



## 2014 Annual Report

PIERCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Working to conserve natural  
resources that are essential to  
both our economy and our  
region's quality of life.

CONSERVATION ACROSS PIERCE COUNTY



# What We Do

## & OUR FOUR MAIN PROGRAMS

Pierce Conservation District works with local landowners and public agencies to conserve natural resources that are essential to both our economy and our region's quality of life. Our collaborative efforts with citizen volunteers to create a just food system, improve water quality, promote sustainable agriculture, and recover wildlife habitat, is the heart of our mission.

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 65-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. ■



## Did YOU know?

In 2014, the Pierce Conservation District engaged a total **1,358 volunteers** who served for **5,714 hours**.

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"The Pierce Conservation District is a strategic partner of Pierce County. The District helps local agricultural producers be more prosperous, engages county residents to improve habitat function and water quality, and solves problems that help reopen shellfish harvesting areas that were closed due to water pollution. A healthy, prosperous Pierce County depends on these things and the County's partnership with the Conservation District is essential."

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- Pat McCarthy  
PIERCE COUNTY EXECUTIVE



## Urban Agriculture & LOCAL FOOD ACCESS

Through our Harvest Pierce County program, the district creates a community of abundance through gardening, gleaning, and educating Pierce County about their food and food systems. Our Veggie Co-Op, Gleaning Project, and Community Gardens produce bountiful harvests of locally grown food for volunteers and local food banks alike. Besides growing crops for their own tables, participants gain a greater sense of community and connect with their local food system.



## Habitat Improvement & ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

Our work focuses on improving riparian habitat through the removal of invasive weeds and replanting with native trees and shrubs. Streamside planting events engage hundreds of volunteers in efforts that help in the recovery of endangered salmon and other wildlife.

District Environmental Education programs include classroom presentations, organizing Family Fun events, workshops, and field trips for K-16 students. These efforts reached thousands of young people and the community at-large throughout Pierce County with a message of how important environmental stewardship is and provided an opportunity to act on that message.



## Farm Planning & AGRICULTURAL ASSISTANCE

The district provides local farmers with financial and technical assistance that allows them to voluntarily improve their farm practices. This support makes farms more economically sustainable while helping reduce negative impacts on soil and water resources. The "Best Management Practices" that we help farmers employ serve to control soil erosion and water runoff, which can contaminate streams and the marine environment of Puget Sound. Additionally, the district's support through programs such as our mobile meat unit and poultry processing unit create a shared infrastructure, which reduces production costs and increases access to local markets.



## Water Quality IMPROVEMENT & MONITORING

The district works with citizen volunteers to monitor the health of our streams and rivers in order to educate the public about how our daily lives impact our local water. The data collected through our Water Monitoring Program helps promote low-impact development practices, informs public agencies of problem areas, and inspires citizen action to improve our water quality. The district engages citizens in action initiatives through our rain garden, Depave, and streamside planting programs. These programs directly improve the water quality of our region by filtering out pollutants and reducing stormwater runoff. Collectively, the efforts create an informed public and help local communities meet Clean Water Act standards.

# Letter from

RYAN MELLO | EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

2014 brought significant accomplishments and focus for our work. The Conservation District is leading the effort to tackle some of the most pressing natural resource issues of our time. From our work with partners to open over 50-acres of recreation and commercial shellfish harvesting areas on the Key Peninsula, to completing Washington State's first two Depave projects to reduce urban storm-water runoff pollution, our work is varied and covers all of Pierce County. Our work to improve food security, soil health, water quality, and natural habitat necessary to support dozens of fish and wildlife species is all essential to our economy, public health, and quality of life.

As I share about our work with our many partners, three major things strike them that make the Conservation District so impactful – **leverage**, **implementation**, and the depth of our **community engagement**.

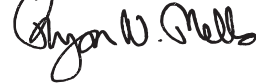
Leverage is exemplified by how the District matches our local per parcel revenue by nearly 1:1 with private philanthropic and state and federal grants. Implementation happens every day in our business as you can see from the stories in this report. Community engagement is central to our way of working. In everything that we do, we work with the community to increase its understanding of why the natural system works the way it does, grow the skills of community members for long-term under-

standing and engagement, and bring human and financial support to complete projects on-the-ground.

These values of leverage, implementation, and community engagement will continue to drive the District to work with the community to tackle the most pressing natural resource challenges we all face as a community. We're excited about the year ahead too. Whether it's establishing our Depave program as a model for how we retrofit our urban environments to naturally filter polluted rainwater before it drains to Puget Sound, or helping farmers implement better practices and improve their farms, we have a lot of exciting work to do in the year ahead.

