

## Events and Workshops



### Composting Basics

September 10, 2022, 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM

*Online*

Organic waste is valuable! In this class you'll unearth the foundations for successful at home composting.

[Register](#)



### Monthly Board of Supervisors Meeting

September 14, 2022, 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](#)

[Agenda](#)



### Chicken Processing Class

September 24, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

*Bright Ide Acres Farm, Orting*

Curious about how that chicken actually gets from farm to table? Join us for an unforgettable day at the farm! As a participant you will be involved in all the aspects of chicken harvesting that you choose- and will take home the fruits of your labor. Each participant will take home a whole pasture-raised Freedom Ranger Color Yield chicken that they harvested themselves - no chicken will ever taste better!

Cost: \$100. We want this class to be full of eager participants - **if your budget prohibits a full price ticket, please select the reduced price \$50 option.** Paying full price enables us to reduce barriers for others.

[Register](#)



### Seed Saving

September 24, 2022, 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM

*Online*

Always wanted to save your own seed? It's not as hard as you think! Come learn the basics of seed saving from year to year.

[Register](#)



### 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.

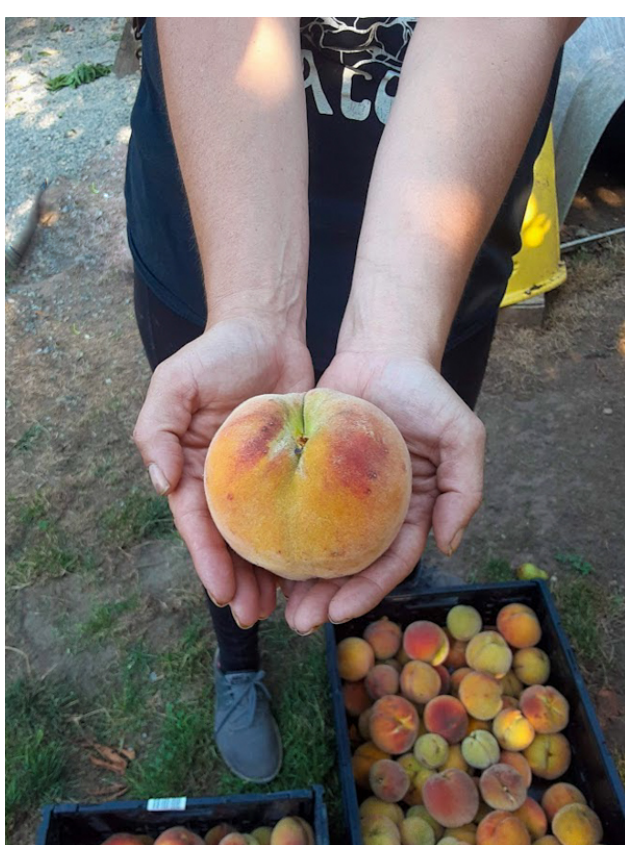
*Cubriremos una amplia visión de las opciones de producción y mercadeo para las pequeñas granjas de hoy. Ya sea que este explorando nuevas oportunidades disponibles o ya tenga una operación existente, aprenderá lo que se necesita para crear, sostener y cultivar una granja pequeña viable.*

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## Volunteer Opportunities



## Glean for the Good of Our Community



[Learn More](#)

The gleaning season is well underway, and many fruit tree gleans and the weekly Early Bird Farm gleans need volunteer support. We need help harvesting, washing, and packing produce which will be **distributed to individuals and families in need.**

While the bulk of the bounty will go to local food banks, and other food security programs, volunteers also take a portion home as a thank you for all their hard work!

Sign up for a glean, we'll let you know all the details, and when other Gleaning Events are happening throughout the growing and harvesting season.

**Supervised children welcome!**

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



### Whittier Park Habitat Stewardship

**September 3, 2022, 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.

[Sign Up](#)



### Bradley Lake Park Park Habitat Stewardship

**September 10, 2022, 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

**September 11, 2022, 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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### Outreach Volunteer at the Fair

**September 21, 2022 - September 25, 2022**

**Puyallup, WA**

Join us at the Fair! PCD will have an outreach booth at this year's Washington State Fair in Puyallup. It's a great venue to interact with fairgoers and spread the message about our programs. Free admission and parking are included.

