



PIERCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
Over 70 Years of Conservation

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## Return of Seed Swap and Story Share!

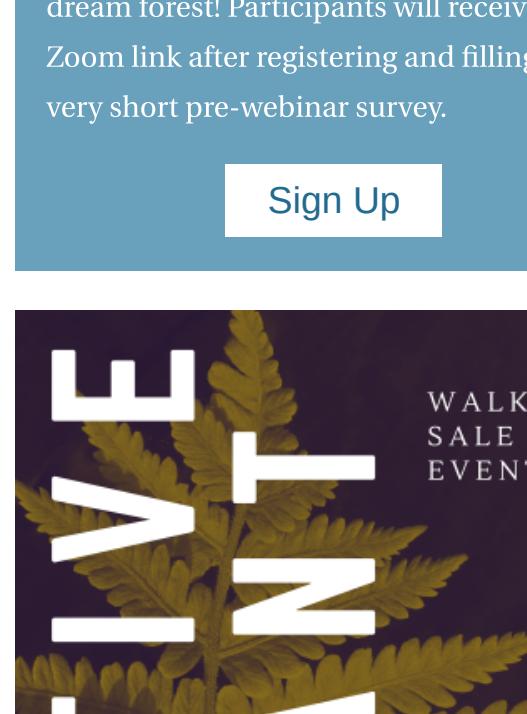


Our Seed Swap and Story share event is back! In place of a traditional event, we'll be launching the **first seed library shed in Pierce County**. Here you can learn how to sign up and use this seed library throughout the season, donate seeds, and celebrate the budding season with the community. Bring your saved seeds, friends, stories, and of course masks!

[Register](#)

[Facebook Event](#)

## FREE Edible Garden Workshops



The Edible Garden's Workshop Series has just begun. To register and see the full schedule for FREE online workshop with Harvest Pierce County and Pierce County Educators visit our website.

[Register](#)

## NEW Forestry Education Series

### Multi-Benefit Forestry: Climate Resilience, Wildlife Habitat, and Future Growth

Want to manage your forest for more than one goal? Not sure how to improve tree vigor and growth while providing for wildlife habitat and climate resilience? Let us talk with you about multi-benefit forest management options and how to mesh your property goals together to grow your dream forest! Participants will receive a Zoom link after registering and filling out a very short pre-webinar survey.



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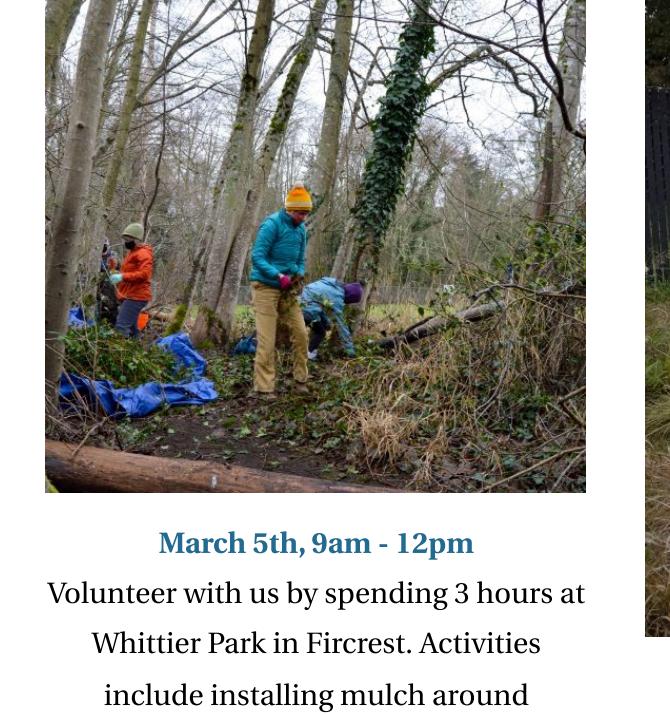
The Native Plant Walk up Sale is Going To Be Bigger & Better Than Ever!

April, 16th 2021

10am - 12pm

If you have *pre-ordered* plants from us you can come shop the sale while you pick up your plants on **April 15th (9 am to 4 pm)** or **April 16th (10 am to 2 pm)**. The walk-up sale event will be *open to the public* on April 16th only.

[Learn More](#)



### Whittier Park Habitat Stewardship

March 5th, 9am - 12pm

Volunteer with us by spending 3 hours at Whittier Park in Fircrest. Activities include installing mulch around previous plantings to help ensure their survival. This work supports water quality, our local wildlife, and pollinators.