We continue to thank you for your partnership and support in the work we do and look forward to working with you to achieve much more in 2015 and beyond.

My best,



Ryan N. Mello



"The Russell Family Foundation invests in community-based organizations that are essential to recovering Puget Sound. Through the Foundation's Puyallup Watershed Initiative, we are pleased to support the important work the Conservation District does in partnership with so many others to **engage the community, implement innovative and cooperative conservation projects**, and tackle our region's most pressing natural resource problems."

- Richard Woo  
CEO | THE RUSSELL FAMILY FOUNDATION



# Letter from

JEANETTE DORNER | BOARD CHAIR

Almost 20-years ago I was looking for help to restore the health of Muck Creek, the creek I grew up on in south Pierce County. The folks at the Pierce Conservation District helped me turn an idea into action. I have fond memories of getting in the creek with a group of volunteers, including the then Board Chair of PCD and removing invasive reed canary grass. After four years of work together, salmon were once again spawning in the creek where they hadn't been seen in such numbers for 50-years.

My experience with the Conservation District and their help to restore my creek inspired me to make a career out of protecting and restoring the natural world we call home. When I was invited to consider running for the PCD Board Supervisor position a few years later it seemed to me a perfect way to give back to this organization that made such a difference for me and my community.

20-years since I first came in contact with them, the district is still working just as hard to empower individuals and communities to improve and protect the natural resources that are so important to our **economy, quality of life, culture, and public health**. I now take my own kids out for stream restoration plantings along Clarks Creek, pavement removal and rain garden planting in Tacoma, and stream plantings along Ohop Creek in hopes that they will develop a love of Puget Sound and the land that supports all of us just like my parents shared with me.

More than half of the land in Pierce County is owned and managed by private individuals who are all important stewards of their lands.

These private lands all add up to significant opportunities for natural resource protection. The resident-by-resident and landowner-by-landowner voluntary approach is unique to conservation

districts. It is a very effective way to ensure that individual landowners are empowered to take actions that add up to regional solutions for conservation challenges.

I am grateful for the thousands of people who have engaged with our work in the last year, which is highlighted in this report. I am proud of our small, dedicated staff team that are working with our partners to make all this good work possible. There is still much to do to take care of the health of our communities and of Puget Sound. I invite you to read this report, be inspired, and join us to commit your time and energy so that together we can keep the salmon coming back, keep our waters clean, have shellfish that are safe to eat, and have access to healthy local foods.

Sincerely,



Jeanette Dorner  
BOARD CHAIR | BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Jeanette Dorner | Chair

Sheila Wynn | Vice-Chair

David Seago | Auditor

Scott Gruber | Member

Ernie Bay | Member



## Did YOU know?

We have been working with local landowners on conservation issues **since 1949.**

# By the Numbers

SOME OF OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS FROM 2014

805 ft.

cross fencing  
installed



\$50,705.32 \$ total invested  
in private land  
best practices

1,358

volunteers across all  
programs worked a  
total of 5,714 hours  
for a value of \$85,710



30 mi.  
of knotweed  
treatment in  
Nisqually  
Watershed and  
South Prairie  
Creek



6 manure  
spreader  
rentals



6 hay probe check-outs

16,800 sqft.

of pavement removal  
in process



408,436 gal.  
of polluted stormwater  
runoff eliminated from  
our rivers, streams,  
and lakes annually

25,510

native  
plants sold

# of plant sale  
customers: 584



601 ft.  
of wetland/pond  
exclusion fencing

0.42 ac.  
of wetland/pond  
exclusion

2.79 ac.  
of stream  
exclusion

3,477 ft.

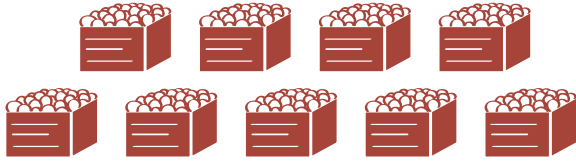
stream  
exclusion  
fencing  
installed





# 85,000 lbs.

food harvested by volunteers  
and donated to local  
food banks and those in need



## 24,000 lbs.

of food grown by community gardens  
and donated to food banks in 2014

## 105,000 lbs.

of produce out of the waste stream  
and into the emergency food system  
by gardeners and gleaners in 2014

## 60,000 lbs.

of produce grown by community  
gardens and donated into the  
emergency food system since 2012

K-12 youth reached through presentations  
and/or field trips on topics such as salmon,  
storm-water, and water quality

