

# 2022 ANNUAL REPORT



**PIERCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT**  
— Over 70 Years of Conservation —



# WHAT WE DO

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Pierce Conservation District works with the community to improve water quality, promote sustainable agriculture, create thriving habitat, and build a just and healthy food system for all, through education, community engagement, and financial and technical assistance. Our vision is that everyone in the region is engaged in creating a healthy environment and thriving community. We practice equity and inclusion to achieve this vision, recognizing that people of color, indigenous communities, people with low income, immigrants, and refugees are disproportionately impacted by ecological decline.

Our district's roots run deep in our community. Created in 1949 as part of a national response to the ecological disaster of the 1930s known as the Dust Bowl, we have worked for over 70 years to help local farmers, cities, and citizens address numerous sustainability challenges. Conserving our natural resources for future generations gets more difficult with each year, making the work of Pierce Conservation District more important than ever.

To learn more about the District's efforts to improve the natural resources of Pierce County, explore our 2021-2025 Strategic Plan.

You can download the plan at our website,  
[www.PierceCD.org/353/Strategic-Plan](http://www.PierceCD.org/353/Strategic-Plan)

*Cover Photo: A collar-shaped egg case of a Lewis' moon snail exposed during low tide at Titlow Park with the Tacoma Narrows Bridge in the background. In 2019, Pierce Conservation District launched its Shore Friendly program to connect waterfront landowners - primarily in the Key Peninsula-Gig Harbor-Island watershed - to resources for making informed decisions to steward their properties and protect the health of the Puget Sound. Conserving and restoring Puget Sound shorelines is critical for our environment, economy, and communities. Iconic wildlife, from salmon to orcas, rely on healthy shorelines to thrive.*

*Left Photo: In her inaugural year as PCD Executive Director, Dana Coggon, connected with a host of elected officials, city and agency staff, volunteers, and conservation collaborators through selfies she posted to social media. Here, Dana and District 27 Representative and House Speaker, Lauie Jenkins, pose for the camera at the Puyallup Tribe of Indians Canoe Landing restoration project.*



# OUR SIX CORE PROGRAMS

## FARM PLANNING & AGRICULTURAL ASSISTANCE

The Farm Planning & Agricultural Assistance program aims to build a robust local agricultural and forestry community and reduce negative impacts on soil, water, air, plants, animals, and human resources. We provide technical assistance to help land users improve their stewardship practices, be economically sustainable, and navigate an ever-changing economic, regulatory, and ecological landscape.

## WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT & MONITORING

The Water Quality Improvement program focuses on creating an informed public about water and helping local communities meet Clean Water Act standards. We engage community volunteers in green stormwater programming and habitat stewardship, facilitate action projects like installing rain gardens, depaving, replacing grass with urban habitat landscaping, planting trees along streams, and installing native plants along streams to filter out pollutants and reduce stormwater runoff.

## CLIMATE RESILIENCY & WILDFIRE PREP

The Climate Resiliency program is committed to developing broad, diverse, and inclusive partnerships to guarantee that our efforts are effective, equitable, and carry us towards a more climate-resilient future. Our work involves supporting rural communities in transitioning to clean and renewable energy sources, which helps in reducing carbon emissions, lowering costs, and preserving natural resources. In addition, we collaborate closely with local partners to put in place practical actions to prepare our communities for the risk of wildfire.

## HABITAT IMPROVEMENT

The Habitat Improvement program focuses on improving the riparian, floodplain, and marine nearshore habitats of Pierce County along with other rare and endangered plant communities unique to our region. We implement projects to recover native salmon and orca populations, remove invasive species, replant native trees and shrubs, and restore other ecosystem processes.

## HARVEST PIERCE COUNTY

Harvest Pierce County reconnects communities to each other and to their environment by cultivating community-based food systems. With a focus on education, connection and equity, we strive to center historically underserved populations and prioritize projects that work to increase food sovereignty.

## ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

Our Environmental Education program inspires meaningful connections between K-16 students and their ecosystems. We focus on reaching students who have been traditionally excluded from high-quality curriculum and environmental education learning opportunities. In coordination with local school districts and community partners, we implement in-person and remote learning activities that include classroom lessons, workshops, outdoor and experiential learning, and community events focused on ecological stewardship.



