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Crescent Valley Watershed Receives Attention

The Crescent Valley watershed, situated north of the city of Gig Harbor has been designated as part of a biodiversity management area. According to Pierce County's biodiversity management plan, this designation is a component of the open space planning process and signifies the area's diverse ecosystem and network of habitat areas containing "a richness of species across a landscape". Unfortunately, stream monitoring along the creek has indicated an increase in bacteria and nutrients. While this can be attributed to many factors, the area is still somewhat rural and supports several small farms. In response, the Conservation District has been working with local livestock



This paddock and the surrounding winter grass filter strip were built with the help of cost share funding. It will provide the landowners with an effective tool to minimize mud and prevent nutrient, sediment, and bacteria runoff from entering nearby Crescent Creek.

owners to implement best management practices that can directly improve water quality. Projects have included manure bins, fencing, pasture renovation, and the installation of heavy use area paddocks to prevent mud. □

Donkey Creek Chum Festival 2011

It's no fish tale that this year's Donkey Creek Chum Festival at the Gig Harbor History Museum was a surprising success. With the ominous threat of rain in the forecast, vendors arrived with extra tents and gear. Someone with connections must have put in a good word for us, because as the public started arriving, the clouds parted and fall sunshine mellowed the crisp October air.

Tasty aromas wafted from the kitchen tents as the Gig Harbor Fishermen's Club and Kiwanis cooked and served countless plates of chum burgers and hot dogs. In a daring twist, this year's canoe and kayak race out in the harbor was opened up to anyone that wanted to try and paddle their way to victory across the finish line. With a water course designed to humble the uninitiated, racers catapulted their crafts into 90 degree turns, crossing their oars and fingers to finish the race still on top of the water.

Back on land, the public stopped at booths and chatted with representatives to learn more about current projects, volunteer opportunities, and outreach programs all working together to help improve natural resources, water quality, and fish habitat for future generations. Kids, teens, and adults enjoyed activities such as fish painting, survival suit races, designing salmon tiles, marine touch tanks, fish weight guessing, and fly fishing lessons.

As the day came to a close, members of the public worked along with the fishermen and other organizations to clean and pack up. As with this event, improving water quality and stream habitat will become a reality if everyone takes on the responsibility of a small piece and works together to clean it up. Looking back, this was the true spirit of the event. □

Sidebar photo courtesy of Alisa Schindler, Redpoint Photography.

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2011 Knotweed Control Program Update

The primary mission of Pierce Conservation District's (PCD) Knotweed Control Program is to eradicate the presence of knotweed. This very aggressive, noxious weed species is now commonly found growing along riparian corridors throughout the Pacific Northwest, including both the Nisqually and South Prairie Creek watersheds. Knotweed can affect the health of an ecosystem by competing with and crowding out native vegetation, altering soil nutrient cycling which can negatively affect aquatic food webs leading to erosion of lands, and destruction of habitat for local fish and wildlife. Since knotweed's primary form of distribution is through root and stem fragmentation, the flowing waters of rivers, creeks, and streams serve as ideal candidates for its dispersal.

The 2011 treatment season for the Nisqually Knotweed Control Project was another successful year for the program. To ensure knotweed infestations within the lower Nisqually watershed

are kept in check, PCD worked in collaboration with the Nisqually Indian Tribe, Tacoma Power, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service by conducting knotweed surveys of the lower Nisqually River. Crews also worked by raft and jet boat to treat any re-sprouts or new infestations of knotweed plants. At the end of the season, crews had surveyed more than 75 miles of the Nisqually River and its associated tributaries, resulting in a total of 130 acres of knotweed treatment.

Knotweed treatment for the District's South Prairie Creek project was also successful. Crews were able to survey and treat approximately 5 miles along Wilkeson and South Prairie Creek, resulting in more than 100 acres of knotweed treatment.

PCD staff also worked with local land owners in the town of Ashford and South Prairie Creek. Sixteen volunteers at two community knotweed events bent approximately 4.5 acres infested with knotweed. □



Volunteers from the 3rd Annual Nisqually Knotweed Bending event in Ashford, WA pose before heading out into the field to bend 12 foot tall knotweed canes. Volunteers helped bend 3 acres infested with knotweed along the upper Nisqually River.