# 925



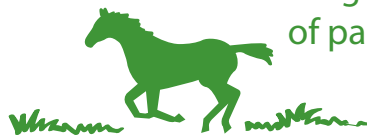
# 45

streams  
monitored  
at 66 sites



# 57.25 ac.

nutrient  
management  
of pastures



# 977

people engaged  
through our  
various workshops  
on water quality,  
agricultural assistance,  
farm planning, and  
community gardening



# 14

rain gardens  
installed, creating  
community green  
space and reducing  
water pollution



# 400 ac.

knotweed treated  
83 landowners benefited  
from knotweed treatment  
on their property  
22 seasonal employees worked  
outdoors improving habitat



# 70

community gardens in  
Pierce County in 2014  
(up from 8 in 2010)



# 292

farm  
workshop  
attendees



1

food forest  
in Swan  
Creek Park

5

farm plans  
completed

119

farm site  
visits

22

workshops/  
info booths

50

soil  
samples

50

educational  
events by Harvest  
Pierce County

4

manure  
storage  
structures

402

stream  
monitoring  
trips

90

water quality  
volunteers

9

cost share  
projects

5

heavy use  
areas created

1500'

underground  
pipeline  
for irrigation

## Green PARTNERSHIP FUND

Pierce Conservation District's Green Partnership Fund is a small grant program offered to partner jurisdictions, non-profits, and community groups to further our natural resource conservation mission. Begun in 2004, the district has invested over \$1.5M into small community projects, creating a large environmental impact.

In 2014 the district invested \$75,285 in 9 projects through the Green Partnership Fund. For 2015, we have invested \$102,300 in 13 upcoming community projects. ■



## Did YOU know?

Our Green Partnership Fund invests up to \$100,000 annually in 8-12 local conservation projects? If you have a project in mind, contact us about applying for the next round of funding!



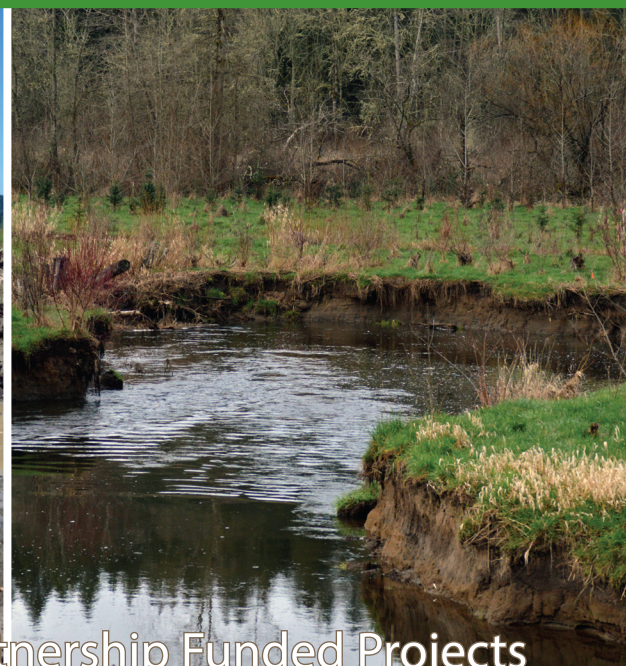
(Above) Board Chair Jeanette Dorner helps break ground on the Ohop Creek Stewardship Project. With support from Pierce Conservation District this project has helped restore valuable salmon stream habitat within rich agricultural lands.

(Opposite page) The work on Ohop Creek has reestablished native plants and habitat. These efforts have already resulted in healthier salmon populations and a return of native wildlife to the area.

"The Green Partnership Funding for the [Ohop Valley Stewardship 2013-14 Project](#) supported efforts to enhance wildlife habitat and improve water quality in Ohop Creek, one of the major salmonid tributaries to the Nisqually River. Funding from the Green Partnership Fund during the 2013-14 grant period enabled the Nisqually Land Trust to host 16 volunteer events at our Lower Ohop Valley site. [Volunteers contributed 224 hours](#) and helped [clear 5 acres of invasive weeds](#) and helped [plant 1,000 native tree and shrub seedlings](#) in and around the Peterson farmyard. The long-term vision for this project site is to recreate the densely vegetated mosaic of upland forest, floodplain forest, shrub-scrub and emergent wetland habitats along a naturally-functioning, meandering stream."

