



How does Pierce Conservation District help the endangered Southern Resident Orcas? We'll break it down into three steps.

1. Southern Resident Orcas depend on salmon as their main food source.
2. Salmon depend on clean, cool and clear water.
3. Our work planting and maintaining native trees (especially along water) makes water cleaner, cooler and clearer!



\$[FNAME][Customer][Guest]\$, that's where you come in! With just over 70 Southern Resident Orcas left, we must act now if we're going to save the most iconic species of the Pacific Northwest. So please join us for [Orca Recovery Day](#) on **October 15th**.

We have four wonderful sites to choose from:



**BLIX MIDDLE SCHOOL RAIN GARDEN**

Join us as we clean up this **student designed** rain garden for Orcas and Clean Water.





**TACOMA DEMOLAY SANDSPIT NATURE PRESERVE**

Join us at the Tacoma DeMolay Sandspit Nature Preserve on Fox Island for a morning of **education and action**. Clean the beach, do art as a family, and more!

[Learn More](#)
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**OASIS OF HOPE**

Join us at the Oasis of Hope to plant their **bioswale** and learn how you can make an **even bigger difference!**



**SOUTH PRAIRIE CREEK PRESERVE**

Join us at South Prairie Creek Preserve for a restoration **planting party** along important riparian and floodplain habitats.



[Learn More](#)
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## Events and Workshops



Learn learn how to lime your soil and make it more fertile!

### Lime Application Workshop

Saturday, October 8, 2022, 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

*Foxglove Farm*

*Key Peninsula*

Join Pierce Conservation District at Foxglove Farm on the Key Peninsula for a workshop to demonstrate lime application with the new PCD Rhino Limer and learn why decreasing soil acidity is important for improving forage and crop production.

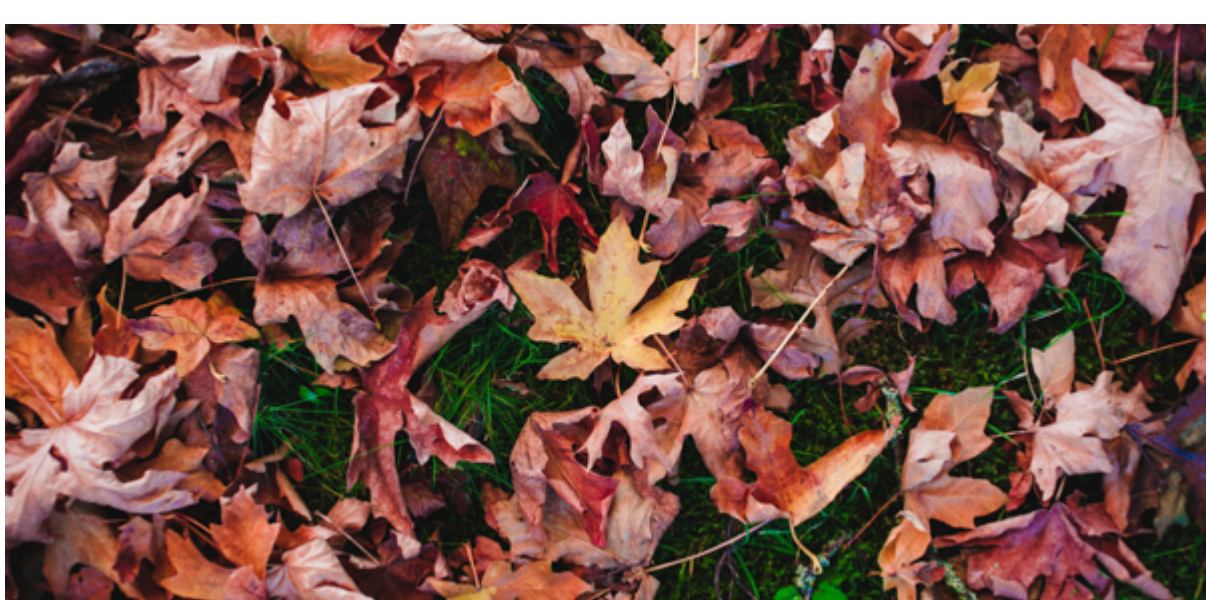
[Register](#)


### Putting the Garden to Bed

Saturday, October 8, 9:30 AM to 11AM

*Virtual*

Join us as we share tips and techniques for putting the garden to bed for winter that will enrich the soil and ease springtime planting. Relax, your plants will thank you!