(Pictured on sidebar) Knotweed Technician Jim Tolson surveys a dense stand of knotweed plants infesting a riparian corridor along the Nisqually River. Spring knotweed surveys are an essential part of PCD's Knotweed Control Program.

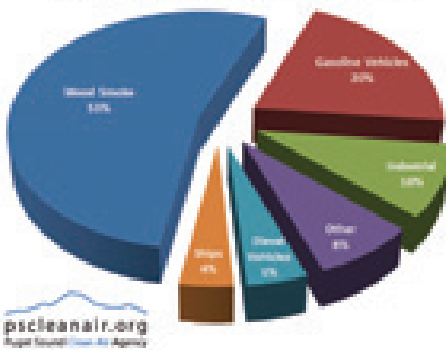
Efforts Underway to Improve Local Wintertime Air Quality

Submitted by Melissa Paulson, Puget Sound Clean Air Agency

Clean air is important to a healthy environment, both for people and wildlife. Air pollution can be deposited on the land and transported into our lakes, rivers, and streams, where it may impact aquatic and riparian habitat. Many sources of air pollution also impact water quality, causing problems for salmon and other species of fish and wildlife.

Our air quality is generally good for most of the year. However, during the wintertime, air pollution in much of Pierce County can reach unhealthy levels. Even short-term exposure to this pollution can cause serious health problems for you, your family, and your community.

Sources of wintertime fine particle pollution in South End Tacoma/Pierce County



Fine particles from wood burning stoves and fireplaces are the biggest source of wintertime air pollution in Tacoma and Pierce County. Other activities such as road transportation, ships, and industry also release fine particle pollution, but wood smoke contributes the largest single "slice" of the "wintertime pollution pie" (shown below).

Because our wintertime pollution levels are so high, Tacoma and much of Pierce County has been designated as a "nonattainment area," meaning that steps must be taken to improve air quality to meet federal standards. The Puget Sound Clean Air Agency and Washington Department of Ecology are working with a community-based group called the Tacoma-Pierce County Clean Air Task Force to develop strategies to reduce wintertime fine particle pollution. These strategies will address all sources of pollution, including wood smoke, transportation, shipping, and industry.



Smoke from even one fireplace or wood stove can impact an entire neighborhood.

In the meantime, you can help protect our air quality by:

- Only burning dry wood that has been split and seasoned at least one year
- Observing air quality burn bans
- Consider a cleaner heat source
- Signing up for informational updates and burn ban alerts

Please visit www.cleanairpiercecounty.org to learn more about this effort and share your ideas. Or contact Melissa Paulson, Puget Sound Clean Air Agency, at melissap@pscleanair.org or (800)552-3565 ext. 4045. □

Last Call for Native Plant Pre-Orders!

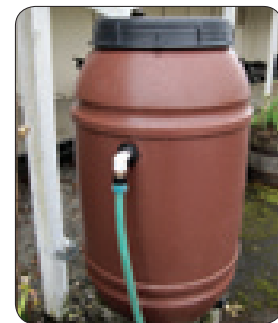
Gift Certificates Available: Give a Gift that Lasts for Generations

It's not too late to get your plant sale order in; pre-orders are due January 20, 2011. You can request an order form and plant descriptions by either calling or e-mailing Rene' at (253) 845-9770, ext. 106 or renes@piercecountycd.org, or by downloading one from our website at www.piercecountycd.org. Please mail your completed order form along with your check that includes 9.3% sales tax made out to PCD Plant Sale to P.O. Box 1057, Puyallup, WA, 98371.

If you miss the pre-order deadline, a limited number of plants listed on the pre-order form will be available at the walk-up sale which is Saturday, March

3, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the District office located at 5430 66th Ave. E. in Puyallup. If you would like to pot up your plants for the summer, we will have a supply of used (primarily one gallon) pots available at the pick-up. And when you are done with them, you can take them to Lowe's hardware for recycling. Woodbrook Nursery from Gig Harbor will be back again this year on the pick-up days selling larger potted native plants.