# LETTER FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR + BOARD CHAIR



Dana Coggon  
Executive Director



Jeanette Dorner  
Board Chair



Like many organizations, 2021-2022 was a time of change and growth at Pierce Conservation District. Our staff navigated the challenges of the pandemic while continuing to focus on serving our communities. The District hired a new Executive Director and a new Communications & Outreach Program Director both of whom bring new enthusiasm for the work we count ourselves privileged to do. We adjusted our programs to embrace the hybrid process, and we look forward to sharing the District's good work across these pages knowing we push toward meeting our goals in the 2021-2025 Strategic Plan.

Embracing a hybrid service model, our efforts continue to preserve our farmlands and natural areas while sustainably managing many critical areas. We engage hundreds of volunteers to actively participate in planting trees and removing invasive weeds from multiple restoration sites. We reach out to communities to empower individuals to implement water quality efforts through rain

gardens. We are a resolute leader in our region for salmon recovery and agricultural sustainability. Our work has stretched from the base of Mt. Tahoma to the shores of the Salish Sea, from natural open-space preserves to encouraging preservation in our own backyards. We strive to provide technical assistance to our community members while continuing to inspire behavioral change resulting in the preservation of our regional ecological integrity.

Our dedication to regional food security and equity became a critical component of our work during the pandemic. Equity in accessibility to food, natural areas, and environmental justice continue to be guiding principles for the work we do in our service areas. Our volunteers have helped to harvest thousands of pounds of food to donate to local food banks while helping connect people to the land through community gardens. Working through the pandemic taught us that our connection to the land connects us to one another.

Though we adjusted our programs and services over the last few years, we remained dedicated to the ecological health of our lands, our waters, and our communities. Reading through our 2022 Annual Report, you will see the quantitative value of our teams' work as well as the qualitative value of our collective passion for this work. We hope that you be inspired to become an active participant in creating an ecologically healthy and just future for Pierce County and beyond.

In partnership,   


## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Jeanette Dorner, Chair  
Cindy Haverkamp, Vice-Chair  
John Hopkins, Auditor  
Mark Mauren, Member  
Amy Moreno-Sills, Member  
Stu Trefry, Associate Supervisor

# PARTNERS ORGANIZATIONS & COMMUNITIES WE WORKED WITH IN 2022

## PARTNER JURISDICTIONS

Pierce County  
City of Bonney Lake  
City of Buckley  
City of Dupont  
City of Fircrest  
City of Gig Harbor  
City of Lakewood  
City of Milton  
City of Orting  
City of Puyallup  
Town of Steilacoom  
City of Sumner  
City of Tacoma  
City of University Place

## 2021-2022 FUNDING PARTNERS

Army National Guard - Camp Murray  
Chambers-Clover Creek Watershed Council  
Environmental Protection Agency  
Greater Tacoma Community Foundation  
KGI Watershed Council  
Metro Parks Tacoma  
National Assoc of Conservation Districts  
Natural Resource Conservation Service  
Nisqually Indian Tribe  
Pierce County  
Pierce County Flood Control Zone District  
Puget Sound Energy  
Puget Sound Processing LLC  
Puyallup Tribe of Indians  
Puyallup Watershed Initiative  
Snohomish Conservation District  
Tacoma Garden Club  
Tacoma/Pierce County Health Department  
The Nature Conservancy  
US Department of Agriculture

Washington State Department of Agriculture  
Washington State Conservation Commission  
Washington State Department of Ecology  
Washington State Department of Health  
Washington State Recreation & Conservation Office  
Western SARE  
Whatcom Conservation District

## SPONSORS

Bonneville Environmental Foundation  
American Water Works Association  
Coordinated Care  
Land Recovery Inc. (LRI)  
Multicare Health System  
Puget Sound Energy  
Puyallup Tribe of Indians

## IN-KIND SUPPORTERS

19 C Lions Club  
Boy Scouts  
Clover Park Technical College  
Girl Scouts  
Master Gardeners  
Pacific Lutheran University  
Peninsula Metropolitan Parks District  
Pierce County Daffodil Festival  
Sound Credit Union  
TAGRO  
University of Puget Sound  
Washington Departof Nat ural Resources

