



Events & Opportunities



Green Stormwater Infrastructure Mini-Grants Application Open!

August 1st

Applications for Green Stormwater Infrastructure Mini Grants are now open! Receive up to \$4,000 to help to install a rain garden, rain tank, or remove pavement and lawn to increase your urban wildlife habitat of native and pollinator-friendly plants. Eligible project areas include the Chambers Creek, Commencement Bay, and Lower Puyallup River Watersheds. Request a site visit to talk with PCD staff about your project ideas before you apply!

[More Information](#)

[Request a Site Visit](#)



Building a Good Livestock Confinement Area

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

August 10th

Stack Sporthorses Farm, Gig Harbor

Have you wanted to see a good example of a livestock confinement area? One that keeps the animals dry and isn't muddy? Come out to Stack Sporthorses in Gig Harbor to see confinement areas that were built over 10 years ago still hold up. Listen to the owner and a PCD Farm Planner as they review key points in confinement area construction, and hear tips and tricks for how the owner has kept these confinement areas in good, working condition over many years.

[Register](#)



Monthly Board of Supervisors Meeting

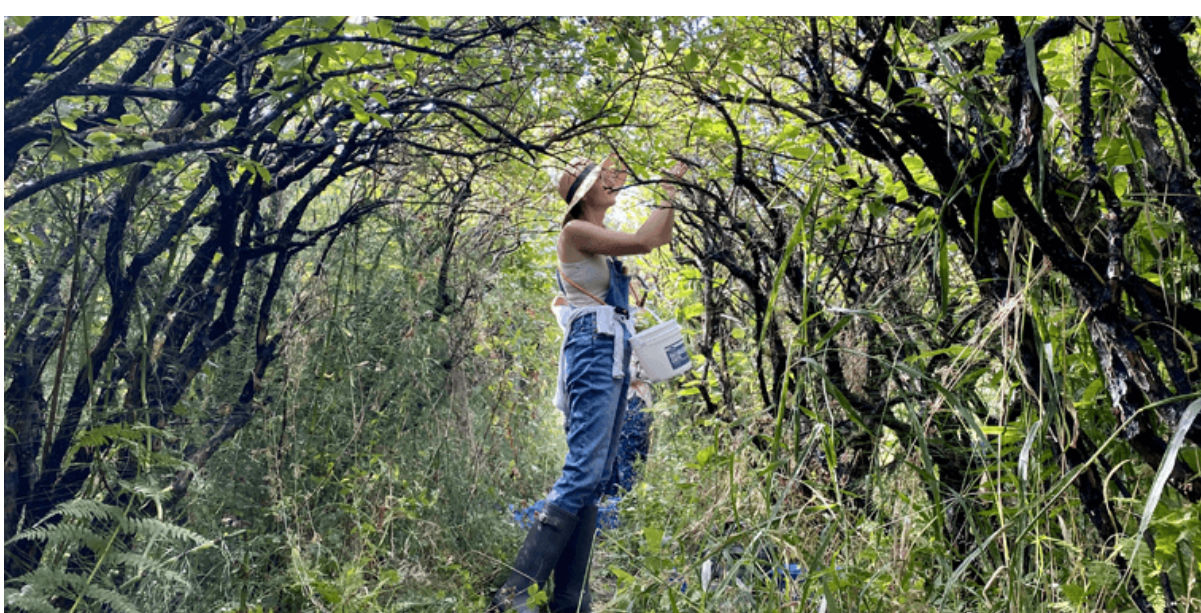
August 14th from 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

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](#)



Multi-day Blueberry Glean

09:00 AM - 11:00 AM

August 15th, 16th and 17th

5111 Pioneer Way E, Tacoma

One of Harvest Pierce County's favorite harvests every year is our multi-day blueberry glean. Last year, thanks to the hard work of volunteers like you, we harvested an impressive 253 pounds of blueberries! When you volunteer to pick, you get to take home a hearty portion of berries, and all the excess will be donated to local hunger relief organizations. Your help makes a significant impact on our community, and we look forward to working with you to make this gleaning season the best one yet.

[Register](#)



South Prairie Creek Preserve Area Story Map & Volunteer Work Parties

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

August 24th, September 21st

South Prairie Creek Preserve, Orting WA

In 2005, the Pierce Conservation District and partners acquired land adjacent to South Prairie Creek and have since been working to preserve cultural and natural resources and restore degraded salmonid habitats. The PCD Habitat Team has created a StoryMap that outlines the restoration efforts and how the presence of salmon benefits the local ecosystem at South Prairie Creek Preserve.

