

## Events and Workshops



### Small Farm Tools Field Day

June 1st, 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM

*WSU Goss Research Farm - 15403 Bowman Hilton St E, Puyallup*

Join us for a Small Farm Tools Field Day at WSU's Goss Research Farm and site of

PCD's new incubator farm program! BCS America representatives will demonstrate how to use their walk behind tractors and implements, and local farmers and farm incubator managers will model various innovative market garden tools they have used to build successful and efficient operations.

[Learn More](#)



### Monthly Board of Supervisors Meeting

June 8, 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

*Virtual Meeting*

Our monthly Board of Supervisors meeting to update work accomplished and future plans. Open to the public.

[Calendar Event](#)

[Agenda](#)



### Pierce County Noxious Weed Control Board and the Targeted Ten

June 21, 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

*Key Peninsula Civic Center Library*

Join Pierce Conservation District for a Weed Workshop with the [Pierce County Noxious Weed Board](#). This workshop will help residents increase awareness and learn identification and control methods for the [noxious weeds of highest concern](#) in Pierce County. Learn how to borrow and use a Weed Wrench.

To learn more and register email Paul at [PaulB@PierceCD.org](mailto:PaulB@PierceCD.org)

[Register](#)

## Volunteer Opportunities



### Blix Elementary Rain Garden Clean Up

June 11, 9am - 12pm

**Tacoma, WA**

Join us for a morning of rain garden maintenance out at Blix Elementary School! This the perfect opportunity to usher in the summer with some garden up keep. Gardening equipment will be provided, all you need to bring is a fun attitude and comfortable clothes your willing to get a little dirty. We'll be pulling out any spring weeds that've sprouted and spreading a fresh layer of mulch to keep the garden feeling happy and healthy!

[Sign Up](#)



### Bradley Lake Park Work Party

June 11, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

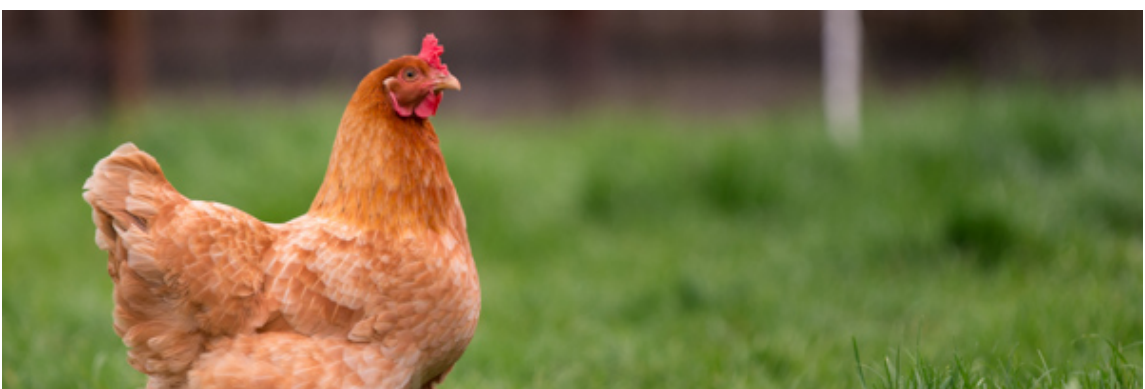
**Puyallup**

Join the Bradley Lake Park Habitat Stewards in restoration of the west side of the park. Tasks include installing a thick layer of burlap bags and mulch to rot out non-native blackberry roots. Plantings will occur in Fall and Winter months in areas that have been prepped.

[Sign Up](#)

## News from Pierce CD

### Alert for Poultry Owners!



High-pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) is fatal in poultry and spreads quickly. Two cases of HPAI were reported in Pierce County in early May.

To learn how to protect your flock, visit. <https://agr.wa.gov/birdflu>

[Read More](#)

### Middle Schoolers Restore White River





### It takes a middle school to restore a river.

Over the course of several days in May, students from Glacier Middle School in Buckley ventured to a restoration site on the White River to get some work done. Over 100 native plants had been installed at the site and the blackberries loomed menacingly on the outskirts of the planting area.