## KEY PROJECT PARTNERS

AmeriCorps  
Chambers - Clover Watershed Council  
Colored Woman's Club  
Communities for a Healthy Bay  
Defenders of Wildlife  
EarthCorps  
Emergency Food Network  
Forest Health Watch

Forterra  
FOSS Waterway/SeaPort Alliance  
Franklin Pierce School District  
Green Puyallup Partnership  
Institute for Black Justiced  
KGI Watershed Council  
Mason Conservation District  
Metro Parks Tacoma  
Muckleshoot Indian Tribe  
National Civilian Community Corps  
Nisqually River Council  
Pierce County AIDS Foundation  
Pierce County Fire District # 26  
Pierce County Surface Water Management  
Pierce County Planning and Public Works  
Puyallup River Watershed Council  
Puyallup Tribe of Indians  
Salishan Association  
Snohomish Conservation District  
South Puget Sound Salmon Enhancement Group  
Spark Northwest  
Tacoma School District  
Tacoma Food is Free  
Tacoma Downtown on the Go  
Tacoma Tree Foundation  
Thurston Conservation District  
Veterans Conservation Corps  
VT Radio  
Washington Conservation Corps  
Washington Environmental Council  
Washington Farmland Trust  
Washington Native Plant Society  
WSU Puyallup Research & Extension  
WA Department of Natural Resource  
Washington Service Corps



At a City of Tacoma restoration site in December 2022, WCC crew members were trained on steep slope safety and planting techniques.



# 16,656

TREES AND SHRUBS PLANTED

- Restoring 90.89 Acres and 2.25 Stream Miles
- 31,750 Square Feet of New Urban Tree Canopy

# 17

ACRES OF KNOTWEED TREATED

2 Stream Miles

# 2,090

VOLUNTEERS ACROSS ALL PROGRAMS

- Worked a Total of 12,424 Hours
- Valued at \$306,748.56

# 1,791

INDIVIDUALS ATTENDED

District Educational Workshops

# 29,445

POUNDS OF FOOD HARVESTED

By Volunteers and Donated  
to Local Food Banks and Those in Need

# 221

HOMES

Received Wildfire Preparedness Education

# 3,040

INDIVIDUALS ENGAGED

In Harvest Pierce County Programming

# 1,456,033

KILOWATT HOURS OF ENERGY SAVED

For Farms and Rural Businesses

# 1,894

K-12 STUDENTS ENGAGED

In Environmental Education Programming

# 290

IMPROVEMENTS

Installed on Farms



Students and chaperones at a Harbor WildWatch environmental education event sponsored by the Green Partnership Fund

## GREEN PARTNERSHIP FUND IMPACTS

The Green Partnership Fund is a small grants program supporting high-quality projects in each of the four watersheds of Pierce County. Project proposals received from community groups are ranked according to how they align with our 2021-2025 Strategic Plan and leverage existing investments and partnerships. In 2022, we funded projects proposed by four community partners to provide education around water quality, forestry and wildfire preparedness, develop agricultural product marketing assets, and expand urban tree canopy in front line communities.

### GREEN PARTNERSHIP FUND BY THE NUMBERS:

- 1,024 K-12 students provided environmental education at 53 outdoor events
- 2 new courses developed - Explore the Forest & Explore Our Watershed
- 2 miles of shaded fuel breaks created, maintained, or improved in the Greenwater area
- 1 community Firewise education event hosted
- 1 property prepared following Firewise Defensible Space criteria and open to viewing
- 8 Pierce County farms photographed for marketing collateral
- 11 tree giveaway events/4 tree planting events totalling 2,523 trees





AmeriCorps staff work alongside community volunteers to remove invasive weeds at Bradley Lake Park in Puyallup



Photo Credit: Dean Koepfler

Solar installation at Probably Shouldn't Distillery/Breckenridge Blueberries Farm

In 2021, during the height of a global pandemic, the District entered into a new 5 year strategic plan that will serve as a roadmap for strategies and actions through 2025.

By focusing on outdoor events and virtual education, District staff were able to meet the ever-changing challenges of social distancing mandates while still offering safe and equitable programming opportunities.

As restrictions eased going into 2022, the District worked hard to strengthen community connections through volunteer events in support of the Puget Sound ecosystem and helping the people, Orca, and salmon that rely on it to thrive.