If you would like to get more involved in the plant sale, we are seeking volunteers to assist with the order bundling the week of February 27 and on the pick-up days in three-hour shifts. As



All pre-order customers are automatically entered to win a rain barrel; which will be a great tool to help you get your seedlings through their first summer.

a token of our appreciation, all volunteers will receive a bundle of bare root plants of their choice as well as all the coffee and doughnuts they can consume! Please call Isabel Ragland at (253) 845-2973 to sign up for a shift. □





Temporary Solutions for Water Soaked Farms

Some might say that come February, Washington is blessed with too much of a good thing. While our region's renowned rainfall recharges groundwater and streams, heavy rain events can make life difficult on the farm. From November through April, livestock owners grudgingly adjust their chore time to include donning rubber boots and slickers, feeding livestock in the dark, and possibly hunting for boots lost in sticky mud. While there are several options to minimize or eliminate this slippery situation during the summer months, band-aid solutions might be necessary when resources are tight or time is of the essence.

Installing gutters and downspouts on barns is one of the fastest, easiest, and possibly most cost effective methods to move large volumes of water away from the barnyard. Consider that a 12' x 24' roof will shed approximately 9,200 gallons of water each year. When that water is rerouted away from livestock keeping areas, the accumulation of mud will greatly be reduced. Consider installing one or a series of rain barrels to hold water for stock or other purposes throughout the year, but make sure to include an overflow valve and hose.

If you don't already have a high and dry paddock area available, moving the animals around is an option. Adjust feeding areas to new locations throughout the winter to provide some relief to heavily used sections. To keep expensive feed off the ground and out of the mud, use stall mats, troughs with holes in the bottom, or nets. Not only will muddy hay not get eaten, it will break down and turn into more mud. Wait to install rock or wood chips in paddocks until the soil is dry and firm. Doing this when the ground is

wet and soggy can make a bigger mess than what you had when you started.

Doing your best to keep the barnyard picked of manure will decrease the water holding capacity of those soils. Piling this future black gold under a tarp can keep nutrients in place and out of surface and ground water until pastures are ready to use them in the spring.

Reduce animal density by harvesting livestock or boarding animals with friends or neighbors. Removing animals temporarily or throughout the winter months may pay for itself as you reap the rewards of better pasture production next year.

Surface water flow from heavily used livestock areas can significantly contribute to sediment, nutrient, and bacteria polluted stormwater runoff. Allowing water a chance to slow down as it flows through thick vegetation will give sediment and anything attached to it a chance to settle out. So consider installing grassy strips around heavily used areas.

To provide some soil stability and nutrient uptake, over seed bare spots in the spring and fall with fast growing turf grass like bluegrass or bentgrass. Although they will not produce a lot of food, if given a chance to establish and develop roots these varieties will withstand heavy grazing pressures better than bunch type pasture grasses such as orchardgrass and tall fescue.

For more ideas, or to start organizing next summer's list of more permanent solutions to preventing mud on the farm, give your resource technicians Erin or René a call. □



Winter Home and Farm Management Workshops

Band-Aids to Get Your Farm Through the Winter

Thursday, December 8, 6:30-8 p.m.
King Feed, Eatonville

Is your farm a mud pit? Then this is the class for you! Get some band-aid tips to help you survive this winter, and ideas for real solutions to install this summer. Come catch this informative powerpoint presentation on how to minimize or eliminate mud to improve you and your livestock's lives. Find out how to grow more grass and fewer weeds to save money on feed costs and herbicides. Find out how manure composting can save you money on disposal and fertilizer costs, and how it can re-claim lost space. Contact King Feed to register at 253 846-6500.

Small Farm Dairies for Pleasure and Profit

Friday, January 20, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.
Puyallup

Join the Pierce Conservation District, Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA), and WSU Extension to learn the steps necessary to operate a small dairy. We'll review livestock breed specifics, facility requirements and safety standards, herd management techniques to maximize milk productivity, and finally the benefits enjoyed from milk and cheese produced on your own farm.

