

## Events and Opportunities



### Promise Ranch – Farm Tour and Info Session

Saturday, December 03, 2022 , 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

*Orting, WA (location available upon registration)*

Join us for a farm tour and info session with the Clarks, long time PCD collaborators and Pierce County Wildlife Habitat Farm of the Year winners. Learn how the Clarks use native plants, rotational grazing, smart planning, and more to achieve their property goals. If you're new to PCD, this workshop is a great introduction to us and the help we offer. If you're not new to PCD, it is still sure to provide new insights.

Bonus: You'll also learn about an upcoming funding opportunity for the South Prairie Creek watershed area.

[Register](#)


### Site Preparation for Pollinator Plantings

*December 8th, 2022 , 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM*

*In Person at PCD Office or Virtual*

Are you interested in creating more pollinator habitat on your farm? Set yourself up for success with solid site preparation! Corin Pease from the Xerces Society will walk you through the steps to lay out a successful site plan. He'll cover everything from choosing the best location, to eliminating competing vegetation and making maintenance of your habitat planting manageable.

It is made possible by a grant from Western SARE! We will share funding opportunities available through the Western SARE grant and other sources to install pollinator and beneficial insect habitat plantings on your farm.


[Register](#)


### Monthly Board of Supervisors Meeting

**December 14th, 2022, 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM**

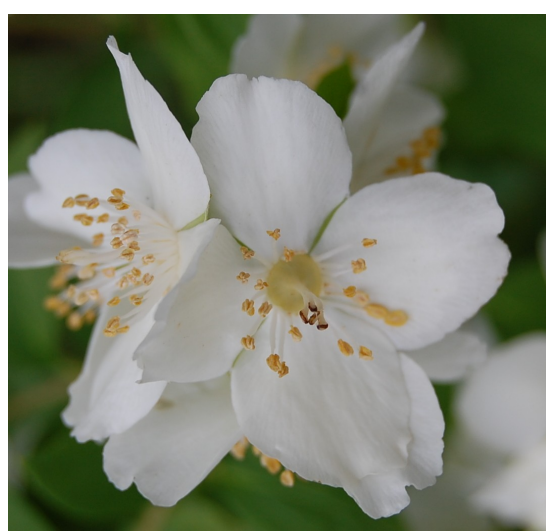
*In Person at PCD Office and Virtual*

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

Zoom Meeting ID: 898 6810 0334. Log-in information also available on the meeting's agenda.

[Calendar Event](#)
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### Get Your Native Plant Sale Pre-Orders In Now through January 15th



The Pierce Conservation District's Annual Native Plant Sale is open for pre-sale orders for just a few more weeks. The online pre-sale is your chance to reserve conservation-grade native plants at amazing prices. Plants are picked up the last week of February leading up to our walk-up sale event that is the first Friday and Saturday in March. Get your orders in soon as some popular plant varieties are close to being sold-out.

*For more information about the Pierce Native Plant Sale and to purchase plants please visit our website at [PierceNativePlantSale.com](https://www.pierceconservation.org/PierceNativePlantSale.com)*

[Order Plants](#)

## Volunteer Opportunities



### Whittier Park Work Party

**Saturday December 3rd, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

**Fircrest, WA**

Volunteer with us by spending 3 hours at Whittier Park in Fircrest. Activities include taking a nature walk while removing trash and removing invasive species such as Himalayan blackberry and English ivy. This work supports water quality, our local wildlife, and pollinators. Exact meeting location will be provided after signing up.

[Sign Up](#)





## Bradley Lake Park Habitat Stewardship

Saturday December 10th, 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.

[Sign Up](#)

## News from Pierce CD

### Almost 500 trees Planted in Tacoma Over Veterans' Day Weekend



For a lot of people, Veterans' Day is just another day off, but for those who served, the Federal Holiday is part celebration and part continued service. That's why we were so excited that the [Veterans' Conservation Corps](#) (VCC) and the [Veterans of Foreign Wars](#) (VFW) joined us this year on Veterans' Day for Branch Out, the Great Tree Giveaway!