- Kim Bredensteiner  
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR | NISQUALLY LAND TRUST





## 2014 Green Partnership Funded Projects

ORGANIZATION NAME	AMOUNT AWARDED	PROJECT DESCRIPTION
Citizens for a Healthy Bay	\$9,860.00	Funding supported the training and engagement of middle school and high school students in stewardship and habitat restoration work at Gog Le Hi Te wetlands in the Port of Tacoma.
City of Gig Harbor	\$4,000.00	Funding supported the purchase of native plants planted along a newly constructed channel which is part of the Donkey Creek Restoration and Transportation Improvements project.
City of Puyallup	\$10,000.00	Funding supported the retrofit of at least 2,000 ft <sup>2</sup> of residential driveway(s) with permeable pavements to improve water quality & serve as demonstration in the overly polluted Clarks Creek basin.
Forterra	\$10,000.00	Funding supported restoration crew and project management capacity to support a community-focused restoration project intended to engage low-income, diverse residents of the Salishan housing community in east Tacoma.
Nisqually Land Trust	\$7,500.00	Funding supported activities on Land Trust property in the Ohop Valley, including monitoring, maintenance, development of a management plan, and Phase 2 restoration activities.
Northwest Trek	\$8,000.00	Funding supported the enhancement of 6 ¼ acres of non-compensatory wetland buffer zone with approximately 2,000 plants and protective tubes.
PCC Farmland Trust	\$7,925.00	Funding supported a first phase of restoration activities benefiting the headwaters of Ball Creek, and the adjacent Reise Farm, on a recently conserved property transitioning to sustainable practices.
Stewardship Partners	\$8,000.00	Funding supported the direct expenses of a community-based depaving demonstration project in Pierce County – working in concert with the 12,000 Rain Gardens in Puget Sound campaign.
Sustainable Roots of the Northwest Leadership Foundation	\$10,000.00	Funding supported youth gardening on Tacoma's East Side and a seven week Summer gardening program for 10-20 students (4th to 8th grade) to expand their knowledge, but their skills, and connect them to their food system.
TOTAL AWARDED: \$75,285.00		





# Farm Planning

## & AGRICULTURAL ASSISTANCE

Grand Farm is a horse boarding operation located on Vaughn Bay in the northern part of Key Peninsula. The 20-acre property slopes towards the bay and run-off from the site has been a water quality concern for many years. With the cooperation of new land manager Anni Grandia, several great improvements were completed on this site in 2014. Grant funding from Washington Department of Health and Washington State Conservation Commission helped with the cost of installing a covered manure bin structure and exclusion fencing. Improved management of horse manure and the fencing of horses away from the gully will substantially reduce the amount of polluted run-off from this property to Vaughn Bay.

Vaughn Bay is not just enjoyed for recreation and its beauty. Vaughn Bay is also habitat for a wide range of marine life and hosts several shellfish harvesting areas, both public and commercial. Declining water quality in Vaughn Bay is threatening recreation closures and the harvesting of shellfish. With everyone pitching in and making improvements, however small, in how they interact with our land and water, we can turn the corner on water quality in Vaughn Bay and have a healthy ecosystem for all to enjoy.

Change in Harvestable Acres of Shellfish  
GROWING AREA BY YEAR



When the Key Peninsula-Islands Basin Plan was adopted by agencies in 2006 a collaborative effort between several agencies, non-profits, and tribal entities were developed under the name of "Shellfish Partners". Along with our key partners, Pierce County Surface Water Management and Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department, our goal is to improve water quality of the marine shorelines of Pierce County so shellfish remain healthy for consumption and for private, recreational, and commercial harvest. Since 2006 Shellfish Partners have worked with thousands of landowners in the area to aid and encourage improvements benefiting water quality. As a result, shellfish growing areas open to harvest have increased by 247-acres since 2005. In 2014, 36-acres of shellfish growing area in Burley Lagoon and 16-acres in Minter Bay were re-opened for harvesting. Pierce Conservation District is a proud member of Shellfish Partners and is dedicated to continue working in a collaborative, non-regulatory manner with local landowners to see even more land management improvement in 2015. ■



"These projects were necessary to **improve conditions** for both horse and people, and I am pleased to do my part to **improve water quality**. These projects would not have been possible without the help of Pierce Conservation District and the available grant funding."

— Anni Grandia  
GRAND FARM





## Did YOU know?



One horse generates a cubic yard of manure per month; which is equal to the size of a kitchen stove. If not properly managed, manure accumulates quickly and can pollute our local streams.