Emergency Farm Preparedness

Sunday, January 22, 1-3 p.m.
Summit Library, Tacoma

Will you be prepared to take care of your livestock the next time a natural, human-made, or technological disaster strikes our area? The Washington State Animal Response Team (WASART) is a grass-roots, non-profit volunteer organization, created to support animal disaster preparedness, response, recovery, and sheltering

efforts directed at helping animals affected by emergencies. Come learn from WASART Operations Leader Greta Cook about their program, how you can get involved, and how to prepare in advance to "shelter in place" or be prepared to evacuate with your pets and livestock. Learn what simple things you can do to be prepared and self sufficient before the next disaster strikes. *A suggested \$10 donation to WASART to attend class.*

Realtor Workshop: What You and Your Client Should Know About Shoreline Property

Tuesday, January 24, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Gig Harbor

The Pierce Conservation District is facilitating this workshop brought to you by WSU Extension, Pierce County Surface Water Management, and Washington Department of Ecology. Realtors and brokers can accrue 7.5 clock hours by attending this class. We will review the geology of the Washington coastline, buffers, building restrictions, and low impact development options that reduce total pervious surface and minimize erosion and impacts caused by surface water runoff.

Biosecurity: Is Your Herd or Flock Safe from Diseases?

Saturday, February 4, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
Puyallup Public Library

During this workshop, participants will learn farm disease prevention, monitoring, tracking, reporting, and identifying the symptoms of potentially contagious livestock and poultry illnesses from various speakers from WSU Extension and the WSDA. This is not a doom and gloom workshop, but is instead for the backyard or small farmer who has concerns regarding current challenges to how backyard farming is conducted.

The Trinity of Small Farm Management

Saturday, February 11, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Key Center

As mud builds up in paddocks and pastures, the risk of impacting our local surface water with bacteria and nutrients swells like wet neoprene boots. Join the Pierce Conservation District in a discussion about the importance of keeping livestock out of our water and how to do so. We'll go over mud, manure, and pasture management techniques that keep your boots dry and your pastures and wallet green. A free class notebook is provided to participants who register.

Purchasing Farm Property

Saturday, March 3, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Gig Harbor

Don't buy the farm when purchasing farm property. In this classroom workshop, speakers will cover topics including federal loan programs for farms and disaster recovery, farm credit services, insurance, due diligence, mentoring, and transferring ownership.

Unless otherwise noted, contact Erin at (253) 884-9474 or erine@piercecountycd.org, or René at (253) 845-9770 x 106 or renes@piercecountycd.org to register. □



In the Stream

Winter Stream Monitoring Schedules

Quarterly monitors: The winter monitoring window runs from December 21, 2011 through March 14, 2012. Bimonthly monitors will monitor their streams in January and March. Winter stream flows tend to be higher and faster than during summer and early fall, so be careful when entering streams to collect samples and take stream measurements. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer stream monitor please contact Isabel at (253) 845-2973 to schedule a training session.

Fall Planting Review

This has been a busy fall planting season for Stream Team and our partners. Eight restoration plantings were scheduled, and as we go to press seven of those have been completed. Hundreds of volunteers have turned out to help plant, mulch, and remove invasive weeds along streams from Gig Harbor to Eatonville. To date, more than 200 volunteers have planted more than 2,200 native trees and shrubs.

Ohop

Continuing the larger restoration efforts in the Ohop Creek floodplain, Stream Team once again partnered with the Nisqually Land Trust and Nisqually Indian Tribe. At this planting event, 37 volunteers installed 700 plants along Ohop Creek in Eatonville.

Silver Creek

Stream Team volunteers were joined by REI and local Lions Club members in Puyallup to plant 400 cedar trees along Silver Creek and build 250' of trail along Meeker Creek.