With close to 500 trees planted over the weekend, we **increased Tacoma's tree canopy by four acres.** [Read more...](#)

*478 free trees were given out over the weekend, 80% of which went to neighborhoods with some of the lowest canopies in the city.*

### A Successful Green Puyallup Day



It is easy to lose sight of the bigger picture when working in restoration: another day another native plant installation or Himalayan blackberry bush vanquished. That is, until we get the chance to [share the work](#) we do to an excited group of volunteers. On Green Puyallup Day volunteers celebrate our parks and urban greenspaces by planting and protecting native plant species. [Read more...](#)

*A volunteer installs a native pollinator plant.*

### Planting Trees for Salmon at South Prairie Creek



*Volunteers were able to see salmon that had already spawned along the creek.*

On November 19<sup>th</sup> almost 20 volunteers planted trees in the frozen ground at South Prairie Creek Preserve. Volunteers were able to see salmon that had already spawned along the creek. [Read more...](#)

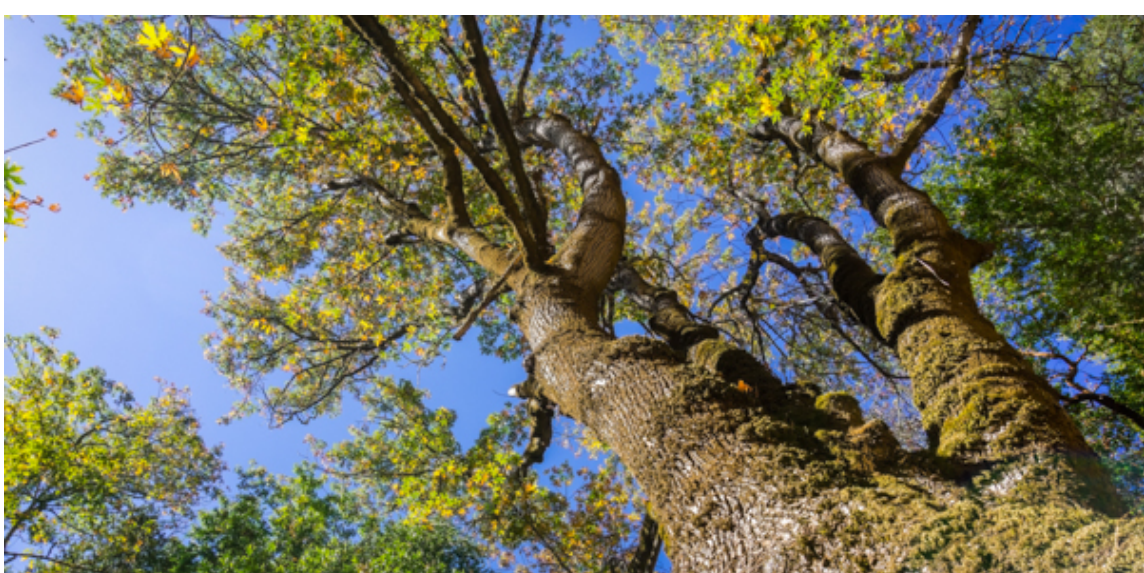
### Bountiful Appreciation for out 2022 Branch Leaders

Despite a low production year for fruit trees (due to the uncommonly wet spring) our Branch Leaders, some new and some seasoned veterans, collectively harvested over 25,000 lbs of fresh produce. That is several thousand pounds redirected from the waste stream and shared with our neighbors in need. [Read more...](#)



## Environmental News

### Tacoma News Tribune Article: What's killing the Northwest's bigleaf maples? Scientists think they've found the answer





Their moss-covered limbs and spring flowers support a zoo's worth of other lifeforms. Licorice ferns grow on the same branches that house bird nests. Salamanders hide in its leaf litter. Pollinators thrive on its spring flowers, and chipmunks eat its seeds. The huge leaves provide shade for salmon-bearing streams. So it was with increasing alarm in 2011 when state foresters began noticing the trees were dying, branch by branch, up and down the Pacific Northwest. [Read more...](#)  
Can't read the article? [Try this link.](#)

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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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