“When we moved onto our conserved farmland in 2013, we took one look at the potentially salmon-bearing stream that forms the east border of our property, and realized we would need help. Our pastured cattle and hogs would dearly love to play in that stream, and indeed they managed to do so once or twice. In 2014 we made one quick phone call to the PCD about our interest in a livestock exclusion fence for stream protection. Just a few months later we were looking at the fully-funded, finished product, a five-foot woven wire fence with three interior hot wires and three access points with gates wide enough to get a tractor through for stream bank management, removal of invasives, and re-establishment of native vegetation. The hogs are very mad about their lack of access to their playground, but it is such a relief to have a solid fence line to protect the stream. Thanks, PCD!”

- Lauren Manes and Garth Highsmith  
DROPSTONE FARMS | ORTING



# Water Quality

## IMPROVEMENT & MONITORING

### Depave Sites Build Community

Depave sites build community. Depave uses an engaged community-driven process to remove unnecessary pavement from our urban landscapes, replacing it with trees, shrubs, gardens, and parks. The most important part of the Depave program is that communities themselves drive the process from start to finish: volunteers select sites they want depaved, design the replanting, and physically remove the pavement. Staff work with community members and local jurisdictions to engage each stakeholder in this process and provide technical assistance.

With a successful Depave project, the benefits of the project will spread out into the environment and community far beyond the depave site itself. A few of the environmental impacts are obvious: less pavement means more plants, which means cleaner air, increased shade, and improved wildlife habitat. Depaving also has a less obvious but equally important impact on the larger water system around the site. Pavement is impervious, meaning it does not allow water to pass through them. In a natural area, when rain lands on open soil, it sinks into the ground and recharges the groundwater system. When an area is paved over, that means that the rainwater that historically seeped into



Volunteers help remove excess pavement in one of our Depave Events.

the groundwater system is blocked, depleting groundwater. In turn, the rainwater that hits the pavement becomes runoff and flows off the pavement into storm drains, carrying with it any pollutants it encounters along the way. Oil, pesticides, trash, and dog poo are all carried down the drain and out to the closest body of water. By depaving, the soil is allowed to return to its historic function, absorbing water and preventing polluted runoff.

### Lakewood Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program Turns 15!

The City of Lakewood's volunteer lake monitoring program has just concluded their 15th year of data collection. The City now plans to conduct an analysis of the data collected to determine if there are water quality trends and inform decisions on lake management activities to improve water quality. ■

## Did YOU know?



Pavement increases the summertime temperatures in cities. This "heat island effect" in urban areas often increase temperatures by about 10 degrees (F).

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"Our local creeks and lakes are an important resource to our community as well as the surrounding communities. We want to do our part to **protect and improve the quality of our local water bodies**. Determining any trends in the data can help us move toward the goal of further water protection and enhancement."