Additionally, PCD is hosting work parties this summer to restore critical salmonid habitat. If you'd like to see our work and lend a hand, register below!

[Salmon StoryMap](#)

[SPCP Volunteer Opportunities](#)



Big Helpers Come in Small Packages - Opportunities for Kids at PCD Gleans

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays

Mother Earth Farm, Farm at Franklin Pierce, Early Bird Farm

The Gleaning Project warmly welcomes youth, accompanied by an adult, to participate in our harvests. Inspire the next generation of farmers and land stewards with us through hands-on experience in the fields. While not every glean is suitable for young children, our weekly farm gleans at The Farm at Franklin Pierce on Wednesdays and at Early Bird Farm on Fridays are perfect opportunities to involve the kids. These events offer a safe and engaging environment for children to learn about agriculture and the importance of sustainable food practices. Children do not need to sign up separately – just bring them along for the adventure!

[Register](#)



Urban Tree Sale Preorders Open

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays

Pierce Conservation District Office, Puyallup

Want to beat the heat while improving your local water quality without breaking the bank? Consider purchasing a tree at a discounted price through Pierce Conservation District's Urban Tree Sale! Planting trees is a great way to reduce temperatures around your home, improve air quality, and reduce impacts of stormwater pollution. Twice a year, PCD offers a selection of 5-7 gallon, 10+ foot tall trees for a discounted price of only **\$10-\$30!** Along with your purchase you will be invited to a free, virtual workshop that includes information on the benefits of trees, step-by-step planting directions to give your trees the best chance at survival. You'll even receive a watering bucket to provide a deep watering for your tree! **Preorders are open, with pick up in November.**

[Urban Tree Sale](#)

Volunteer Opportunities



Deadman's Pond Work Party

Friday, August 2nd, 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, August 3rd, 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](#)



Waghup Lake Work Party

Saturday, August 10th, 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, and pollinators.

[Sign Up](#)



Bradley Lake Work Party

Saturday, August 17th, 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, and pollinators.

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South Prairie Creek Preserve Work Party

Saturday, August 24th, 9AM - 12PM

Orting

Come join PCD as we continue our restoration efforts at South Prairie Creek Preserve as we mulch trees and shrubs!

[Sign Up](#)

News from Pierce CD



How to Breathe Clean When Wildfires Are Seen

It's that time of year! For Washingtonians May through October are months when the threat of wildfires and poor air quality loom on the horizon. When wildfires strike, do you know how to determine how much you're at risk?

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How Harvest Pierce County is Helping Grow Farmers

The Goss Incubator Farm is a 4-acre farm, located in Orting on ancestral territory of the Puyallup tribe...

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Summer Camp Fun at Swan Creek

School programs may be over, but learning never stops! This July the Environmental Education team at Pierce Conservation District held an eco-summer camp at Swan Creek Park for...

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Pierce Conservation District Hunts For Bugs!

Pierce Conservation District continues its partnership with Pierce County's Surface Water Management team to gather bugs in some creeks in the County...

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Director's Corner

These weeks are all getting crazy busy at Pierce Conservation District. Thank you to everyone who is out doing field work to ensure our sites look good and our plants grow strong! I loved getting to celebrate the volunteers that make our work happen at our Volunteer Celebration this July.

Congratulations to our AmeriCorps members who are finishing up their terms. They gathered last week to celebrate the end of their season by gleaning veggies for local hunger organizations- awesome! Thanks to one of our members who is finishing their term here at PCD, Maddie, for sharing all of your artistic talent and your knowledge with us. We are so lucky that we got to share this year with you! We look forward to welcoming our six other members back for a second term.

We're also ramping up our support for local events like the Dupont Moonwalk, Puyallup's Along The River Walk and Edgewood's Community Picnic. Keep an eye out for us!

Remember to stay hydrated and if you need a break from the heat to take care of yourself and get to some shade or AC.

- Executive Director, Dana Coggon.

In the Conservation Community

[Key Peninsula Artist's Walk](#) - Local artists display and sell their creations, give on-site demonstrations, perform live music at multiple venues, and offer art activities for kids along with beer, wine and cider gardens and food trucks – fun for the entire family.

[Meridian Habitat Park Ribbon Cutting & Celebration](#) - Join PCD at Meridian Habitat Park for a day of outdoors fun!

[Pierce County Urban Heat Mapping](#) - This summer, Pierce County is doing a community heat-mapping project that will bring together local cities, organizations, and volunteers to produce heat maps.

[Historic Cushman Street Fair](#) - PCD will be at this neighborhood gathering, celebrating everything that makes the Historic Cushman Street area awesome!



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