



Green Tukwila Program Summary, January- March 2021

Green Tukwila volunteers, stewards, and partner organizations continue to perform at a high level to improve and create sustainable urban forests, green spaces, and a healthy Green Duwamish river.

Tours & Education

- Green Tukwila partnered with the Tukwila’s Senior Recreation Program to host monthly "Nature Walks" in Tukwila. The series discusses topics like sustainable urban forests, habitat, restoration phases, watershed, site history, while building community and exercising. The series has been very successful despite cold weather, upcoming walks include Crystal Springs Park and Duwamish Gardens.
- Green Tukwila joined the Kaleidoscope Play & Learn free program for children 0-5 that operates on Fridays at Crestview Park, 10:30-12:00 pm. Twice a month Green Tukwila staff, Olean Perry, will lead nature-based exploration and education.

Volunteer Events

- Volunteer work parties started in February under Governor Inslee’s “Healthy Washington, Roadmap to Recovery” under guidelines for Outdoor Recreation. The work party schedule is in development for Cottonwood Corner. All public volunteer opportunities for Duwamish Hill Preserve, Duwamish Alive, and Green Tukwila Day are posted online, www.Tukwilawa.gov/GreenTukwila.
- Partner Organizations are not hosting volunteer events due to COVID-19 currently.

Partner Work:

- Dirt Corps, EarthCorps, and Forterra continue working on projects funded by the Re-Green the Green, King County grant. <https://www.govlink.org/watersheds/9/plan-implementation/Re-Green.aspx>
 - Active locations in the last few months are Tukwila Community Center, Fort Dent, Bicentennial Park, and Green River Trail behind the Minkler Shop.
- Partner In Employment, <https://partnerinemployment.org> received funds from the Port of Seattle Environmental Grant for 2021 to build and implement a “Green Job” program. Partner In Employment has 1 lead and 5 paid youth each quarter that will work 4 weeks in Tukwila's parks restoring and planting healthy habitat with Green Tukwila. Youth work 17-20 hours a week and are paid above minimum wage.
 - Mike Perfetti hosted a tour in February of Duwamish Gardens and spoke about his job and other green jobs that were involved with the development of the site.
 - Parks Staff is hosting a talk with youth about employment in a Parks Department in March.



- Bhutanese Community Resource Center and Summer Search nonprofits were awarded funding in February through the South King County Environmental Grant Fund to work with Green Tukwila in 2021. Needs, challenges, and goals are currently being discussed and planning has started for both programs.

Adopt-A-Spot

2020 Park Stewards continue to work on their own time to clean up litter in adopted parks. In the last month, three new stewards have signed on to the program.

March 2, Adopt-A-Spot staff, Olena Perry, hosted a one-time volunteer event at Bicentennial Park on the Green River Trail to clean up litter. The event was a huge success, 10 volunteers worked for 1.5 hours, pick up 20 bags of trash and other large debris. Parks supported the event and estimated 6 yards of trash was collected at the event. Participants have requested more volunteer opportunities in this format.