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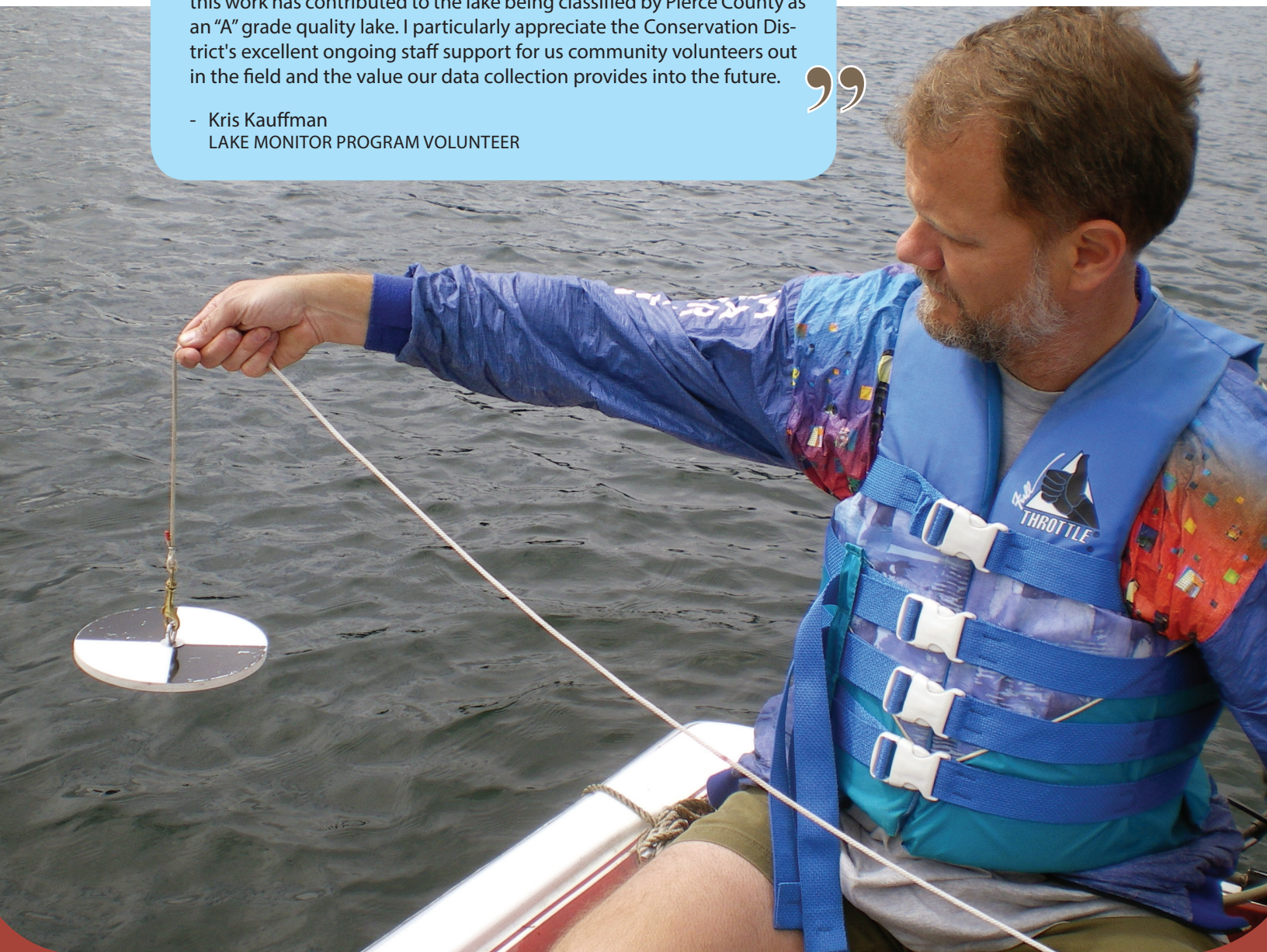
- Greg Vigoren  
SURFACE WATER DIVISION MANAGER | CITY OF LAKEWOOD





“ I have lived on Gravelly Lake for over 40-years and have been volunteering with the lake monitoring program for the past 15-years. I have had the opportunity to volunteer to acquire water quantity and quality data for the lake and value both what I’ve learned personally and the fact that this work has contributed to the lake being classified by Pierce County as an “A” grade quality lake. I particularly appreciate the Conservation District’s excellent ongoing staff support for us community volunteers out in the field and the value our data collection provides into the future. ”

- Kris Kauffman  
LAKE MONITOR PROGRAM VOLUNTEER





# Urban Agriculture & LOCAL FOOD ACCESS



## Veggie Co-Op

Veggie Co-Op is a unique program that brings volunteers from all over the county together to manage a small scale farm from seed to harvest. Veggie Co-Op hopes to inspire Harvest Pierce County volunteers to work together, share their knowledge and experiences, and foster a love of food and farming in our community.

## Gleaning Project

Harvest Pierce County's gleaning project connects fruit tree owners and farmers with volunteers willing to harvest excess produce that is not being used or sold to be shared with emergency food sites. The Gleaning Project works to reduce food waste, get food to hungry mouths, and encourage the community to recognize the bounty hidden in plain sight in our neighborhoods, farms, and orchards!

"I was so relieved when the Gleaning Project got started. It prompted me to begin taking care of my fruit trees and it has been such a reward to know the fruit is going to those who need it. The gleaners are pleasant, careful, and can be counted on to even pick up windfalls."

- Pauline Round  
2014 FRUIT TREE OWNER

## Community Garden

This past summer, we were able to work in connection with St. Leo Food Connection and their Summer Backpack Program to provide healthy summer meals for children who are food insecure as well as garden activities at the 8th and I community garden, one of 70 community gardens we support in our region.

## Food Bank Perspective

"The Gleaning Project is a tremendous partner in our efforts to provide healthy, nutritious food to our clients. The fresh, local produce we receive each from their various gleans - totaling thousands of pounds each year) are always a wonderful addition to our food line. Moreover, knowing that this is food that would have otherwise gone to waste in the field or on the tree helps me realize that we as a community can end hunger if we work together."

- Kevin Glackin-Coley  
DIRECTOR | ST. LEO FOOD CONNECTION



Volunteers harvest fresh strawberries at our Veggie Co-Op Farm.