As we head into the current Plan's third year with a new Executive Director and a nearly full staff roster, our goal is to build on the good work completed in 2021 and 2022 and meet our Plan goals.

## 2 YEARS IN, WE'RE ADJUSTING OUR GOALS AND CONTINUING TO STRIVE FOR EXCELLENCE AND IMPACT

### RENEWABLE ENERGY & ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Since 2017, PCD, in partnership with Snohomish Conservation District and Spark Northwest, has provided technical assistance to over 340 farmers and rural small business owners across Washington State resulting in the implementation of 139 energy projects conserving 6.85 million kilowatt hours annually. That is the equivalent of reducing 2,720 metric tons of CO2 emissions,

11 million miles not driven, and 70,000 trees planted every year.

In 2022, PCD developed a partnership with Latino Educational Training Institute to provide bilingual workshops as we prioritize underserved communities.

### WILDFIRE PREPAREDNESS

As our summers continue to become hotter, drier, and smoker,

Pierce County residents are looking for ways to become Firewise. In 2022, PCD partners with 7 fire districts and 2 Firewise communities to stand up new wildfire preparedness programming for the County's Wildland Urban Interface. Our team of partners educated over 200 landowners and hosted several chipper day events, resulting in a decrease in fire fuels and making our communities safer from wildfire risk.



# ON THE FARM



Photo Credit: Leslie Michel/WS

Soil Samples from seven Pierce County farms will be part of WSDA's Washington Soil Health Initiative



Rawley Johnson of Early Bird Farm in Tacoma shows off the pollinator strip he planted in 2022 as part of a four-year grant from Western SARE to develop replicable pollinator planting templates.

## HELPING FARMERS HELP THEIR FELLOW FARMERS

- Understand how climate, crop type, and management impact soil health, and
- Develop crop-specific decision-support tools.

The Farm Team collected and submitted soil samples from participating producers. These producers were each given an individualized soil health report and their data was incorporated into the effort to establish Washington-specific soil health indices.

PCD's Farm Team worked with seven Pierce County farms to participate in the WSDA's State of the Soil Assessment. By collecting soil samples from farms across the state, the study aims to:

- Create a baseline soil health in Washington,
- Develop cost-effective ways for producers to assess their own soil health,



PCD's Farm Team completed the second year of a four-year Western SARE grant to develop planting templates for pollinator habitat on farms and promote habitat establishment throughout the county.

Two working meetings with a team of farmers and researchers were held

to evaluate appropriate plant species for on-farm habitat, and progress on developing planting templates for both annual insectary strips and perennial hedgerows.

Two participating farmers established annual insectary strips in their production fields and worked with

PCD to evaluate their effectiveness in supporting pollinator and beneficial insect populations. Collaborating researchers from WSU and Xerces Society presented two workshops on pollinator insect identification and site preparation for habitat establishment.

## FARM PROJECTS BY THE NUMBERS:

- 290 BMPs installed on agricultural properties
- 92 soil samples processed
- 37 poultry processing rentals
- 3 manure spreader rentals
- 7 farm plans completed
- 5 BCS tractor rentals
- 20 workshops/events with 288 participants
- 159 farm site visits
- 266 technical assists
- 9 no till drill rentals
- 29 cost share projects (\$115,797.09 in funding assistance provided + \$17,074.04 provided by landowner)



# HABITAT IMPROVEMENT



Volunteers plant native trees and shrubs to stabilize the banks of South Prairie Creek

## SOUTH PRAIRIE CREEK PRESERVE

South Prairie Creek has been a focus area for PCD over the past 9 years, due primarily to its importance for salmon habitat in the Puyallup River Watershed.

By early 2022, Washington Conservation Corps, EarthCorps,

and PCD staff finished the main planting installation efforts to create native habitat, mitigate bank erosion, and improve water quality.

Since Spring 2022, the work shifted to maintenance of the planted areas and infilling where needed.



