



## Events & Opportunities

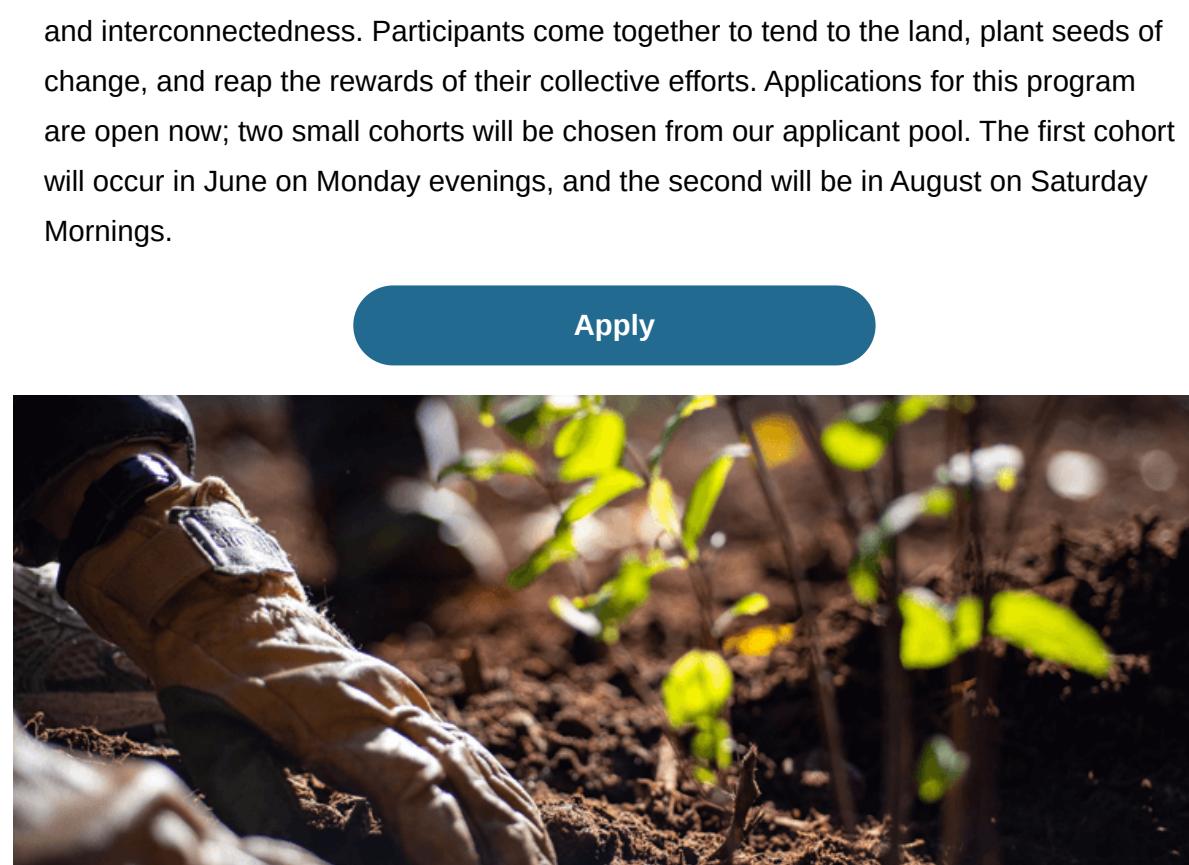


### From Root to Fruit: The 2023 Annual Report Is Here!

We are so glad to share our 2023 Annual Report with our community. In it you can read about our efforts across the county, and our focus on regenerative growth in our organization and our community. The theme of this year's report is "From Root to Fruit." We tried to capture the ways we invest in our communities, and some of the rewarding progress we see as a result. Some highlights include:

- Over 60,000 pounds of food harvested by volunteers and donated to hunger relief organizations & local businesses.
- A story of how a Neighborhood Council partnered with us to transform four neglected city blocks into a tree-lined community space.
- 15,091 trees and shrubs planted in Pierce County.
- Every 4th grade class in Puyallup School District received a fish hatchery field trip.

Thank you to our partners and community members that make this work possible!

[2023 Annual Report](#)

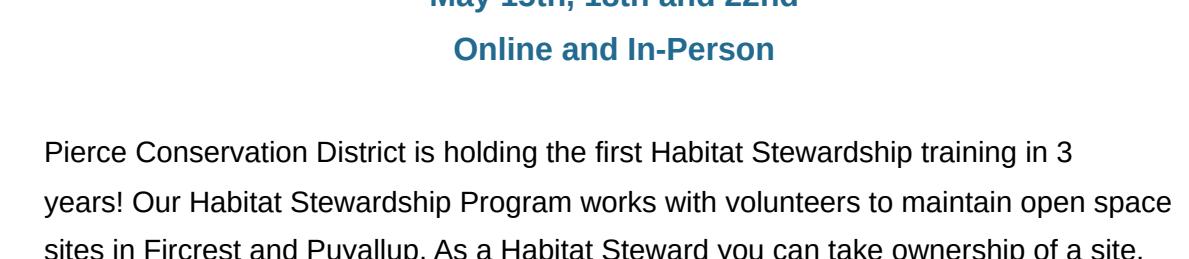
### Looking to Radically Grow Beside Members of Your Community?