[Register](#)


## Monthly Board of Supervisors Meeting

October 12, 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](#)





### Fruit Trees for the PNW

October 22, 2022, 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM

*Online*

Learn about perennial food production with tips for planting and maintaining fruit and nut trees and shrubs.

[Register](#)

## Volunteer Opportunities



Photo courtesy of Woodland Park Zoo

### Deadman's Pond Habitat Stewardship

October 7, 2022, 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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### Bradley Lake Park Park Habitat Stewardship

October 8, 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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### Green Tacoma Day at Peck Fields

October 8, 2022, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

**Puyallup, WA**

Celebrate Green Tacoma Day by planting your newest green space! We need volunteers to help plant the new rain garden, pollinator plants, and trees.

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### Foss Urban Pollinator Planting

October 8, 2022, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

**705 Dock Street, Tacoma, WA**

Join Pierce Conservation District and the Foss Seaport in planting an urban pollinator habitat along the Port of Tacoma. Once a compact gravel eyesore, this new urban garden highlights historic rail ties, drought tolerant pollinator plants, and signature trees.

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### Silver Creek Habitat Stewardship

October 9, 2022, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

**Puyallup, WA**

Activities include removing invasive blackberries and grass cutting. 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

October 22, 2022, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Puyallup, WA

Volunteer with us by spending 3 hours at Pioneer Place II in Puyallup. Activities include 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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## News from Pierce CD

### Volunteers Join Puyallup Tribe to Restore Land Managed by Tribe Since Colonization



*Over 60 volunteers joined us to plant over 500 native trees, shrubs, and flowers at the Canoe Landing*

The [Port of Tacoma](#) is one of the most industrial areas in Pierce County, which means that there's a lot of pavement and pollution. Tucked in among this industry is an extremely special place: the [Puyallup Puyallup Tribe's](#) Canoe Landing. This parcel of land sits along the Hylebos waterway and looks out over Commencement Bay. On a clear day, you can see views of [Mt. Rainier](#) and the Olympics. It is also one of the few pieces of waterfront property that the [Puyallup Tribe](#) has continuously owned and managed [since colonization](#).



*Puyallup Tribal Councilmember, Anna Bean, working with her children to plant native pollinator flowers and shrubs at the Canoe Landing.*

While a lot of the Puyallup's homeland was [stolen from them by European settlers](#) who came to the region, they have maintained their ownership over the Canoe Landing. Here, the Puyallup hosts other Tribes who participate in the [annual Canoe Journey](#) and celebrate the return of salmon at their [First Fish ceremony](#). Despite the site being well loved and used by the community, it was also developed like much of the rest of the Port. Without any trees or native plants, water, air, and noise pollution all impacted the Canoe Landing. [Read more...](#)

### Mark Your Calendars for Native Plant Pre-Sale



Our [Annual Native Plant Sale website](#) will be open for business starting November 1<sup>st</sup> for presale order.

A wide variety of high quality, affordable, and eco-friendly native plants including shrubs, ground coverings, and both deciduous and coniferous trees will be available for pre-sale purchase. Mark your calendars as **quantities are limited, and some plants sellout quickly**.

All plants purchased during our [online pre-sale](#) will be **available for pick up at our walk-up sale event the following April in 2023**. [Read more...](#)

### Apply to be Part of the 2023 Farm Foundations Cohort



[Farm Foundations](#), a program of [Harvest Pierce County](#), is accepting applications for our 2023 cohort starting October 1st.