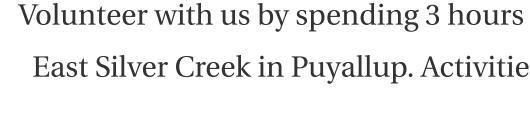
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### Pioneer Place II Habitat Stewardship

March 5th, 9am - 12pm

Volunteer with us by spending 3 hours at Pioneer Place II in Puyallup. Activities include caring for existing plantings and removing invasive species such as Himalayan blackberry and reed canary grass. This work supports water quality, our local wildlife, and pollinators.

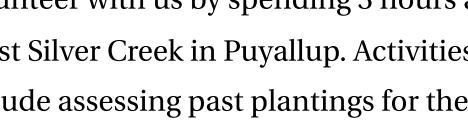
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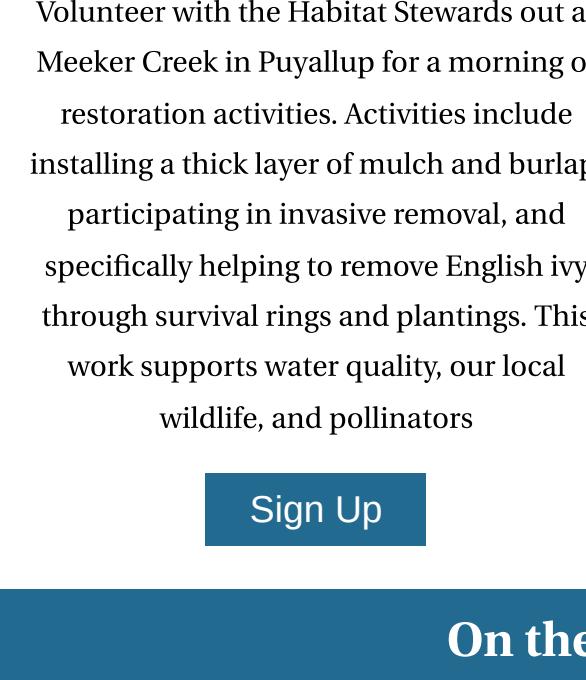
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## Meeker Creek Habitat Stewardship



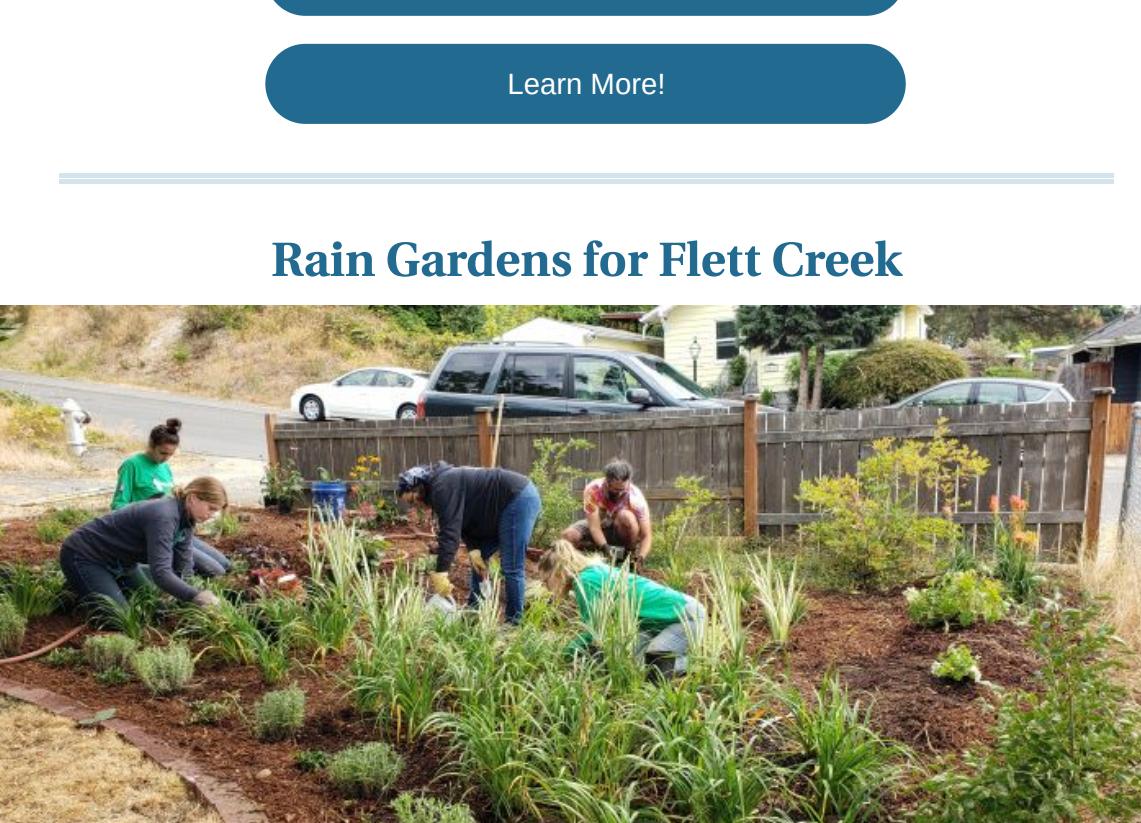
**March 19th, 9am - 12pm**

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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## On the Farm

