

## Events and Workshops



### Monthly Board of Supervisors Meeting

August 10th, 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

*In Person and Virtual*

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

[Calendar Event](#)
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### Whole Farm Planning / Planificación de toda la granja

#### ¡Curso traducido al español!

Mondays, September 19th - December 5th

6:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Online course classroom through Zoom with in-person field trips / *Curso en línea a través de Zoom con viajes de campo en persona*

A broad range of topics and decision-making tools for you to create a successful small farm enterprise! Whether you are just exploring the opportunities available or already have an existing operation, you'll learn what it takes to create, sustain, and grow a viable small farm. Offered Statewide, Online, and Bilingually with Spanish Interpretation.

*Cubriremos una amplia visión de las opciones de producción y mercadeo para las pequeñas granjas de hoy. Ya sea que este explorando nuevas oportunidades disponibles o ya tenga una operación existente, aprenderá lo que se necesita para crear, sostener y cultivar una granja pequeña viable.*

[Register / Inscribirse](#)

## Volunteer Opportunities



### Blix Elementary Rain Garden Clean Up

August 20, 9am - 11:30am

Peck Athletic Fields in Tacoma, WA

Join PCD, Metro Parks, the Central Neighborhood Council, and others to Depave the Peck parking lot and make way for new green spaces in the neighborhood. Free pizza will be provided for volunteers!

After walking by a usually empty parking lot during the pandemic, community members living around Peck Fields nominated the lot to be Depaved. Metro Parks Tacoma, who owns the parking lot, has agreed to taking out parts of the lot to replace it with a new rain garden, trees, and pollinator plants. By replacing pavement with rain gardens and green spaces, we can reduce the amount of polluted stormwater runoff that goes into our gutters and out to the Salish Sea.

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### Friday Farm Gleans with Harvest Pierce County


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This season we are collaborating with Early Bird Farms for small, weekly, seasonal veggie gleans. We need volunteers to help us harvest, wash, and pack produce that will be delivered to the Puyallup Food bank. While the bulk of the bounty goes to local food banks, shelters, and families in need, volunteers also take a portion home as a thank you for all their hard work!

These gleaning events usually begin at 9 am and last about 2 hours, supervised children welcome. Sign up and we'll let you know all the details and when other Gleaning Events are happening throughout the growing and harvesting season.

For more information and to [apply to be a gleaning volunteer](#) please visit [our website](#).



### Deadman's Pond Habitat Stewardship

August 5, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Puyallup, WA



Volunteer with us by spending 3 hours at Deadman's Pond in Puyallup. Activities include caring for existing plants and removing invasive species such as Himalayan blackberry and thistle. This work supports water quality, our local wildlife, and pollinators. Exact meeting location will be provided after signing up

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### Whittier Park Habitat Stewardship

August 6, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
Fircrest, WA

Volunteer with us by spending 3 hours at Whittier Park in Fircrest. Activities include caring for existing plantings and removing invasive species such as Herb robert. This work supports water quality, our local wildlife, and pollinators. Exact meeting location will be provided after signing up.

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### Bradley Lake Park Park Habitat Stewardship

August 13, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
Puyallup, WA

Volunteer with us by spending 3 hours at Bradley Lake Park in Puyallup. Activities include installing new burlap and mulch to remove invasive Himalayan blackberry. This work supports water quality, our local wildlife, and pollinators. Exact meeting location will be provided after signing up.

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### Pioneer Place II Habitat Stewardship

August 20, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
Puyallup, WA

Volunteer with us by spending 3 hours at Pioneer Place II in Puyallup. Activities include caring for existing plantings. This work supports water quality, our local wildlife, and pollinators. Exact meeting location will be provided after signing up.

