An Ecological and Cultural Gem

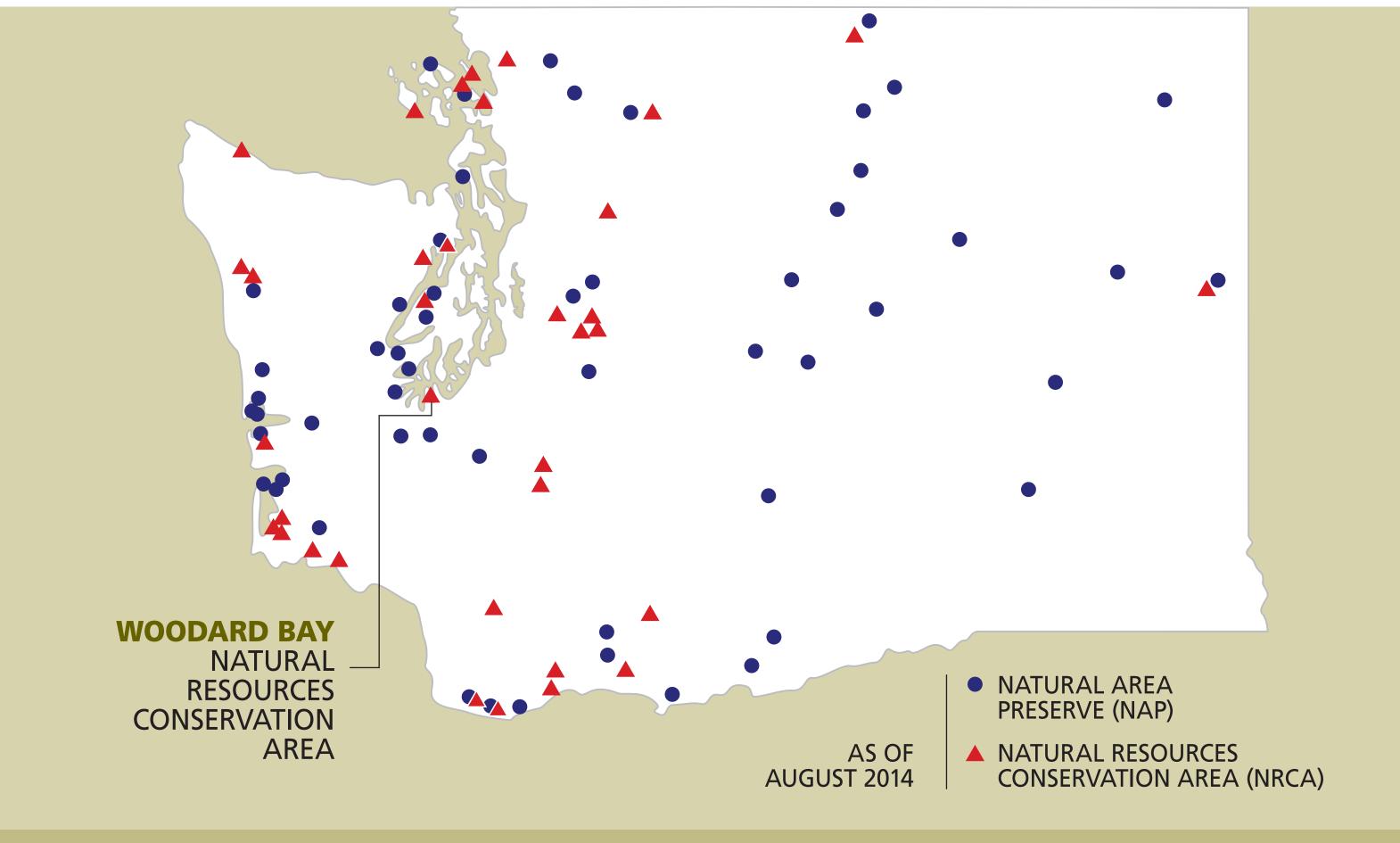
Protecting the undeveloped shoreline, sheltered

estuaries and mature forests here at Woodard Bay is an important part of preserving the health of Puget Sound.

The site has a rich and varied human history that includes Native Americans, early settlers to southern Puget Sound and the logging and shellfish industries.







## WASHINGTON'S NATURAL AREAS

DNR manages 55 Natural Area Preserves and 36 Natural Resources Conservation Areas on more than 150,000 acres statewide.

Natural Resources Conservation Areas, such as Woodard Bay, protect lands with high conservation values for ecosystems, scenic qualities, wildlife habitat, and low-impact recreational opportunities.

Natural Area Preserves protect rare and high-quality examples of native ecosystems and rare plant and animal species. They serve as genetic reserves for Washington's native species and as reference sites for comparing natural and altered environments.

Environmental education and approved research projects occur on both Natural **Resources Conservation Areas and Natural** Area Preserves.

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