Developing Relationships in Support of Parks

ESTABLISHING PARTNERSHIPS TO INCREASE VOLUNTEER ENGAGEMENT IN THE GREEN CITIES NETWORK
City of Kent

Tools

Maintenance Staff

Public Land
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“Across the Puget Sound this fall, more than 2,200 volunteers converged at area parks and green spaces to celebrate Green City Days. Now boasting nine cities in the Green City Partnerships, these annual event connects community members across all age, ethnic and economic backgrounds for a common goal: helping to keep our forested parks and green spaces environmentally healthy.”

-Green City Days 2017
We teach principles of conservation, encourage environmental and agricultural enhancement, coordinate productive relationships between citizens and regulatory agencies and assist landowners with implementation of conservation practices.

King Conservation District

The King Conservation District assists Jurisdictions, landowners and residents with stewarding forests, street trees and open space to enhance wildlife habitat, reduce storm water runoff, and improve human health and wellbeing.
Green Kent Partnership

Morrill Meadows Park

North Meridian Park

Lake Fenwick Park
The Green City Network
To date, the following cities have partnered with the KCD Urban Forestry program:

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Volunteer Partners
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**Students**
High School Students seeking Volunteer Hours

**Service Clubs**
Scouts, Kiwanis, Church Groups

**Corporations**
Businesses offer a variety of ways to partner
Partnerships with Schools

- Curriculum Department for the District
- Teachers as Stewards
- Key Club
- National Honor Society
- Environmental Clubs
Curriculum Department for the District

- Reach out to Discover Key Contacts in the School District
- Make Contact with Teachers, Principals, Executive Directors, and Curriculum Specialists
- Meet face-to-face
- Brainstorm ways to incorporate all schools or just one school
Kent School District

- Classroom Lessons on Native and Invasive Species
- Science Credit for Environmental Restoration
Friendly Competition!

Students were encouraged by high school science teachers and advisors to earn their required service hours volunteering for the Green Kent Partnership. School reputation was on the line...
Teachers as Stewards
Service Clubs – School and Other
Kent-Meridian High School
National Honor Society
KEY CLUB!
Key Club
Key Club
Business Partners

- Starbucks
- Fred Meyer
- Target
- REI
- Home Depot
- Banks, Real Estate & Insurance Companies
Business Partners Provide Volunteers, Funding, Sponsorships

REI

Boeing

Target
Partnering Has Helped to Address our Most Pressing Urban Forestry Challenges

- Get the Word Out
- Initial Set-up – Steward Orientations, Policies/Procedures/Methods, Forms, Data Tracking
- Event Support – Snacks, Drinks, Dumpsters, Cardboard/Burlap, Mulch, Volunteers, Wrap-up
- Funding – Work Crews, Native Plants, Special Programs
Multiple Benefits Come from Multiple Partners

- Enhanced Support in the Field
- Enhanced Support in the Office
- Enhanced Support from the Network
Take the Time

Create Meaningful and Lasting Partnerships in Support of Parks because it is Worth the Effort.

Take the Time When and Where it Matters the Most.

Develop Relationships to Ensure a Lasting Partnership.