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## News from Pierce CD

### Bring Home Some Green, Apply for a Mini-Grant Today!



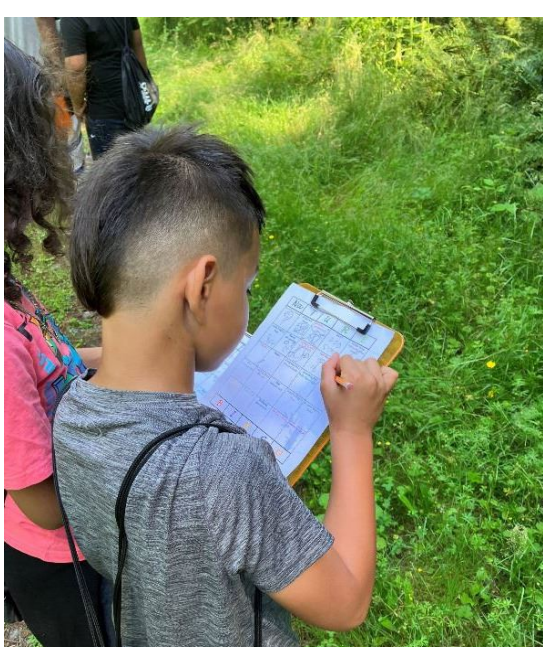
Summer is back in the Pacific Northwest, and the last thing most folks want to do on a hot summer day is mow the lawn. Instead, we look for relief from the heat in shady trees and pavement-free green spaces.

#### PCD is here to help transform your property into a green oasis!

For a second year, we are pleased to offer [Green Stormwater mini-grants](#). These grants pay for projects that **remove lawns and pavement, capture rainwater, and bring native plants into urban spaces**. Not only will these projects **make your yard more beautiful and easier to care for in the summer**, but they also reduce pollution during the rainy season. [Read more...](#)

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### Summer Learning with PCD



*Salishan Eco-Campers work on their nature bingo out in Swan Creek Park.*

Although the school year has ended, [PCD's educators](#) have had a busy start to the summer with lots of outdoor learning!

The summer offers great opportunities to get kids outside for [hands-on environmental science](#). To kick off the summer we partnered with the YMCA summer learning program at Giadruone Middle School for a field trip to Swan Creek. Kids walked the trails, looked at bugs, and played field games in the park. In late July we held our [Salishan Eco-Camps](#) and we explored [Swan Creek Park](#) with campers from the neighborhood. [Read more...](#)

## Partner Events



### Local Food Infrastructure Grants

[GRANT APPLICATIONS OPEN NOW](#) for new WSDA Local Food System Infrastructure Grants!



Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) is offering **Local Food System Infrastructure Grants to support local food system infrastructure, supply chains, and market access for farms, food processors, and food distributors.** The funds are prioritized for small business owners, including those owned by women and marginalized community members.

There are two grant categories:

<i>Grant amount</i>	<i>Grant project timeline</i>	<i>Deadline to apply</i>
<b>Small Projects</b> \$15,000 to \$250,000	Mid-Sept. 2022 to June 30, 2023	Aug. 10th, 2022 11:59pm
<b>Large Projects</b> \$250,001 to \$1,000,000	Mid-Sept. 2022 to June 30, 2023	Aug. 10th, 2022 11:59pm

Please visit the [GRANT WEBPAGE](#) for Grant Guidelines, Application Forms, and additional grant information.

## 1-hour Q&A Sessions

1. Tuesday, August 2nd 4pm PST: [sign up here for a zoom link.](#)
2. Wednesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> 12pm PST: [sign up here for a zoom link.](#)
3. Thursday, August 4<sup>th</sup> 8am PST: [sign up here for a zoom link.](#)

## Hilltop Family Bike Day



Join Downtown On the Go (DOTG) and 2nd Cycle for the free Hilltop Family Bike Day on Saturday, August 6th from 11am-2pm! Enjoy a fun, youth-friendly bike obstacle course, a four (4) mile family-friendly bike ride through the neighborhood at noon, and ice cream provided by Hilltop Action Coalition. Whether you're an experienced cyclist, or you're just getting started, this event is accessible for everyone. The casual ride will be led by DOTG Bike Committee members and will highlight parks and other landmarks in the neighborhood. The ride is a great way to learn about Hilltop and to see how so much of Tacoma is accessible by bike. What better way to experience summertime than getting out on your bike?

Register

Facebook Event

Visit Site

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