## HABITAT IMPROVEMENT BY THE NUMBERS:

- 318,934 square feet (7.32 acres) of invasive species removed
- 97 unique volunteers at events
- 408 volunteer hours
- 6 volunteer events
- 12,353 trees planted
- 340 livestakes

# HABITAT IMPROVEMENT



Eelgrass at Titlow State Park

## SHORE FRIENDLY PIERCE PROGRAM

The Shore Friendly Pierce program empowers shoreline landowners on the Key Peninsula, Gig Harbor Peninsula, and the island of Pierce County to steward their beaches through technical and financial assistance. Stewardship by marine shoreline property owners benefits us all by supporting the health of forage fish, salmon, and orcas.

In 2021-22, sixty-two property owners received site visits resulting in technical assistance (14 received follow-up visits from a consulting geologist). The impact:

- 1.15 miles of natural shoreline will remain unmodified
- 0.61 miles of armored shoreline assessed
- Armor removal projects will benefit 850 LF of shoreline

Shore Friendly Mini-Grants\* incentivize stewardship activities including lawn and invasive weed removal, native plantings, drainage improvements, and shoreline restoration. The impact of 2022 grants:

- 10,742 SF of nearshore restoration
- 2,530 native plants installed
- \$60,237 of leveraged landowner funds



\*The Shore Friendly Pierce program is funded by the state Estuary and Salmon Restoration Program under the South Sound Shore Friendly Initiative, a collaboration between Thurston, Mason, and Pierce Conservation Districts.



# WATER QUALITY



PCD's new GSI Mini-Grant program included technical assistance and funding for rainwater collection and rain garden installation

## NEW FOR 2022 - GREEN STORMWATER MINI-GRANTS

Sixteen Green Stormwater Mini Grants were awarded in 2022 to individuals, businesses, and community groups in the Commencement Bay, Chambers Creek, and Lower Puyallup River Watersheds for projects that reduce polluted stormwater runoff entering our local waterbodies.

When rainwater falls on impervious surfaces (buildings, roads, and lawns), it doesn't get absorbed by plants and cleaned in the soil. Instead, it flows over these surfaces and picks up pollution along the way, creating a toxic soup that goes untreated into local creeks and streams, eventually reaching Puget Sound and the Salish Sea. Scientists estimate that 75% of pollutants in the Salish Sea come from stormwater runoff.

Individual homes and businesses can make a big impact on improving water quality by installing rain gardens, removing excessive pavement, creating urban habitat, and/or collect rainwater in large tanks. The grants awarded in 2022 will result in direct filtration of over 420,000 gallons and storage for over 12,000 gallons of water annually.



## BRANCH OUT TACOMA

Partnering with Tacoma Tree Foundation, Veterans Conservation Corps, and Tacoma's Urban Forestry Dept, PCD hosted a tree give away in November 2022.

Four hundred and seventy-eight trees were given away to 167 households (80% were planted in low tree canopy neighborhoods in Tacoma).

The trees will increase Tacoma's tree canopy by four acres!



ABOVE: A volunteer samples for macroinvertebrates on Clarks Creek in Puyallup RIGHT: Another volunteer preps native plants at a restoration event at Thelma Gilmur Park in Fircrest

## HABITAT STEWARDSHIP

The Habitat Stewards Program trains community volunteers to lead restoration maintenance events at six different sites located in Puyallup and Fircrest.

By hosting year-round, on-going events, Habitat Stewards and their volunteers are able to keep invasives at bay and make room for native plants that promote healthy wildlife habitat.

*"I became a Habitat Steward because I enjoy meeting the members of our diverse community, helping to bring a positive change to green spaces in need, and restoring the native beauty of Pierce County parks."*

-Lucy Kramer, Habitat Steward/Bradley Lake Park

# WATER QUALITY

## WATER QUALITY BY THE NUMBERS:

- 8 active Habitat Steward sites
- 10 active Habitat Stewards
- 442 volunteers led by Habitat Stewards
- 74 events
- 64,000 square feet of invasive plants removed
- 466 native plants installed





# HARVEST PIERCE COUNTY



Harvest Pierce County introduced a new seed library and continued work with community gardens, food gleaning, and the Native Plant Sale in 2022.



2022 was the inaugural year of PCD's Goss Farm incubator farm program located on 4.5 acres at WSU Extension property outside of Sumner.

## NEW IN 2022

PCD'S seed library launched in March 2022 in conjunction with the return of the in-person Seed Swap annual Spring Summit.

