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Events & Opportunities



WE ARE HIRING!

INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT ASSISTANT

ESTIMATED 30/HR PER WEEK
APRIL 1- OCTOBER 31
\$30 K CONTRACT

We Are Hiring!

Are you skilled with installing farm infrastructure, coordinating tasks and maintaining equipment? This job opportunity could be for you! The **Harvest Pierce County (HPC) Infrastructure Project Assistant** role supports farm program managers in achieving seasonal objectives and reports to two HPC Farm Program Managers. This part-time, temporary, contracted position runs from Mid April to October 31, with flexible start and end dates. Please apply as soon as possible to increase the competitive edge of your application.

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We are also hiring a **seasonal, temporary Grant & Contract Coordinator**. This position will provide guidance and management of all Grants and Contracts that are administered within Pierce Conservation District (PCD). Position is open until filled, and starts immediately.

[Apply](#)

Discovering the Wholesale Market for Local Flowers

Monday, 9:30 AM - 12:30PM

April 8th

WSU Puyallup Research and Extension Center

Are you a flower farmer interested in understanding what it takes to sell to local flower wholesalers? Come join us for a panel discussion with two of our region's wholesale flower outlets, Washington Floral and Seattle Wholesale Growers Market Cooperative. Representatives will be on hand to share how their operations work, what is required to sell through their outlets, what their flower needs are and how the growing number of local flower farms could provide a larger share of the wholesale market.

[Register](#)

Monthly Board of Supervisors Meeting

April 10th from 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

In Person at PCD Office and Virtual

Open to the public. Our monthly Board of Supervisors meeting to update work accomplished and future plans.

[Calendar Event](#)[Agenda](#)

APRIL CLASSES

EDIBLE GARDENS

Learn about

- The basics of Summer gardening
- Garden bugs and diseases & non-toxic alternatives

**Edible Gardens Class Open Now:
Summer Gardening & Bugs and Diseases**

Saturday, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

April 13th and 20th

Variable Locations

New to gardening or seeking answers about growing food? Explore the Edible Gardens class series presented by HPC and Pierce County educators. Tailored for novice gardeners, this year-long program offers a comprehensive journey through the seasons, providing foundational knowledge for gardening in the Pacific Northwest. In April, we're offering two classes covering summer gardening and addressing garden bugs, diseases, and alternative remedies. Join us as we cultivate knowledge and green thumbs together!

[Learn More](#)[Register](#)

16th Annual South Sound Sustainability Expo

South Sound Sustainability Expo

Saturday, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

April 13th

Join Pierce Conservation District at the region's largest community celebration of all things sustainability. This free, family-friendly event features activities, presentations, performances, and art exhibits.

[More Information](#)

Volunteer Opportunities



2024 Earth Day Events

Saturday, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
April 20th

Earth Day is just around the corner, and it's a great time to show you care about local green spaces! On Saturday, April 20th, PCD will host work parties at multiple restoration sites around Pierce County. Join us as we give back to our beautiful planet and care for some stellar green spaces right in our own backyard. Locations include:

- Deadman's Pond, Puyallup
- Silver Creek, Puyallup
- Whittier Park, Fircrest
- South Prairie Creek Preserve, Orting

The fun doesn't stop there- we'll also host an optional bird walk with PCD's resident birder, Glenn Johnson at 8 am before the work party at South Prairie Creek Preserve Area. Sign up soon, as slots fill up fast!

[Sign Up](#)



Spring State Fair

Saturday, April 11-14 & 18-21, 10AM - 4PM
Puyallup

Activities include talking with community members about Pierce Conservation District and directing them to relevant resources. Variable shift lengths, and volunteers get free admission to the spring fair!

[Sign Up](#)



Deadman's Pond Work Party

Saturday, May 3rd, 9AM - 12PM
Puyallup

Activities include caring for existing plantings, mulching and removing invasive species such as Himalayan blackberry and Canadian thistle. This streamside habitat supports water quality, our local wildlife, and pollinators.

[Sign Up](#)



Whittier Park Work Party

Saturday, May 4th, 9AM - 12PM
Fircrest

Activities include caring for existing plantings, mulching and removing invasive species such as Himalayan blackberry and Canadian thistle. This streamside habitat supports water quality, our local wildlife, and pollinators.

[Sign Up](#)



Meeker Creek Work Party

Saturday, May 4th, 9AM - 12PM
Puyallup

Activities include caring for existing plantings, mulching and removing invasive species such as Himalayan blackberry and Canadian thistle. This streamside habitat supports water quality, our local wildlife, and pollinators.

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News from Pierce CD



Customers purchasing plants at the PCD Native Plant Sale.

2024 Native Plant Sale A Huge Success

Thanks to the unwavering support of our community, we were able to sell numerous additional bare roots plants, furthering our mission to promote native plant species throughout the area. We extend heartfelt gratitude to the dedicated volunteers whose hard work ensured the smooth operation of the event, and we express our appreciation to the vendors who added excitement and knowledge to our plant sale. Together, we are making a tangible difference in preserving and enriching our local ecosystem. Thank you all for your invaluable contributions.

Clay Babies At the Beach

'Clay babies', 'water babies', mud-puppies', 'fairy stones' - whatever you call these clay concretions, they are a treat to see on the beach! These hard clay formations...

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Be Free, Salmon!

Pierce Conservation District and partners hosted 24 schools and 1,500 students at Salmon Release Field Trips this March over two weeks...

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Director's Corner



Congratulations and thank you to everyone for your hard work on the Native Plant Sale! This is a hugely important event that has an immense impact on our local community. I am looking forward to seeing those trees grow and help establish good habitat in our region!

School is OUT, well, the schools of salmon are out of their classroom tanks! Thanks also to the salmon in the classroom team for all their hard work to engage the youth to help raise and release the salmon into Swan Creek!!! Thank you for inspiring the next generation of environmental stewards.

Our office is also now more open to the public! Although doors will remain locked, we now have a doorbell and can be accessed 9 am - 4pm Monday - Thursday, and by appointment. Come stop by and say hi!

- Executive Director Dana Coggon

In the Conservation Community

[2024 Natural Yard Care Webinar Series](#) - The Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department will host a Natural Yard Care webinar series this coming April (10th, 17th & 24th).

[Parks Appreciation Day](#) - Every year, Lakewood staff and community volunteers team up to clean our parks. This includes picking up trash, pulling weeds, and light landscaping to preserve the parks. Join them at the next Parks Appreciation Day to help make a difference!

[Planning & Development Services Arborist](#) - The City of Tacoma's Planning & Development Services Department is seeking a customer focused individual to join their team as a Development Services Arborist.



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