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We are so happy to have Harvest Pierce County's Gleaning Project connect people in the community with our extra produce that might otherwise go to waste. And the **Gleaning Project is so easy and efficient to work with!**

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- Alison Nicholes  
LOCAL FARMER, FILBERT ACRES



# Did YOU know?



- 35% of the food grown in the US gets wasted
- Harvest Pierce County's gleaning project has harvested and shared over 180,000 pounds of food with people in need since 2011

“The 8th & I neighborhood children have vivid memories of a summer in the community garden. The introduction to new activities and experiences (Farmers' Market, growing veggies and flowers, clay art, soup making) contributed to their growth and self-esteem, as well as to an understanding of where food comes from and what fun it can be to grow it together. Pride and patience were also cultivated. Thanks to Harvest Pierce County, and the Food Connection for the hard work and heart that made this connection with Neighbors' Park Garden fruitful.”

- Jo Davies  
8TH AND I NEIGHBOR





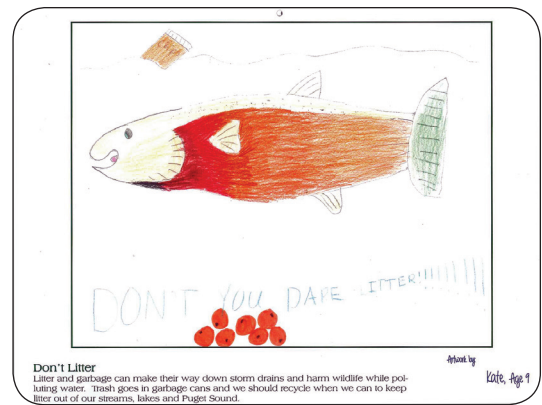
# Habitat Improvement & ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

## PCD Teams up with Local Students on Stormwater Calendars

PCD engages youth and adults alike in educational efforts related to water quality, stewardship and many other topics. You can find us at community events, workshops, and in classrooms. One of our favorite activities is to go into the classroom and offer lessons to grade school students. The kids are always eager to learn and it is amazing how much environmental awareness they already possess.

This was the case when we taught a series of stormwater lessons to students at Saltar's Point Elementary in Steilacoom and All Saints Catholic School in Puyallup. Once they learned more about stormwater pollution and how they can prevent it, they turned what they learned into artwork. They focused on planting trees, using compost, fixing car leaks and other stewardship messages. Their pictures and messages were compiled into a calendar that was distributed to the community.

If you are near DuPont, Steilacoom or Puyallup, look for those calendars and see what your local students can teach you about protecting water quality.



Artwork for from Saltar's Point Elementary 4th grade student for Puget Sound Starts Here 2015 Stormwater Calendar.

## Knotweed Partnerships

Correctly identifying, bending, and spraying Japanese knotweed is a lot of work, even for the dedicated staff at the Pierce Conservation District. Luckily we don't have to go it alone. For many years the District has been fortunate to have strong working relationships with agencies, non-profits, and individuals who understand the ecological damage caused by runaway knotweed and have contributed their resources to the effort to control this problematic plant.

In the beautiful Nisqually watershed we work with [Washington Department of Natural Resources](#) to treat miles and miles of the Nisqually and its tributary streams and creeks. Continuing the work from 2013, the DNR donated a six person full-time crew to the District in the summer months of 2014 to work on hundreds of acres of knotweed in the upper watershed around Alder Lake.

In the critical watershed of South Prairie Creek, the District once again had tremendous support from [Pierce County's Surface Water Management Division](#) (SWM). Since 2011, we have worked with a Washington Conservation Corps crew managed by SWM to bend and spray knotweed in this critical salmon spawning watershed.

We are extremely thankful to our tribal, state, county, and federal partners for their assistance, expertise, and support of this habitat improvement and natural resource protection work. And to our volunteers who show up in the rain to cut blackberry and plant cedars and snowberry: We really would be stuck in the ivy without you. ■

## Did YOU know?



Japanese knotweed is listed by the World Conservation Union as **one of the world's worst invasive species.**





## Did YOU know?



Depaving 1,000 sq ft of pavement will eliminate nearly 25,000 gallons of polluted stormwater runoff from our rivers and streams annually.

## What can YOU do?

Remove unnecessary pavement and replant with trees to reduce the amount of stormwater run-off.

