

## Welcome our New Executive Director: Dana Coggon!



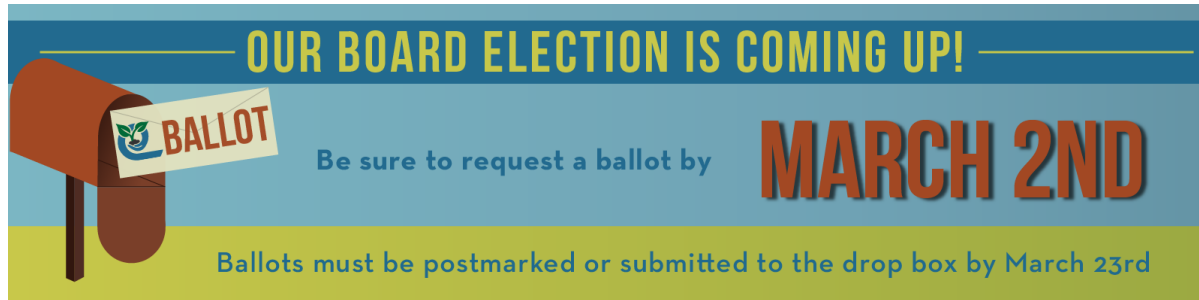
**"Dana Coggon is the first woman to lead the PCD, which puts Pierce County's conservation district in leadership when it comes to women's equality in top career positions in general." -Tacoma Weekly**

Please join us in welcoming our new Executive Director, Dana! We're so excited for her leadership. For the last fifteen years, Coggon has been the Kitsap County Noxious Weed Control Coordinator and has an exceptional leadership record. She also has a strong science background with Bachelor's and Master's degrees in agriculture, weed science, and pest management. Read her [press release](#)!

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[Tacoma Weekly Article](#)

## Vote in our Board Election!



Would you like to have a say in how PCD is run? Vote in our upcoming board election! [Request a ballot](#) by March 2 at 4:30pm.

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[Calendar Reminder](#)

## Board Supervisor Openings

Did you know that we have two positions open on our Board of Supervisors? One is elected and one is appointed.

- Deadline to file required information for elected position: February 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Deadline to apply to be an appointed board member: March 31st.

[Learn More](#)

## First Ever Green Stormwater Mini-Grants Awarded



*A mini-grant recipient stands on top of her future rain garden.*

As the 2022 gets underway, the Pierce Conservation District (PCD) is planning for a greener future in the new year. After receiving over sixty applications for the new [Green Stormwater Mini-Grant](#), PCD is pleased to **award \$60,000 to sixteen projects in Pierce County's most urban watersheds**. In 2022, PCD will work with grant recipients to plant seven rain gardens, remove 1,200 square feet of pavement, convert 5,000 square feet of lawns into urban wildlife habitat, and install five rain tanks to harvest rainwater. Combined, these projects are expected to keep 2 million gallons of polluted stormwater runoff out of the environment every year.

[Read the Whole Article](#)

## Take advantage of this season's drizzle!



Rain Barrels are a great way to stock up on water for all of your springtime blooms, and you can get your very own for just \$25. We limit ONE barrel purchase per household. Along with your purchase, you'll get a free, virtual workshop and step by step assembly directions so that you can do it with your family from the comfort of your own home. **Note that this sale is for residents of Unincorporated Pierce County only.**

Add a rain barrel to your spring time to-do list today!

[Learn More](#)

## Volunteer Opportunities

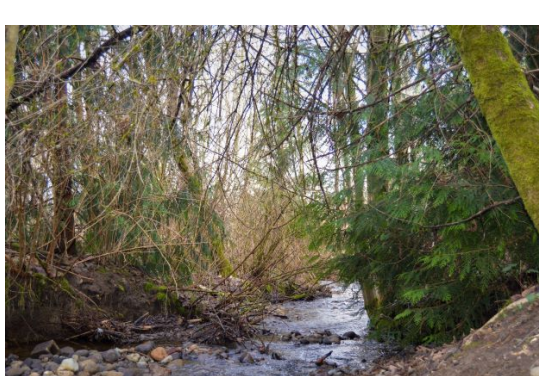
### Whittier Park Habitat Stewardship



**February 5th, 9am - 12pm**

Volunteer with us by spending 3 hours at Whittier Park in Fircrest. Activities include installing a thick layer of mulch and burlap to rot out non-native

### Silver Creek Habitat Stewardship



**February 12th, 9am - 12pm**

Volunteer with us by spending 3 hours at Silver Creek in Puyallup. Activities include making and installing willow live stakes and protecting past plantings.



blackberry roots. This work supports water quality, our local wildlife, and pollinators.