### 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.**

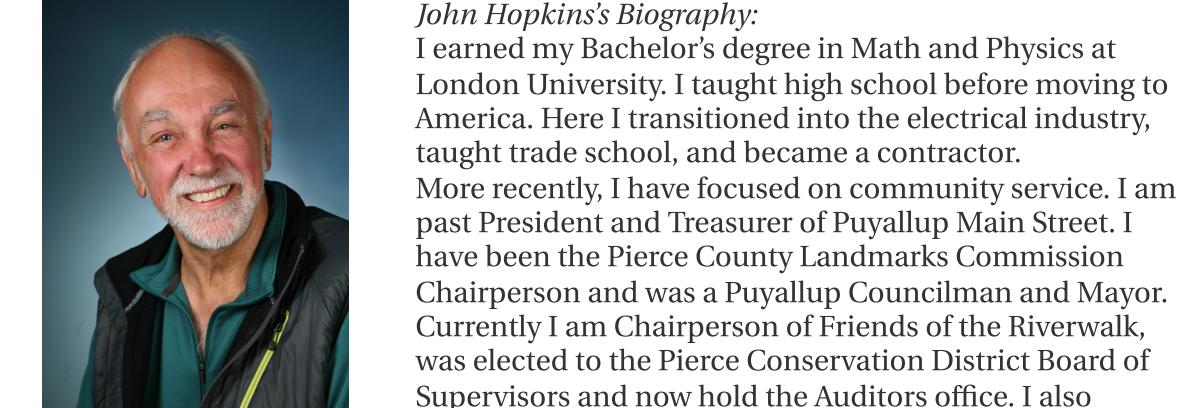
For more information, contact our Farm Team.

\*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](#)

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## Rain Gardens for Flett Creek



*What does it take to create a Rain Garden and what role does community play in that?*

*Anna Prestbo, an AmeriCorps member at [Rebuilding Together South Sound](#) tells the story of how she channeled her personal passion for clean water towards a new Rain Garden in central Tacoma!*

[Learn More!](#)

## Election News

### Appointed Board Supervisor Opening

Did you know that we still have a position open on our Board of Supervisors? This position is appointed, not elected.

- Deadline to apply to be an appointed board member: March 31st.

[Learn More!](#)

## Elected Board Member Candidates

The candidates for our 2022 board election are: John Hopkins and Monika Warner. Read more about them on our [website](#).



*John Hopkins's Biography:* I earned my Bachelor's degree in Math and Physics at London University. I taught high school before moving to America. Here I transitioned into the electrical industry, taught trade school, and became a contractor. More recently, I have focused on community service. I am past President and Treasurer of Puyallup Main Street. I have been the Pierce County Landmarks Commission Chairperson and was a Puyallup Councilman and Mayor. Currently I am Chairperson of Friends of the Riverwalk, was elected to the Pierce Conservation District Board of Supervisors and now hold the Auditors office. I also volunteer with many charitable organizations.

*John Hopkins's Statement:*

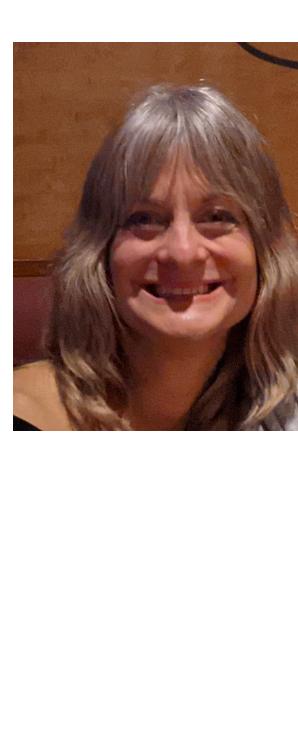
Pierce Conservation District is the gold standard of Conservation Districts. I am proud of my four years serving as board member, auditor, committee member, and volunteer. We now have a very productive team. We efficiently administer beneficial programs. It's time to expand on these successes. Time is not on our side.

Global warming and environmental degradation happen faster than restoration improvements. We need to educate everyone...especially the decision makers, and funding providers. We must restore what's damaged and reverse harmful trends. I believe my presence on our team can make a positive difference. I respectfully ask for your vote.

*Monika Warner's Biography:*

I am a Bonney Lake homeowner and elected Precinct Committee Officer (31-855). I earned an Associate of Technical Arts (Electronics) Mechanic from Olympic College in Bremerton, WA.

