

Events and Opportunities



FREE workshop: Starting Your Farm

May 6th, 10AM - 12PM

Key Peninsula Civic Center

Join [Kitsap](#) and Pierce Conservation Districts for a workshop focusing on setting up your property for raising livestock, vegetables, fruit and more. We'll discuss the importance of understanding your land, its possibilities and its limitations, and the steps involved in planning the layout of your farm for your particular goals. Bring your questions to the Key Peninsula Civic Center on Saturday, May 6th, from 10:00 AM – Noon.

[Register](#)



FREE Spring Garden Workshops

May 20th and 23th, June 3rd and June 6th

Online and in Puyallup

Join our workshop series as we move through the basics of handling pests and seasonal gardening in the Pacific Northwest.

Garden Bugs Workshop, May 20th and 23rd

The Garden Bugs workshop goes over preventing and tackling problems in the garden with safe remedies, specific for vegetable gardening in Western Washington.

Fall & Winter Gardening, June 3rd and June 6th

Learn best practices to plant in the summer and how to care for plants over the fall and winter.

Calling all who may be interested to follow the link below to register for the class you prefer.

[Register](#)



Monthly Board of Supervisors Meeting

May 10th from 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.

[Calendar Event](#)

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Sustainable Farms and Fields Funding is Here!

Application Deadline: June 1st

Contact the Farm Team ASAP if interested

PCD obtained funding to provide FREE cover crop and pasture seed this spring. This funding is available to landowners working with [our farm team](#) to implement pasture rejuvenation and cover crop seeding using no-till and reduced tillage seeding methods.

To be eligible for funding, projects must be completed between July 14th, 2023 - June 30th, 2024. This will allow us to provide cost share for practices that sequester carbon in the ground and prevent nitrous oxide into the atmosphere. These practices include roofs for [manure storage](#) structures and cross fencing to facilitate [rotational grazing](#). Visit the [Sustainable Farms and Fields](#) page for more info and contact your [local farm planner](#) with your ideas. We would love to help fund your project!

Volunteer Opportunities



Volunteers Needed for Pt Defiance Flower & Garden Festival

May 6th, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Tacoma, WA

Would you be interested in volunteering for a three-hour shift at PCD's booth at the Pt Defiance Flower and Garden Festival Saturday or Sunday, June 3rd or 4th? Our volunteers bring a **unique perspective to PCD's public outreach** and can speak from personal experience about the programs and services that have been meaningful to their own conservation experience.

Information and training will be provided via a Zoom call.

[Sign Up](#)



Meeker Creek Work Party

May 6th, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Puyallup, WA

Join us at this newly reopened site! 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 address will be provided on sign up.

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Silver Creek Work Party

May 13th, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Puyallup, WA

Volunteer with us by spending 3 hours at Silver Creek 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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South Prairie Creek Preserve Work Party

May 20th, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

South Praire, WA

Join us at South Prairie Creek Preserve to help us take care of plantings. Late spring is a wonderful time at the preserve--you can expect to see native **flowering plants, amphibians, juvenile fish**, and possibly even **elk calves**. Get outdoors and get your hands dirty to help improve critical salmon habitat!

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Deadman's Pond Work Party

May 27th, 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 Candadian thistle. 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 Work Party

May 27th, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Puyallup, WA

olunteer with us by spending 3 hours at Pioneer Place II 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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Spring Gleaning

Starting soon on farms and orchards around Pierce County

The Gleaning Project is a volunteer-powered program of Harvest Pierce County that works to reduce local produce waste, provide more fresh food to those in need, and build community.

Our Glean Teams harvest from both farms and backyard fruit trees, then share the bounty with local food banks, shelters, and families in need. Volunteers also take a portion home as a thank you for all their hard work!

If you're interested in joining the volunteer effort, sign up now and get a head start.

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News from Pierce CD



A (Working) Day at the Beach!

Is a day working at the beach really work? Yes, but it sure is a special place to work. At the end of March, our [Washington Conservation Corps](#) (WCC) crew spent a few days working on the shoreline of Henderson Bay. This was a change of pace for the crew, who generally focuses on [Pierce Conservation District's \(PCD\)](#) projects addressing freshwater issues that affect [fish habitat](#). But marine shorelines are important for fish too! Both Puget Sound Chinook and their prey – little fish species at the bottom of the food chain – rely on healthy Puget Sound beaches for things like migration or reproduction. [Read more...](#)



It's a Wrap for Envirothon Regionals!

The regional [Envirothon](#) competitions in [Washington State](#) ended last week, and now it is time for our winning teams to gear up for the [state competition](#). Congratulations to all our South Sound Regional competitors for a job well done! [Read more...](#)



We were so pleased that we stocked up on tools because the Habitat Stewardship events alone were attended by 95 volunteers!

Earth Day is Our Super Bowl

Earth Day is the Super Bowl of conservation efforts for PCD's Water Quality Team! The months leading up to this event are filled with promotion and planning, no easy task when juggling logistics for seven project sites. This year, volunteer sign-ups required us to purchase more tools to fill the demand. The new shovels, wheelbarrows, and grass knives will be used by volunteers in the future. We were so pleased that we stocked up on tools because the Habitat Stewardship. [Read more...](#)



County Council proclaims May “Wildfire Awareness Month”

The Pierce County Council this week [proclaimed May as Wildfire Awareness Month](#) due to the increasing wildfire risk and severity in Western Washington. The proclamation urges residents to "be prepared to survive wildfire by working together to prepare their homes and communities." If you want to start preparing for wildfire season and don't know where to start, you can sign up now for a free home wildfire risk assessment by one of the experts from our Wildfire Ready Neighbors team. Visit [WildfireReady.com](#) to learn more. [Read more...](#)



Request Your Board of Supervisors Ballot

It's never too early to [request](#) your Board of Supervisor ballot! PCD's [Election Team](#) is busy **working on ways to make our March 2024 election more accessible** with additional election-day in-person polling sites across the county and working with the civic groups, legislative districts, and the League of Women Voters to schedule opportunities for voters to meet the candidates.



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