Ryan McGraw earned his Eagle Scout badge by organizing two events along Silver/Meeker Creeks. Over Labor Day weekend he prepared planting and trail locations for installation. This was followed on October 1 with the construction of an additional 150' of trail and planting of 81 shrubs. Here, Mark Palmer with the city of Puyallup is thanking Ryan on a job well done. Congratulations!

Murray Creek

With the help of 16 Army National Guard members, Stream Team volunteers planted 308 native trees and shrubs along Murray Creek in Lakewood. These plants expand the planting we began in 2004.

Box Car Planting

Fifteen hardy volunteers came out on a crisp Saturday morning to help plant and tube 700 conifers along a side channel to the Mashel River in Eatonville. This planting was undertaken with the Nisqually Tribe to re-establish native vegetation in an area cleared of blackberries over this past summer.

Garfield Gulch

As some of you may have heard, Garfield gulch was vandalized in October; vandals pulled up native plants installed by volunteers to restore the site and provide a healthy riparian area. Two stewards of the Garfield gulch restoration site are Stream Team volunteers Rob and Kellen Girvin, a father and son team who not only work to restore the site, but also monitor water quality and take the time to teach Kellen's fellow students about water quality at Stadium High School.

After learning of this news, Stream Team provided one and two gallon plants donated from a cancelled REI restoration planting to assist the Girvin's efforts to restore Garfield Gulch. We are glad we could help out in some small way. Way to go Kellen and Rob! □



Sidebar photo courtesy of Anna Leon-Guerrero.



Bee Spit

With the support of grants from the Mountaineers Foundation and the Puyallup River Watershed Foundation, Stream Team continued restoration work at Bee Spit Honey in Orting. Volunteers planted 510 native trees and shrubs in an understory previously dominated by invasive knotweed. With the help of 22 Boy Scouts led by Spencer Stewart, who is earning his Eagle Scout rank and 8 Stream Team volunteers, we completed the work in just one hour!

Wilkinson Park

Harbor Ridge Middle School students joined Stream Team volunteers to plant 160 trees and shrubs in the pond outlet swale at Wilkinson Park in Gig Harbor to shade out invasive reed canary grass.



Tahoma Farms

Hot off the heels of Harvestfest, Tahoma Farms owner Dan Hulse brought PCC Farmland Trust, Terra Organics, Earth Corps, and Stream Team together to plant 860 native trees and shrubs in hedgerows on two sides of his property in Orting. Seventy-five volunteers showed up and had all the plants in the ground in only three hours! With energy left, the group began the task of installing tree protector tubes. Over the winter, we will continue adding tubes and mulch so the plants will be ready for the summer. □

Photo courtesy of Anna Leon-Guerrero.

In the Stream

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School Group Activities

Stream Team was very active this fall assisting with environmental education efforts in local schools. Through plantings, stream monitoring, educational games, and weed removal, many students learned about the environment while also having fun.

On September 23, Stream Team partnered with Stewardship Partners, Pierce County Educators, Pierce County Surface Water Management, and teachers and students from Karshner Elementary in Puyallup to install two rain gardens at their school. This event tied it all together by including lessons on the water cycle, salmon, stream insects, and the effects of stormwater.

First Creek Middle School held a Youth Environmental Summit on October 21 that brought natural resource focused agencies and organizations from around the area together to discuss everything from green building to salmon habitat restoration. One hundred and sixty students from several middle schools and high schools within Tacoma rotated through three 25 minute small group discussions of their choosing, followed by a town hall forum where students were able to report out ideas from the

discussion to the whole group. Jeff Renner of King 5 TV was on hand to talk to the

students about environmental stewardship and the importance of developing environmentally conscious habits. Later that afternoon, the students were able to turn their discussions into action through several organized projects on the school grounds. Students planted 25 native shrubs, removed invasive weeds, and learned about water quality and stream insects and their role in the stream ecosystem. It was a great example of putting their knowledge to good use and making a difference in their community.

On October 25 a group of 16 students from Don Pruett's Sumner High School class came out after school for a planting along Salmon Creek. The students planted 85 potted trees and shrubs, and made 25 live cuttings of willow trees to help establish shade along the stream. As they worked, there were plenty of salmon scurrying upstream to their spawning beds! Another group from Sumner High School also participated in stream monitoring training for their International Baccalaureate class.

