



# Developing Relationships in Support of Parks

ESTABLISHING PARTNERSHIPS TO INCREASE VOLUNTEER ENGAGEMENT  
IN THE GREEN CITIES NETWORK

# GREEN KENT

PARTNERSHIP



# FORT&RRA



# City of Kent

Tools



Maintenance Staff



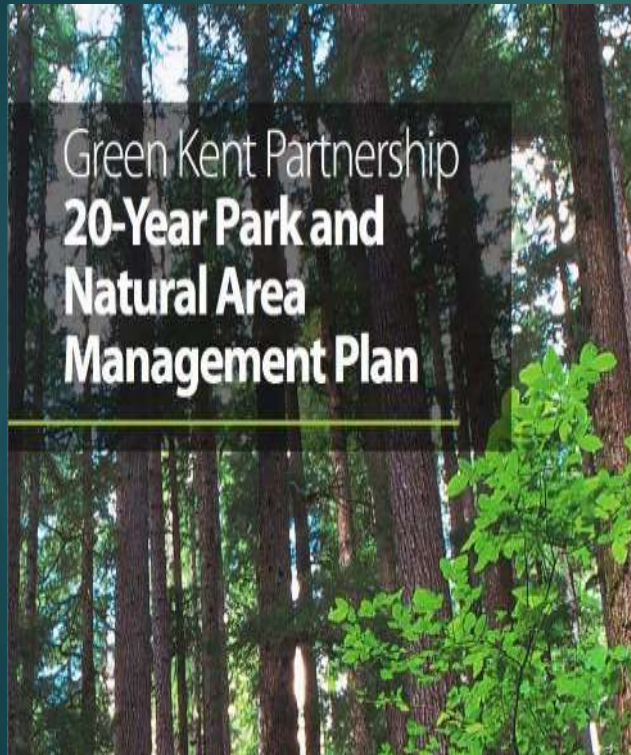
Public Land





# Forterra

## 20-year Management Plan



## Trainings, Orientations, Gatherings

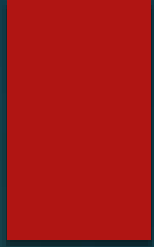


## Outreach

"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:

Algona	Auburn	Bellevue
Black Diamond	Bothell	Burien
Clyde Hill	Covington	Des Moines
Hunts Point	Kent	Kirkland
Lake Forest Park	Maple Valley	Medina
Mercer Island	Newcastle	Normandy Park
Redmond	Renton	Sammamish
SeaTac	Seattle	Shoreline
Snoqualmie	Tukwila	Yarrow Point





# 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!





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# 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.

