



## Events & Opportunities



### Native Plant Preorder Sale Delayed

#### Preorder Sale Postponed Until Website Technical Issue Can Be Resolved

We are aware of the issue with our Native Plant Sale website ([piercenativeplantsale.com](http://piercenativeplantsale.com)) and we are working tirelessly to fix it. It is a technical issue with our website domain, and we are in active conversation with our domain provider to find a solution.

We will inform everyone subscribed to our newsletters via e-mail and social media channels once the website is back up and plants are available for preorder.

Once the sale opens, it will remain open until January 15th so you will still have plenty of time to order. Thank you for your patience and eagerness to restore our natural landscapes with native plants. If you have any questions or concerns, please e-mail [hpc.americorps@piercedc.org](mailto:hpc.americorps@piercedc.org).



### Establishing Pollinator and Wildlife Hedgerows

09:30 AM - 3:00 PM

November 9th

Wild Hare Organic Farm, Tacoma, WA

Join us at Wild Hare Organic Farm for a workshop on establishing pollinator and wildlife hedgerows on farms! Learn about the benefits of hedgerows, how to choose and source planting material, and best management practices for successful establishment. Then stay to join in on the fun of planting a hedgerow at Wild Hare! We will also be highlighting new hedgerow planting templates developed with the input of regional farmers, as well as funding programs to finance your own farm hedgerow project.

[Register](#)



### Monthly Board of Supervisors Meeting

September 11th 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](#)



### Interested in Gaining Farming Skills?

**Application Deadline November 15th**  
**Program Runs March - October**

If you're interested in learning how to work on a small vegetable farm or expand your skills in food production, Harvest Pierce County is offering Farm Foundations Training. This free, educational program is designed to give access to the knowledge and experience of a full-time farm internship without the commitment. It combines virtual classes with field work at farms within Pierce County, to give participants a well-rounded perspective on the realities of food production. Applications opened Oct. 2nd and the priority deadline is Nov. 15th. Please join us for the 2025 season.

[Apply](#)



### Fall Urban Tree Sale Pick Up Information

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

November 16th

**All trees must be picked up by November 23rd**

If you preordered trees at our Fall Urban Tree Sale, please prepare to pick up your trees on November 16th! Please note this is a preorder sale; there will be no walk-up sales.

[Learn More](#)





## Soil Aeration Workshop Recording Available

As part of the Washington State Conservation Commission's Sustainable Farms and Field's (SFF) Program, PCD applied for funding this past spring to provide cost share for Kaukiki farm in Lakebay to purchase a combination soil aerator-seeder for a local farmer. This farmer offered to show off the equipment in a partner workshop with PCD. Workshop participants learned about the equipment and how aeration of compacted soils will increase crop, forage production, and long-term carbon sequestration and reduce carbon dioxide equivalent (greenhouse gases, GHG) emissions while reducing runoff and nutrient loss, and increasing water and nutrient absorption rates. If you missed the two demonstrations of the equipment, watch a recording on our website!

[Watch Now](#)

## Volunteer Opportunities



### Waughop Lake Work Party

Saturday, November 9th, 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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### Adriana Hess Work Party

Saturday, November 16th, 9AM - 12PM  
Puyallup

Activities include caring for existing plantings, mulching and removing invasive species such as Himalayan blackberry, non-native trees, and English ivy. This streamside habitat supports water quality, and pollinators.

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### FirFest at Whittier Park

Saturday, November 23rd, 9AM - 12PM  
Fircrest

Join us at one of our restoration sites at Whittier Park for FirFest! Activities include caring for existing plants and removing invasive plant species.

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### South Prairie Creek Preserve Work Party

Saturday, November 23rd, 9AM - 12PM  
Orting

Come join PCD as we continue our restoration efforts at South Prairie Creek Preserve as we plant trees and shrubs, mulch existing plants and improve riparian habitat for salmon.

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## News from Pierce CD



Over 300 pots leftover from the South Prairie Creek Preserve event being used to make an orca.

### Thank You Orca Recovery Day Volunteers!

After earning top honors at the state competition in May, the Tesla STEM High School Envirothon team took their talents to upstate New York for the North American competition. They spent a week at Hobart and Smith College, putting their skills and knowledge to the test against teams from around the United States and Canada. When all was said and done, the team placed 11th overall, including a top score in the oral presentation. We want to congratulate the team on their showing and for making Washington proud!



### PCD Launches Pilot Outdoor Field Trip Program

This October, over 300 third-graders from the White River School District went on an adventure at South Prairie Creek Preserve. Through the hard work and preparation of ...

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### Funding Provided to Farmers to Plant Cover Crops and Forage this Fall

Funding provided by the WA State Conservation Commission's Sustainable Farms and Fields (SFF) Program to directly purchase ...

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### HPC Bolsters Goss Incubator Farm and Urban Farm Site

Harvest Pierce County received some new funding this year that advanced our work of





building out infrastructural needs at our farm sites

the Goss Incubator Farm and ...

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## In the Conservation Community

[Benefits and Beauty: Landscaping with Native Plants Webinar](#) - Join King Conservation District for a FREE native plant webinar. The talk will cover the countless benefits that native plants provide for landscape aesthetics, wildlife habitat, water quality and more!

[Tacoma Tree Foundation Branch Out](#) - Tacoma Tree Foundation is hosting a volunteer planting event in addition to their tree giveaway.

[Focus on Farming & Forestry Conference](#) - Focus on Farming is the only one-day gathering for all types of farming in one location; whether organic or conventional, livestock or row crops, large or small.

[Hands-On Hedgerow Workshop](#) - Join Thurston Conservation District, WSU Extension, and Piece by Piece Farm for another hedgerow-related learning opportunity!



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