[Sign Up](#)

### Restore the Canoe Landing

**September 24, 2022**

**10:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

Join PCD and the Puyallup Tribe's Sustainability Work Group at the Canoe Landing to plant trees and other native plants. The Canoe Landing is a special gathering place for the Tribe. The trees and plants we'll bring to the site will help block the noise and pollution from along the road while also create shade and habitat for wildlife. Join us on September 24<sup>th</sup> to learn more about the history and importance of this site and support the Puyallup Tribe's efforts to restore the Canoe Landing.



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## News from Pierce CD



## Volunteers and Elected Officials Depave Peck Parking Lot!



*Don't it always seem to go that you don't know what you've got until it's gone? They paved paradise to put up a parking lot.*

A lot of us are familiar with the Joni Mitchell song, [Big Yellow Taxi](#). The lyrics decry the loss of trees to make way for a new parking lot outside of a mall. The song drew attention to the loss of nature that communities across the country experience in the 1960's and 1970's. Looking across our cities today, you'll see that this story of paving paradise was all too common. Instead of vibrant and diverse green spaces dotting our urban communities, we have big swaths of hot, barren parking lots, often only partially full if not completely empty.

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, agreed to take out parts of the lot to replace it with a new rain garden, trees, and pollinator plants. [Read more...](#)



*All ages participated in the Depave!*

## Another AmeriCorps Season Winds Down



*Connor shows Salishan ECO Campers how to collect bugs from Swan Creek*

Every fall, we welcome a new AmeriCorps member into the Environmental Education program as they begin their 10.5 month term of service. It's a great opportunity for young professionals to get experience and put their education into practice. They bring energy and ideas as they tackle their work in new and inventive ways, and build skills along the way. The 10.5 month term also means we have to say goodbye the following summer. Connor Runyan recently ended his term with us as Conservation Education Specialist. During his time with us, Connor played a key role in helping the salmon in the schools program get off the ground. [Read more...](#)

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



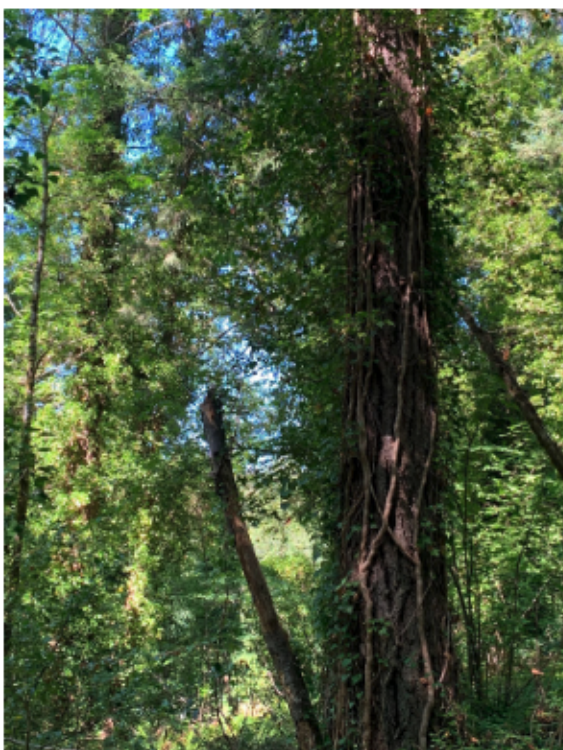
Summer is back in the Pacific Northwest, and the last thing most folks want to do on a hot summer day is mow the lawn. Instead, we look for relief from the heat in shady trees and pavement-free green spaces.

### 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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## Partner Events



### Friends of Pierce County - Shoreline Habitat Restoration Event

**September 10, 2022, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM**  
**Nelyaly Creek, Gig Harbor, WA**

Please join us to begin restoration efforts on this prime five- acre property near Lay Inlet and Nelyaly Creek. Mature ivy on this property threatens the native biodiversity of this critical riparian parcel. Work will involve cutting large ivy stems with chainsaws/clippers and removing ground ivy and other invasive plants in preparation for planting native plants.

- Snacks will be provided with a cookout at the end of day.
- Drop in anytime from 9 AM to 4 PM.
- Bring your own clippers, loppers, chainsaws and gloves.

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