**Applications Open in May**

**Evening Sessions in June, Morning Sessions in August**

**Central Tacoma**

Harvest Pierce County's "Radicle Growth" program, created in collaboration with licensed therapists, offers a reflective space where individuals can connect with nature, cultivate personal growth, and foster meaningful relationships within their community. At the heart of "Radicle Growth" lies the practice of harvesting in community—a simple yet profound act that not only yields fresh produce but also fosters a sense of belonging and interconnectedness. Participants come together to tend to the land, plant seeds of change, and reap the rewards of their collective efforts. Applications for this program are open now; two small cohorts will be chosen from our applicant pool. The first cohort will occur in June on Monday evenings, and the second will be in August on Saturday Mornings.

[Apply](#)

### Monthly Board of Supervisors Meeting

**April 8th 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](#)

### Habitat Stewardship Training

**Variable Times**

**May 15th, 18th and 22nd**

**Online and In-Person**

Pierce Conservation District is holding the first Habitat Stewardship training in 3 years! Our Habitat Stewardship Program works with volunteers to maintain open space sites in Fircrest and Puyallup. As a Habitat Steward you can take ownership of a site, develop an annual work plan and goals, and lead monthly work parties of volunteers.

During the training you will learn about the Habitat Stewardship Program, ecology, volunteer management and site planning. This is a 3-part series, with 2 online portions and 1 field training on a Saturday. There are limited spots available, so register quick!

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### Community Poultry Processing Workshop

Saturday, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

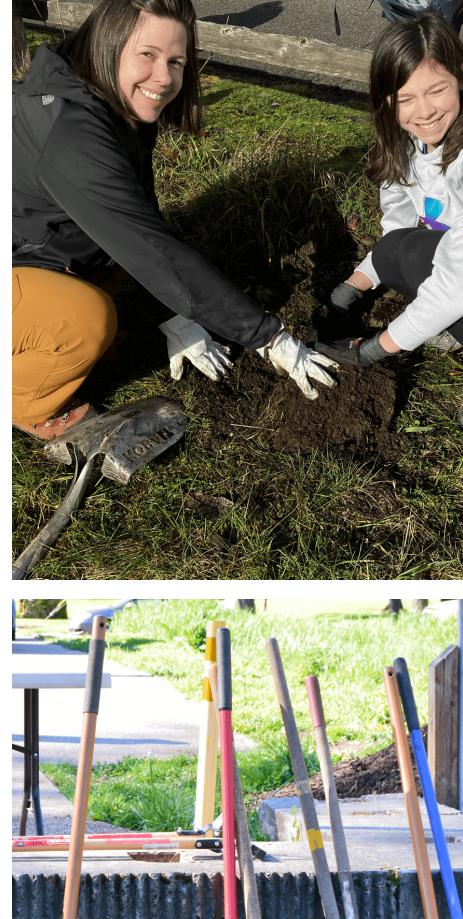
June 29th

Bright Ide Acres

Curious about how that chicken actually gets from farm to table? Join Bright Ide Acres in Orville with a quick tour of the Bright Ide Acres ethically-raised poultry operation. Participants will be able to observe birds at every stage of growth, from a few days old to market-ready. Participants will also have the opportunity to discuss humane handling/dispatch and observe a trained slaughter professional as they transition a live animal to a carcass ready for fabrication. This workshop will be hands on, and participants will have a chance to practice pulling feathers, removing internal organs and preparing a bird for the table. Each participant will also take home a whole pasture-raised chicken that they processed themselves.

[Register](#)

## Volunteer Opportunities



### 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.

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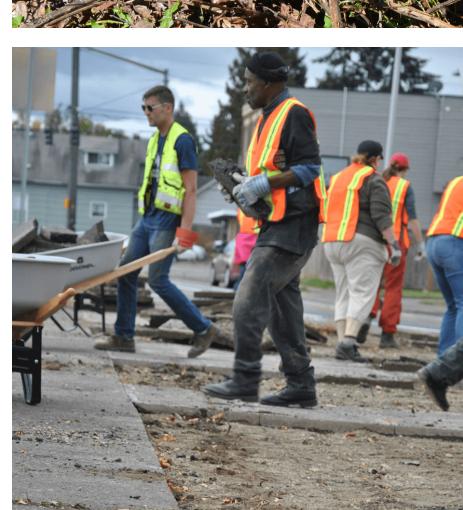
### Meeker Creek Work Party