I have 35 years professional electronics experience for



Departments of Defense (maintenance of Electronics Integrated Systems - TRIDENT Submarines) and Transportation (management and maintenance of aviation electronics- National Airspace Systems). I volunteer on Washington Labor Education & Research Center Advisory Committee, Marion Grange, and Professional Aviation Safety Specialists. Here I have raised my three daughters to be involved, protect values, treasure resources, and to positively influence the community we love.

*Monika Warner's Statement:*

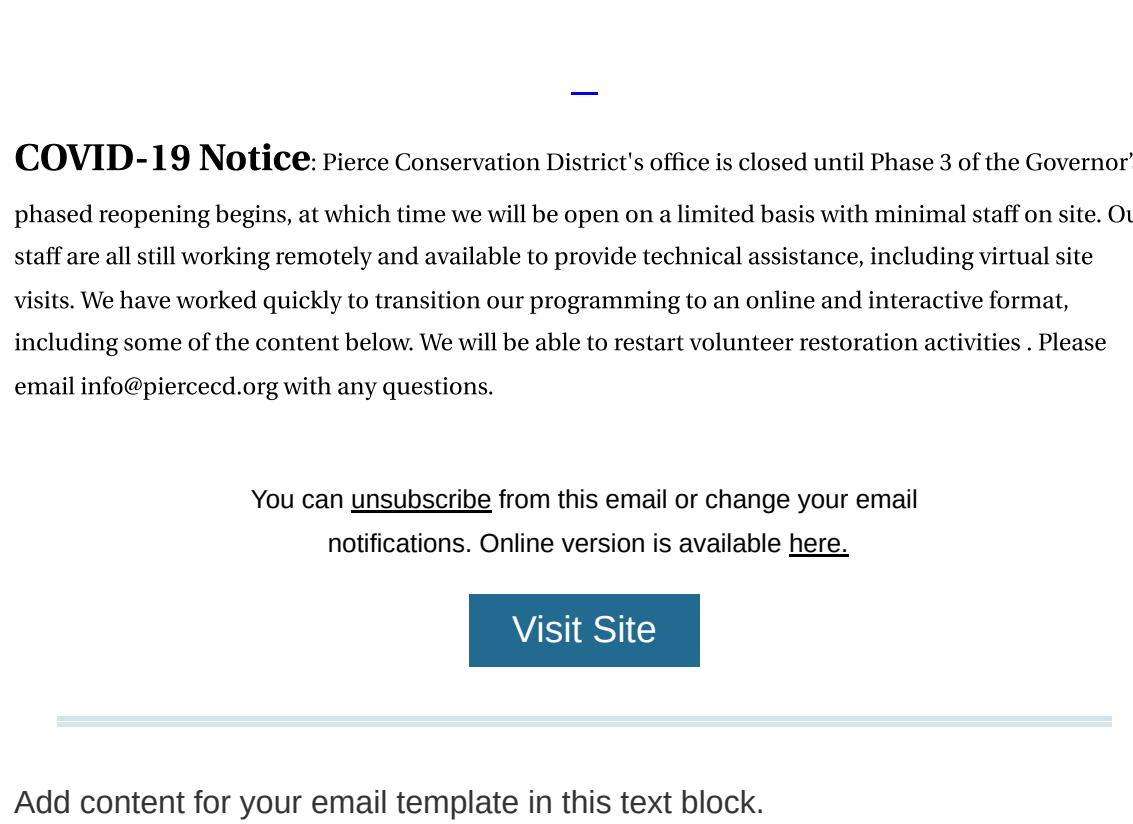
Public awareness and stakeholder education are essential elements in maintaining public trust. My public relations work has previously highlighted drawbacks of privatization, damages of budgetary shutdowns, and brought lawmakers an understanding of benefits and efficiencies of maintaining a career workforce.

Through service to District's Board of Supervisors, I'll bring communication, collaboration, negotiation, and workforce development experience. I also lend experience overseeing maintenance, operations, and insight for engaging public sector employees.

I look forward to analyzing and guiding key decisions issues for Pierce Conservation Department which protect and restore our natural resources. I'm excited for the opportunity.

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## WSU Looking For Farms to Participate in Paid Buckwheat Field Trials



WSU Looking For Farms to Participate in Paid Buckwheat Field Trials WSU and Thurston County Extension will be conducting buckwheat field trials this spring. They are looking for grain growers in Western Washington who would be interested in participating.

Volunteer farms will be paid a stipend of \$500 each year, and seed will be provided. Contact Annie Salafsky of WSU Thurston County Extension with any questions at [anna.salafsky@wsu.edu](mailto:anna.salafsky@wsu.edu)

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**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@piercecd.org](mailto:info@piercecd.org) with any questions.

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