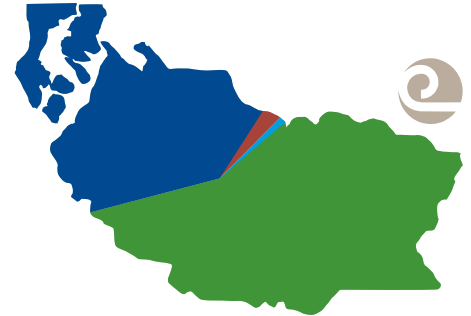


# Financials

## 2014 REVENUES & SPENDING

### REVENUE BY SOURCE

Rates & Charges	\$1,354,933.00	58.9%
Grants	\$920,352.00	40.0%
Native Plant & Tree Sale	\$34,479.00	1.5%
Other	\$7,438.00	0.3%
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	\$2,317,202.00	



### Revenues by Source

- 0.3% Other
- 1.5% Tree Sale
- 40.0% Grants
- 58.9% Rates & Charges

### SPENDING BY PROGRAM

Farm/Ag Assistance	\$582,005.90	25.1%
Water Quality	\$328,745.51	14.2%
Green Partnership Fund	\$62,215.87	2.7%
Habitat	\$440,384.72	19.0%
Harvest PC	\$275,611.12	11.9%
Communications & Outreach	\$23,723.64	1.0%
Administration	\$250,499.87	10.8%
Legal Services	\$8,071.12	0.3%
Obligated Funds	\$345,908.41	14.9%
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	\$2,317,166.16	



### Spending by Program

- 0.3% Legal Defense
- 1.0% Communications & Outreach
- 2.7% Green Partnership Fund
- 10.8% Admin
- 11.9% Harvest PC
- 14.2% Water Quality
- 14.9% Obligated Funds
- 19.0% Habitat
- 25.1% Farm/Ag Assistance

### BALANCE SHEET 12-31-2014

Current Assets	\$1,186,600
Conserved Land & Easements	\$2,056,895
Other Assets	\$1,136
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TOTAL ASSETS	\$3,244,631

Current Liabilities	\$46,434
Long Term Liabilities	\$174,382
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TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$220,816

Equity - Net Assets	\$2,679,036
Equity - Net Income	\$344,779
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TOTAL EQUITY	\$3,023,815

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$3,244,631
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# Partners

## ORGANIZATIONS & COMMUNITIES WE WORKED WITH IN 2014

### PARTNER JURISDICTIONS:

Pierce County  
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

### FUNDING PARTNERS:

Washington State  
Conservation Commission  
Tacoma/Pierce County  
Health Department  
City of Bonney Lake  
Washington State  
Department of Natural Resources  
Key Peninsula Parks  
PCC Farmland Trust  
Washington State  
Department of Ecology  
Washington State  
Department of Health  
US Army Corps of Engineers  
City of Gig Harbor  
City of Puyallup  
City of Tacoma  
Town of Steilacoom

Greater Tacoma  
Community Foundation  
Pierce County Surface Water  
Pierce County Parks & Recreation  
King Conservation District  
Washington State Recreation  
and Conservation Office  
Washington State  
Department of Agriculture  
Puget Sound Partnership  
The Russell Family Foundation  
The Paul G. Allen Foundation  
St. Leo's Catholic Church  
Tacoma Garden Club  
Thurston Conservation District  
US Fish & Wildlife Service  
Firgrove Mutual Water  
Fruitland Mutual Water  
Lakewood Water District  
Rainier View Water  
Spanaway Water Company  
Summit Water & Supply  
Thurston Public Utilities District  
Puyallup Tribe of Indians

### EVENT SPONSORS:

Umpqua Bank  
Terra Organics  
The Harmon  
Sustainable Works  
T Town Apparel

### IN-KIND SUPPORTERS:

Best Management Practice  
(BMP) Project Cooperators  
TAGRO  
Pierce County Public  
Works and Utilities  
Metro Parks Tacoma  
Gardensphere

### GROUNDWATER MODEL

#### PROJECT PARTNERS:

Cascade Water Alliance  
Fruitland Mutual Water  
Firgrove Mutual Water  
Lakewood Water District  
Lakehaven Water District  
Pierce County  
Rainier View Water  
Summit Water & Supply Company  
Spanaway Water Company  
Tacoma Public Utilities  
United States Geological Survey  
WA State Department of Health

"The Conservation District leverages our local public dollars nearly 1:1. The City of Puyallup, and every community that works with the District, benefits from their ability to leverage additional resources. From stewardship of public open space, to green stormwater infrastructure installations to community engagement in our projects, they are incredible, invaluable partners."

- Mark Palmer  
CITY ENGINEER | CITY OF PUYALLUP



With help from hundreds of volunteers, the District planted 1000's of native trees and shrubs throughout Pierce County last year.





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