Stream Team continued its environmental learning program with Elk Plain Elementary this fall at Clover Creek Reserve, as 58 students rotated through stations such as mulching, trail maintenance, and bird watching. □

Stream Team is available to make presentations in the classroom on a broad range of topics, organize activity stations for students to rotate through, and/or host outside action projects. Contact us to schedule your activity today!

Students investigate stream insects to determine the health of the water sample in one of five outdoor activities.



Sidebar photo courtesy of Alisa Schindler, Redpoint Photography.

Rain Garden Wrap-Up

Another successful rain garden cluster installation event was held September 10 in Puyallup as five more rain gardens went in near DeCoursey Park. This was the last of three rain garden events put on by the City of Puyallup in 2011. To help promote the event, the ever popular Ciscoe Morris of King 5 TV's "Gardening with Ciscoe" was on hand to broadcast his live radio show. Forty-one volunteers came out on a beautiful Saturday morning to help install the rain gardens, which are designed to help divert and filter storm water runoff from homes and roadways that would otherwise flow directly into Clarks Creek. At nearly 650 square feet, one of these five installed rain gardens is the largest of its kind in Puyallup to date.

In addition to the rain garden, one homeowner with property along Clarks Creek received a riparian planting. Volunteers helped plant approximately 30 native trees and shrubs, which will help provide important shade for the

stream. For their participation, each homeowner also received a free rain barrel from Dan Borba of Down to Earth Gadgets and Gizmos. Borba also donated a rain barrel for a raffle that was held on the installation day. □



In the last of 3 rain garden events in Puyallup in 2011, 41 volunteers helped install 5 rain gardens near DeCoursey Park. Volunteers also planted 30 native trees and shrubs along Clarks Creek.

Pierce County ECO Net Brown Bag Brainstorms

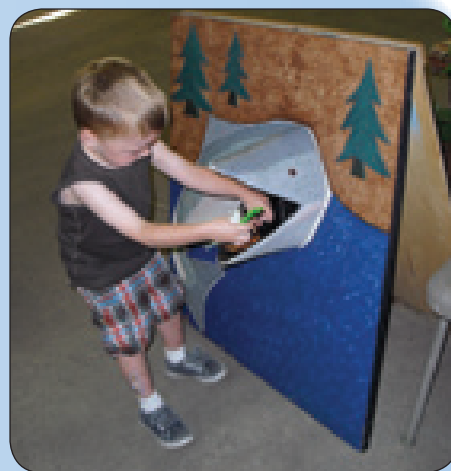
Starting December 6, Pierce County Education, Communication, and Outreach Network (PECO Net) will host a monthly brown bag lunch to focus on brainstorming projects that Pierce County nonprofits and jurisdictions can work on together to benefit our local waterways, marine life, and Pierce County residents. Some projects may involve all of us, some may involve some of us ... but this will give us a way to get together and collaborate on worthwhile projects. For more information, please contact Carrie Hernandez, Stormwater Program Manager, Citizens for a Healthy Bay (253) 383-2429 or Chris Towe, PECO Net Coordinator, Pierce Stream Team (253) 845-2973 christopher@piercecountycd.org. □

Fall Fair Wrap-Up

Just as summer started to warm up, it was already time for the Western Washington Fair at the Puyallup Fairgrounds. Fortunately, the good weather brought out a great crowd looking for ways to get involved in local outdoor activities.

This year we added a new watershed model to link Mt. Rainier National Park's neighboring booth to ours. Stream Team volunteer Mike Viafore built the model over the summer, and it was a huge hit that drew people into the booth.