Saturday, May 4th, 9AM - 12PM

Puyallup

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### Peck Work Party

Saturday, May 4th, 9AM - 12PM

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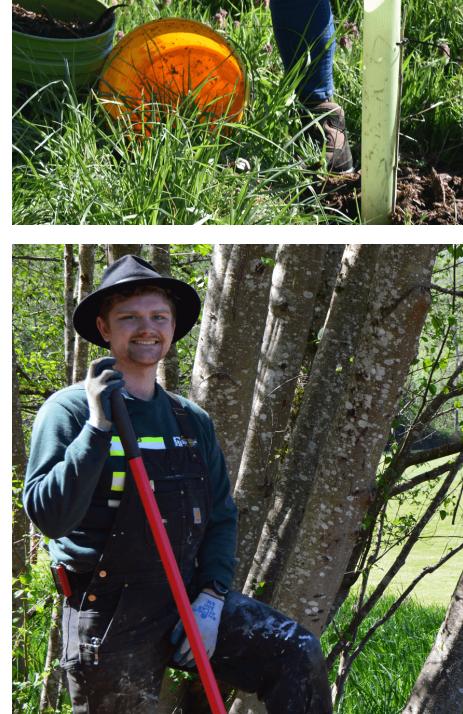
### Silver Creek Work Party

Saturday, May 11th, 9AM - 12PM

Puyallup

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### Triangle Depave

Saturday, May 11th, 10AM - 2PM

Puyallup

Come pick up a sledgehammer and depave Tacoma! See how people power can turn gray space to green space.

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### South Prairie Creek Preserve Work Party

Saturday, May 25th, 9AM - 12PM

Orting

Come join the Pierce Conservation District at South Prairie Creek Preserve as we mulch in preparation for the dry summer months ahead.

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### Whittier Park Work Party

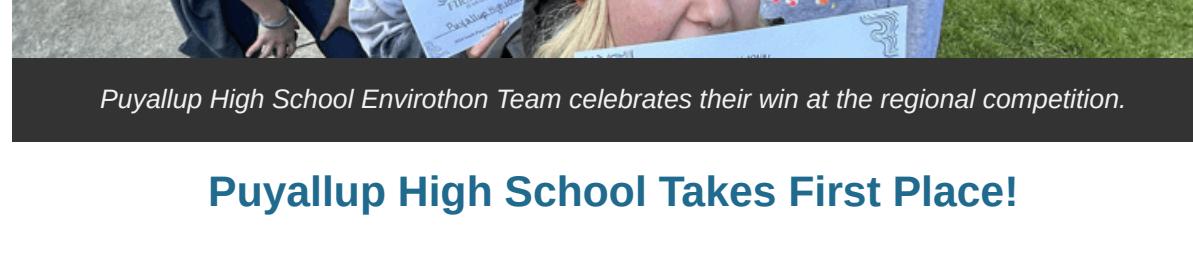
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## News from Pierce CD

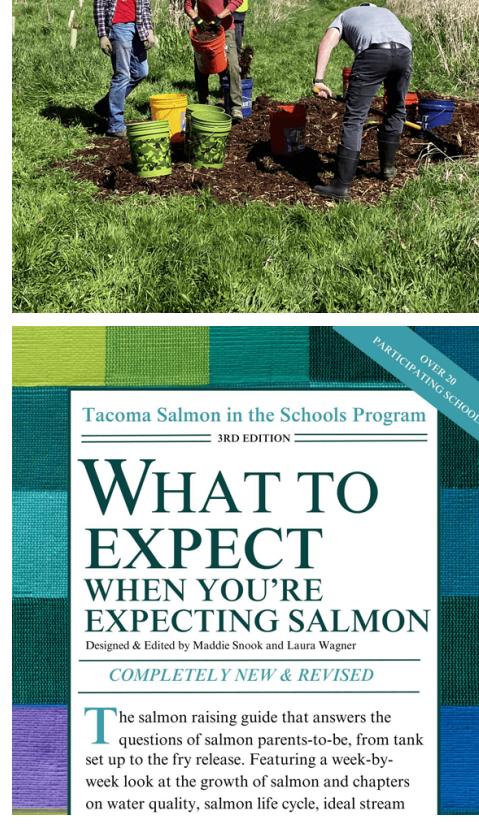


Puyallup High School Envirothon Team celebrates their win at the regional competition.

### Puyallup High School Takes First Place!

Last month regional Envirothon competitions across the state determined which teams would advance to the Washington State Envirothon competition. High school students studied throughout the winter and spring semester on the topics of soil, aquatics, wildlife, and forestry in preparation for the competition. This year, the South Puget Sound Regional included 4 counties with 11 teams in

total. A fantastic turn out for a sunny day in Squaxin Park, Olympia. Puyallup High School took first place in both Pierce County and in the overall competition! Congratulations to the team for their hard work, dedication, and passion in environmental science.