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## South Prairie Creek Preserve Work Party



**February 19th, 9am - 12pm**

Join us as we continue restoration to improve habitat along the newly constructed side channel at South Prairie Creek Preserve! We will be planting a variety of native trees and shrubs. Please pre-register to attend.

[Sign Up](#)

## Meeker Creek Habitat Stewardship



**February 19th, 9am - 12pm**

Volunteer with the Habitat Stewards out at Meeker Creek in Puyallup for a morning of restoration activities. Activities include installing a thick layer of mulch and burlap, participating in invasive removal, and specifically helping to remove English ivy through survival rings and plantings. This work supports water quality, our local wildlife, and pollinators

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## Dead Man's Pond Habitat Stewardship



**February 19th, 9am - 12pm**

Volunteer with the Habitat Stewards out at Dead Man's Pond in Puyallup for a morning of restoration activities. Activities include caring for existing plantings and installing mulch, as well as blackberry grubbing. This work supports water quality, our local wildlife, and pollinators.

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## On the Farm

### Surviving Winter

*Band-Aids to get your Livestock Farm Through Until Spring*



**February 8th  
6:30pm - 7:30pm**

Is Your Farm a mud pit this time of year? Then this is the [class for you!](#) Get some band aid tips to help you survive this winter, and ideas for real solutions to install this summer.

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## NEW Forestry Education Series

### South Sound Conservation Districts' Forestry Education Series



**General Forest Health & Risk Trees:  
Is this a Habitat Tree or a Hazard Tree?**

Webinar-January 20, 2022 | 6:30-7:30PM

**Multi-Benefit Forestry:  
Climate Resilience, Wildlife Habitat, &  
Future Growth, Oh My!**

Webinar-March 17, 2022 | 6:30-7:30PM

**Managing Wildfire Risk Around Your  
Western Washington Home**

Webinar-February 17, 2022 | 6:30-7:30PM

**Riparian Habitat & Invasive Species Control:  
Seeing the Salmon Stream  
Through the Weeds**

Webinar-April 21, 2022 | 6:30-7:30PM

Pierce County Forest Stewardship Field Day  
May 2022 | Date & Location TBA



Join Conservation District Forestry experts on the third Thursday of the month, January-April 2022, for free webinars where you will learn how to care for & manage your forest. Each webinar will cover a different topic of forest stewardship.

February's webinar is:

### Managing Wildfire Risk Around Your Western Washington Home

Nationally, approximately 10 million acres were burned in 2020, with approximately 6 million of those acres burned in the Western United States

Join Matthew Axe The Wildfire and Forest Resiliency Coordinator with King Conservation District for this free webinar for information on how you can protect your home and community from wildfire events.



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### Free Soil Sampling Program

Don't forget that our Farm Team has a **First Five Free Soil Sampling Program** for commercial crops, pastures, and hay fields to help you determine the right rate, timing, placement, and source of fertilizers or amendments for your particular crop and site conditions.

[Learn More](#)

### Farm Financial Assistance Deadline Soon





The final application deadline for assistance to implement on-farm improvements in the Puyallup and Nisqually watersheds through its Regional Conservation Partnership Program\* is approaching. You have until **March 18, 2022** to apply.

These funds are being used to provide technical and financial assistance to implement best management practices that benefit water quality, fish and wildlife habitat, and soil condition. Practices include but are not limited to **water catchment, pollinator habitat plantings, and cross-fencing to facilitate rotational grazing.**

For more information, contact our Farm Team.

*\*This is a partnership with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and PCD to administer the Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP).*

Contact Farm Team

Learn More!



This month our seed stories highlight features our new Executive Director Dana! See what Dana does to save her seeds.



**COVID-19 Notice:** Pierce Conservation District's office is closed until Phase 3 of the Governor's phased reopening begins, at which time we will be open on a limited basis with minimal staff on site. Our staff are all still working remotely and available to provide technical assistance, including virtual site visits. We have worked quickly to transition our programming to an online and interactive format, including some of the content below. We will be able to restart volunteer restoration activities . Please email [info@pierced.org](mailto:info@pierced.org) with any questions.

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