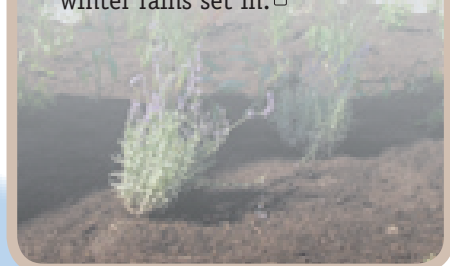
Thank you to the 19 Stream Team volunteers, Pierce Conservation District staff, and our partner jurisdictions who staffed our booth for the entire 17-day Fair! □



Here a young boy "feeds" Sammy stream bugs to give him energy as he swims upstream to spawn.

Gig Harbor Visitors Center Rain Garden

Stream Team will be partnering on yet another rain garden installation event this year, this time in Gig Harbor. The rain garden is part of a capital improvements project at the Gig Harbor Visitors Center, which includes renovations to the surrounding roadway and sidewalks. The event will take place on **Saturday, December 10 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m.** as volunteers help install nearly 250 plants. The rain garden will be installed just as the winter rains set in. □





2011 Annual Meeting

This year's Pierce Conservation District Annual Meeting will take place on Wednesday, February 8 from 5-8 p.m. at the Evergreen State College campus in Tacoma. Event highlights will include a small reception, guest speaker Becky Selengut who is a local "foodie", a review of this year's accomplishments, and an awards ceremony to honor our volunteers and partners. Please contact us early to reserve your space. □

New Supervisor Joins Conservation District Board

Sheila Wynn has been an explorer of the natural world starting at age three catching her own perch in Moses Lake where she grew up. After earning a degree in biology from the University of Puget Sound, Ms. Wynn has had the opportunity to work in many areas of the environmental and resource fields for almost two decades. She has owned her own business, worked for non-profits, worked for Thurston Conservation District for three years, and has spent the last decade working for Pierce County in Planning and Land Services and the Surface Water Management division of Public Works and Utilities.

Ms. Wynn comes to us because of her deep desire to see a more sustainable community in Pierce County and her strong land ethic. Aldo Leopold is one of her heroes. She lives with her husband Mike, 4 year old son Keenan, a rescue dog, and 28 chickens on 4 acres in Pierce County's rural separator. This is where they are working hard at experimenting with "beyond green" sustainable living. She is excited to take part in the great things Pierce Conservation District is doing and looks forward to partnering with them and all those who support conservation. □



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December

- Dec 6 • **PECO NET BROWN BAG LUNCH**, Tacoma, 12:30 p.m. Contact Chris for more information, (253) 845-2973.
- Dec 8 • **FARM MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP**, King Feed, Eatonville, 6:30-8 p.m. Call King Feed to register, (253) 846-6500.
- Dec 10 • **RAIN GARDEN INSTALLATION**, Gig Harbor, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Call Stream Team to register, (253) 845-2973.



January

- Jan 20 • **SMALL FARM DAIRY WORKSHOP**, Puyallup, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Contact Erin to register (253) 884-9474.
- Jan 20 • **NATIVE PLANT SALE PRE-ORDER DEADLINE.**
- Jan 22 • **EMERGENCY FARM PREPAREDNESS**, Summit Library, Tacoma, 1-3 p.m. Contact René to register (253) 845-9770.
- Jan 24 • **REALTOR WORKSHOP**, Gig Harbor, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Contact Erin to register (253) 884-9474.



February

- Feb 4 • **FARM BIOSECURITY WORKSHOP**, Puyallup Public Library, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Contact René to register (253) 845-9770.
- Feb 8 • **PCD-ST ANNUAL MEETING**, Evergreen State College campus, Tacoma, 5-8 p.m. To RSVP call (253) 845-9770.
- Feb 11 • **MUD, MANURE, PASTURE MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP**, Key Center, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Contact Erin to register (253) 884-9474.



March

- Mar 2 • **NATIVE PLANT SALE PRE-ORDER PICK-UP**, Puyallup, 12-6 p.m. Contact René for more information (253) 845-9770.
- Mar 3 • **WALK-UP NATIVE PLANT SALE**, Puyallup, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Contact René for more information (253) 845-9770.
- Mar 3 • **PURCHASING FARM PROPERTY WORKSHOP**, Gig Harbor, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Contact Erin for more information (253) 884-9474.

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