## Happy Earth Day From South Prairie Creek Preserve!

On April 20th twenty amazing volunteers joined Pierce Conservation District's habitat team at South Prairie Creek Preserve for our annual Earth Day celebration...

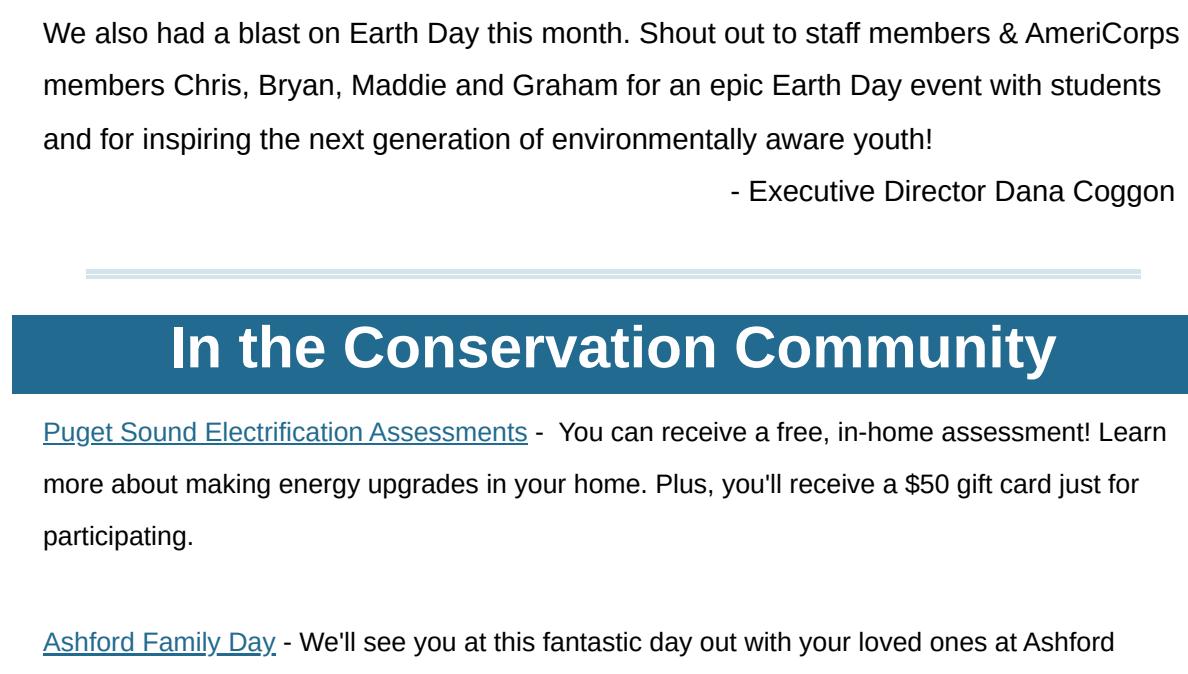
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## Follow the Salmon in the Schools Journey

Every year Pierce Conservation District and program partners help raise Chum and Coho salmon in Tacoma Public Schools. A booklet has been created to capture this journey...

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It's planting season!!! This month we welcome James Moore, a former PCD AmeriCorps member, back to our team as a Climate Resiliency Program Manager. We can't wait to see him put his love for the environment to good use with us with the Firewise and REDA efforts.

April is also Volunteer Appreciation Month and we want to say a big thank you to all our volunteers including our [Board Supervisors](#)! The PCD board works hard for all of us to get to do the good work we all love to do! We always welcome [new associate board members](#) to provide expertise and guidance for our team.

We also had a blast on Earth Day this month. Shout out to staff members & AmeriCorps members Chris, Bryan, Maddie and Graham for an epic Earth Day event with students and for inspiring the next generation of environmentally aware youth!

- Executive Director Dana Coggon

## In the Conservation Community

[Puget Sound Electrification Assessments](#) - You can receive a free, in-home assessment! Learn more about making energy upgrades in your home. Plus, you'll receive a \$50 gift card just for participating.

[Ashford Family Day](#) - We'll see you at this fantastic day out with your loved ones at Ashford County Park with activities for all ages to enjoy.

[YES Youth Film Festival](#) - Support youth in Pierce County! This film festival is developed by youth for youth to share stories through film about climate change in your community.

[Key Peninsula Livable Community Fair](#) - Say hi to PCD staff at this local community fair, which will showcase nonprofit organizations, government agencies, churches, clubs, local small businesses, and others who support the health, well-being, and livability of the Key Peninsula.

[Oasis Youth Center Queer Prom](#) - Oasis Youth Center is hosting a queer prom, and is seeking volunteers!



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