Farm Foundations is a free training that combines classroom learning with hands on skill building. It is designed to give participants a full season farm internship experience without a full-time commitment. [Read more...](#)

### Wrapping Up Our Gleaning Season with Gratitude

While we still have a few weeks to go, the end of the [gleaning](#) season is in sight. We wanted to take a moment to thank farmer **Rawley Johnson** of [Early Bird Farm](#) who collaborated with our glean team on a weekly basis throughout the





*A big thank you to Farmer Rawley for welcoming us on to his land, and generously giving the abundance of his harvest to help feed our community.*

season to offer fresh produce from his farm.

With still another five weeks left, our glean team has thus far been able to harvest close to **4,500 lbs of food** that's been donated to local food banks other and food security programs.

**We also want to thank all the wonderful people who signed up as gleaning volunteers, our summer intern Soumya, and our dedicated Branch Leaders for consistently showing up to help us lovingly harvest all manner of delicious vegetables...** [Read more...](#)

## Teaming up with Puyallup on Youth Art Project



During one of those particularly hot August days, kids at the Puyallup [Parks and Recreation](#) Day Camp took a break from their usual activities for a special visit from staff from the [City of Puyallup](#) and [Pierce Conservation District](#).

As the fans worked to keep everyone cool, the kids learned about the [water cycle](#) and [stormwater pollution](#) from the guest educators. They were then invited to create artwork with messaging about keeping pollution out of water. Bryana Solis, with the [City of Puyallup](#), took this artwork and turned it into a calendar, with each month featuring a different picture and message. What better way to highlight actions that protect our water than with the creativity of these young artists! [Read more...](#)

## New Staff!

Last month the Farm Team and Water Quality Team welcomed three new members. Read about them here!



### Sarah Lemon

We are excited to announce that **Sarah Lemon** has joined the [PCD team](#) as a Farm Resource Specialist! She will be focusing on the Puyallup Watershed. Sarah joins the team after several years of full-time livestock farming, most recently at [Carnation Farms](#) in Carnation, WA. Outside the office Sarah can be found **working sheep for fun, dancing, and getting to know her new Pacific Northwest home.** [Read more...](#)



### Joe Farkas

Joe Farkas is our new Landscape Design Program Coordinator. Coming from us with as a professional landscape designer he will be responsible for designing many of our residential [green stormwater](#) projects and managing contractors through installation. Interested in [rain gardens](#), [urban habitat](#), [trees](#), [pavement removal](#), or [rain tanks](#)? Joe is here to help! [Read more...](#)



### Cecilia Black

Cecilia Black is one of our two AmeriCorps members on the Water Quality team. She will be helping the [Habitat Stewardship](#) program by managing several sites and supporting our Stewards as they do their work. [Read more...](#)



### Syd Kuczenski

Syd Kuczenski is our second AmeriCorps member on the Water Quality team. She will be helping the green stormwater program by managing our [Urban Tree Sale](#), improving our Orcas Love Raingardens sites, and adding resources in our [pollinator toolkit](#). [Read more...](#)

## Partner Events





## Volunteers Needed at Lakewold Gardens!

[Lakewold Gardens](#) is nonprofit public garden that is becoming a **community art & music hub**. This ten-acre botanical garden estate is located on the occupied land of the Steilacoom and Nisqually people, on the shores of Cook-al-chy (Gravelly Lake). They host musical events, festivals, wedding ceremonies, art exhibitions, and other community events all year. The staff and volunteers are a diverse group of people who are passionate about creating a **safe environment where community is embraced, valued, and celebrated**.

Volunteering at Lakewold is a great opportunity to make a big impact. There are many volunteer roles from pulling up invasive species in the garden, to leading tours and greeting guests. Specialized horticultural knowledge is not required!

♥Join them to make this a meaningful space for generations to come.♥

[Volunteer](#)

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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.

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