[Read More](#)

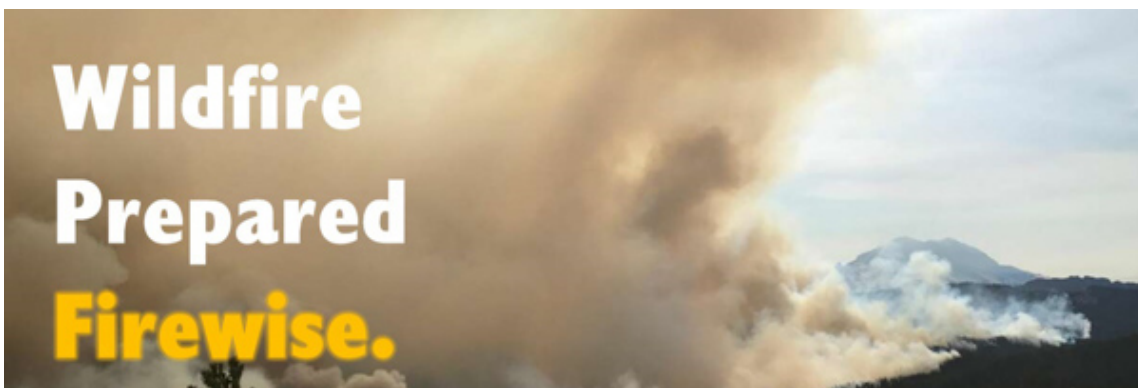
## Silas High School Students Install Rain Garden



State Senator Yasmin Trudeau visited Silas High School on March 31, to witness the culmination of an environmental learning project by the students in Breanne Willard's plant biology classes. Through [EarthGen](#)'s Stormwater Stewards science program, the students installed a rain garden beside the campus greenhouse.

Willard's four classes installed more than 200 native plants and trees. As the new plantings grow they will do more than beautify the campus; they will filter stormwater, attract pollinators, and complement classroom science lessons. [Read more...](#)

## Wildfire Webinar



On May 25, 2022, Pierce Conservation District hosted this member for residents to learn about how they can become "Firewise." We also shared how Pierce Conservation District, the Department of Natural Resources, and your local fire department can support you with the right resources to protect to protect yourself from wildfire risks. Register [here](#) for a recording of the webinar.

## June 16th Deadline for Farm Financial Assistance Program.



**PUYALLUP, Wash.** (March 31, 2022) -

The Pierce Conservation District recently announced a second application deadline of Thursday, June 16, 2022, for assistance to implement on-farm improvements in the Puyallup and Nisqually watersheds through its Regional Conservation Partnership Program. [Read more...](#)



## Cover Crops



### Get Paid to Plant Cover Crops!

Are you a farmer using cover crops in your operation? Interested in learning more about harnessing the potential of cover crops for soil health? Pierce Conservation District wants to partner with you! PCD is partnering with the Pierce County Agriculture Program to reimburse you up to \$150/acre to plant cover crops in 2022. Eligible expenses include seed, inoculant, fertilizer, labor and equipment rental for establishing cover crops. Contact [Alison Nichols](#) at [alisonn@piercecd.org](mailto:alisonn@piercecd.org) for more information and to sign up for summer and fall cover crop financial assistance.

### Looking for Equipment to Seed Cover Crops?

We can help you there too! We have a larger no-till seed drill available to use, and soon we will have a Woods compact seeder available for smaller operations. We also have a flail mower that is perfect for terminating cover crops. See our [Equipment Rental Page](#) for more information.

### New to Cover Cropping?

Our [farm planners](#) can help you get started and suggest how to plug into our network of farmers and researchers working to promote the successful adoption and integration of cover cropping into our regional farming systems. You can also visit our [Cover Crop Page](#) for great online resources to get you started.

## Partner Events



## USDA to Provide Approximately \$6 Billion to Commodity and Specialty Crop Producers Impacted by 2020 and 2021 Natural Disasters

*First Wave of Payments Based on Crop Insurance Data*

The U. S Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced that commodity and specialty crop producers impacted by natural disaster events in 2020 and 2021 will soon begin receiving emergency relief payments totaling approximately \$6 billion through the Farm Service Agency's (FSA) new [Emergency Relief Program \(ERP\)](#), to offset crop yield and value losses. Excessive heat is included as an eligible cause of loss for producers, so if your farm suffered losses due to last summer's heat wave in June, you may be eligible for emergency relief payments. Contact the local USDA Farm Service Agency at 253 845-9272 for more information.

[Learn More](#)



**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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