Responding to requests from our Community Garden participants for seed/seed saving education and resources on seeds, PCD hosted well attended events in 2022. For many, it was their first encounter with PCD's programs and services.

In addition to attending seed swap events, gardeners are welcome to take and share seeds from the library located at The Farm at Franklin Pierce Schools by registering on our [website](#). (Search 'seed library' for more information.)

In 2022, efforts to reach a larger, more diverse audience included Edible Garden videos being broadcast in Spanish on VoiceTacoma (VT) Radio's Facebook channel.

## CONTINUING PROGRAMS

Harvest Pierce County now supports 91 community gardens! Over the summer, staff conducted site visits to gauge resource and technical assistance needs. The goal was to connect with 75% of program gardens and by October 1, staff had made site visits to 88%.

Due to heavy spring rains and cold temperatures, area fruit trees did not bear their anticipated annual harvest.

Undaunted, PCD was able to recruit and hire 12 Branch Leaders who assessed 106 trees for pest and disease problems, provide fruit tree education to 200 Facebook group followers, strengthen our farm gleaning program, and collaborate with PCD's Branch Out team to give away free fruit trees to priority areas in Tacoma. The efforts resulted in 29,645 lbs of fresh food being donated to local food banks through 930 volunteer hours.

The Native Plant Sale continued to expand and showcase the value and importance of incorporating native plants in both urban and rural areas. Over 48,000 plants were sold in 2022 along with a successful walk up sale that featured several local artists and products inspired by native plants.

## TRAINING A NEW GENERATION OF FARMERS

PCD's Farm Foundations Training program began in 2018 in response to a lack of equitable and accessible small-scale farming technical education.

This free classroom and field-based training guides participants through ecological and conservation based farming practices while gaining hands-on experience working at The Farm at Franklin Pierce Schools. This year participants also toured six local farms to meet and learn from area farmers.

In 2022, thirteen of the 24 Farm Foundations Training program participants graduated bringing the total number of graduates to 45 since its inception.

These graduates are ready to put their new found skills into practice and begin producing crops. While some go on to

work for other farmers who may give them access to land, the need for additional opportunities exist.

To address this need, in 2022, PCD piloted an incubator farm program. Three Farm Foundations Training graduates were accepted at Goss Farm (a 4.5 acre site leased from WSU Extension at their Goss Research Farm outside of Sumner.) The Goss Farm incubator has capacity for 12 farmers to access one quarter acre of land for one year for a nominal fee based on available infrastructure..

Throughout 2022, PCD's Harvest Pierce County team spent considerable time developing infrastructure at Goss Farm including electrical connections, irrigation design and installation, installation of a high tunnel greenhouse and on-site cooler, and working through the permitting

process for a proposed access road. Tacoma Pierce County Health Department provided funding to purchase a tractor and PCD will provide tractor services to allow farmers to work their plots in preparation for sowing.

*"I am feeling a greater connection to my ancestry through food and am now empowered to grow foods that are culturally relevant to me."*

- Farm Foundations Graduate



# ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION



PCD's Environmental Education Team works with area schools to provide important outdoor, environmental, and STEM education opportunities

## TACOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT HOSTS SALMON IN THE CLASSROOM

Partnering with Foss WaterwaysSeaport, in 2022, PCD's Enviromental Education team piloted a program to deliver hands-on wildlife habitat and water quality education. Fifth grade classes at 12 Tacoma schools received fish tanks and Coho salmon eggs (courtesy of the Puyallup Tribe of Indians). Students observed the salmon from eye egg to fry stage and in the spring, 800 students took field trips to release the salmon fry in Swan Creek.

## PCD PROVIDES SOIL EDUCATON TO AREA TEACHERS

The Climate Literacy Teacher Workshop hosted by TPU (Tacoma Pierce Utilities) was held in February 2022 and attracted

150 area educators. PCD delivered a session on the importance of soil health and carbon sequestration. The information was incorporated into climate resiliency curriculum across the county.

## ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION BY THE NUMBERS:

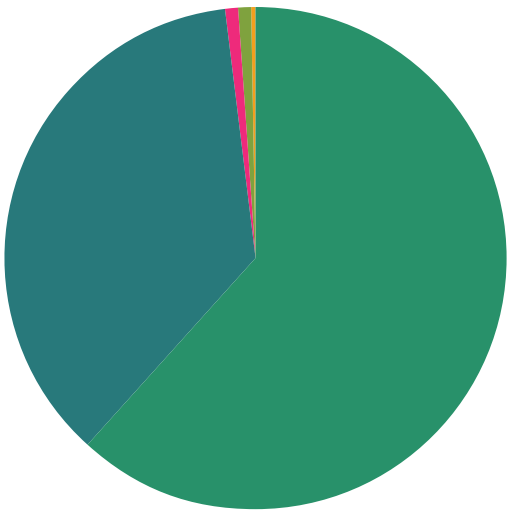
- 2,802 students
- 4,462 contact hours  
(Equal to 744 work/school days!)

## PUYALLUP FISH HATCHERY OPENS

After three years of construction, the Puyallup Fish Hatchery reopen for educational events in 2022. PC hosted 300 students from 4 area schools to view spawning salmon in Clarks Creek as part of Puyallup SD STEM education.

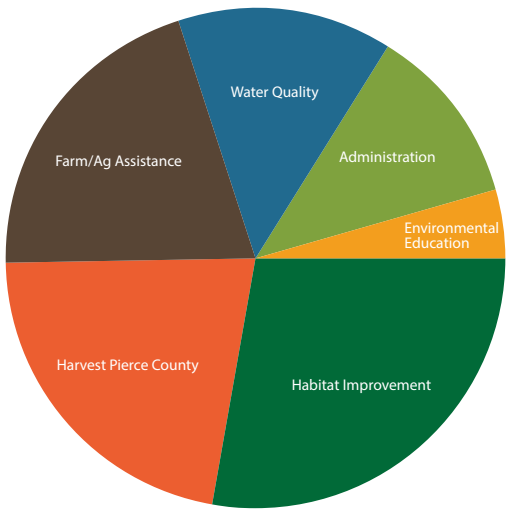
## EMERALD HILLS ELEMENTARY STORMWATER EDUCATION

Located in Bonney Lake, Emerald Hills Elementary 2nd and 3rd graders received either stormwater, soil health, or salmon life cycle and habitat education. Students showcased what they had learned through an artwork competition sponsored by Tacoma Pierce County Public Health and winning enteries were displayed on posters and a calendar.



Revenue by Source

- 61.3% Rates + Charges
- 35.9% Grants
- 1.6% Native Plant + Tree Sale
- 0.9% Donations
- 0.03% Misc



Spending by Program

- 28.0% Habitat Improvement
- 21.8% Harvest Pierce County
- 20.3% Farm/Ag Assistance
- 13.9% Water Quality
- 11.7% Administration
- 4.2% Environmental Education

# FINANCIALS

## 2022 REVENUES + SPENDING

### REVENUE BY SOURCE

Rates + Charges	\$ 2,946,706	61.3%
Grants	\$ 1,728,641	35.9%
Native Plant + Tree Sale	\$ 78,795	1.6%
Misc	\$ 14,481	0.03%
Donations	\$ 42,172	0.9%
	<hr/>	
	\$ 4,810,795	

### SPENDING BY PROGRAM

Farm/Agricultural Assistance	\$ 964,849	20.3%
Environmental Education	\$ 199,479	4.2%
Habitat Improvement	\$ 1,327,566	28.0%
Harvest Pierce County	\$ 1,035,183	21.8%
Water Quality	\$ 660,951	13.9%
Administration	\$ 556,197	11.7%
	<hr/>	
	\$ 4,744,225	

### BALANCE SHEET AS OF 12/31/2022

Current assets	\$ 3,946,017.00
Total assets	<hr/>
	\$ 3,946,017.00
Current liabilities	\$ (47,292.00)
Total liabilities	<hr/>
	\$ (47,292.00)
Net assets	\$ 3,896,220.00
Net income	\$ 2,505.00
Total equity	<hr/>
	\$3,898,725.00

### TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY \$3,946,017.00

For every dollar of rates funding the District leveraged \$0.63 in external funding.





8th grade students from Glacier Middle School in Buckley planted and mulched 100 native plants at a restoration site on the White River

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