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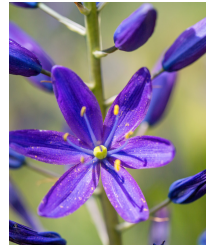


Community Events From This Fall

On Saturday, 10/16, we had our 2021 Orca Recovery Day event which was a great success! ORD is a Puget Sound wide event focusing on improving salmon habitat and this year we focused on Goldsborough Creek as this year was the 20 year anniversary of the dam removal. Together with wonderful volunteers we were able to do significant scotch broom removal and replanting of the area with native plants. Our partners, who made this event possible, were Green Diamond Resource Company, Miles Sand and Gravel, and the Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group.



In November, we planted camas bulbs at the Shelton Family YMCA. Students from Cedar High School were able to plant 1,000 bulbs throughout the drainage field next to the parking lot. This was further planting from the 2,000 bulbs that were planted last spring.



The Squaxin Island Tribe the project as Camas plants are a traditional food source and a delicacy. The roots could be cooked down to make sugars or ground and mixed with water to make a batter that could be cooked like pancakes.

Working with HOPE Garden Project and the City of Shelton, we have been busy this fall building a community garden at Callanan Park! With students from Cedar High School, we have been building a fence at the garden. HOPE garden students have also worked on the fence and been planting native plants around the garden. Once the garden is ready the beds will be used by the community and multiple beds will be dedicated to producing food to donate to local food banks! We are planning workshops this spring which will focus on a variety of gardening practices. Stay tuned for more updates on the garden and ways to get involved!



Our AmeriCorps member, Logan Kallam, is largely involved in these projects.

Plant Sale Presentations:

Landscaping with Native Plants

Date: December 13, 2021

Time: 6:00 - 7:00pm

Location: Shelton Timberland Library
710 W Alder Street, Shelton, WA, 98584

Cost: Free

Pollinator Plants

Date: January 13, 2021

Time: 6:00 - 7:00pm

Location: North Mason Timberland Library
23081 NE State Route, Belfair, WA, 98528

Cost: Free

If you would like to attend this event please pre-register by contacting Logan Kallam at mcdamericorps@masoncd.org or (360) 427-9436 Ext 103

Urban Stormwater Projects

This past year we built rain gardens in two City of Shelton neighborhoods. Six rain gardens were built in the Bordeaux neighborhood and seven were built in the Mountain View neighborhood. Rain gardens are a great way to help manage stormwater events (when large amounts of rain fall in relatively short periods of time) because they collect, filter, and slowly release the water. We plan to build rain gardens in an additional neighborhood this spring!



We also had both a spring and a fall urban tree event this year during which we gave trees to City of Shelton residents to plant in their yards. These trees were distributed in an effort to help manage stormwater in the city. Any City of Shelton resident is eligible to apply for a tree. Keep an eye out this spring as we're planning for another giveaway to additional city residents!



Additionally, more than 1,600 square feet of concrete and asphalt were removed from the front entrance of the new Thurston Mason Behavioral Health Organization's Shelton facility to assist the City of Shelton with improved stormwater management. The area was replanted with native trees and shrubs designed to improve stormwater water infiltration, while also serving as a natural barrier between the Center's patients and the public.



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Contact our Stewardship Foresters, Margaret Kreder at mkreder@masoncd.org or (360) 427-9436 Ext. 102 or Mark Mead at mmead@masoncd.org or (360) 427-9436 Ext. 101, for a free site visit to discuss your needs and goals!



Plant Sale Reminders:

Plants are sold in bundles of FIVE except for the Pollinator Package.

Online ordering opens December 1st. Place orders by February 1st, 2022.

View, Order, and Pay for plants **online** using your credit card through our website at www.masoncd.org.

Pick Up: Friday, February 25th from 10am to 5pm and Saturday, February 26 from 10am to 2pm at the District office.

For questions about the native plant sale please call Jen at (360) 427-9436 or jentw@masoncd.org.

GETTING TO KNOW OUR NEWEST STAFF

LOGAN KALLAM - AMERICORPS MEMBER ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION COORDINATOR



Mason Conservation District welcomes our new AmeriCorps member, Logan Kallam. He is originally from North Carolina and graduated from NC State University with Bachelor's degrees in Environmental Sciences and Plant Biology. Previously he was serving his first AmeriCorps term at the Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust in the Southern Appalachian mountains. There he assisted with environmental education and stewardship. He is happy to be joining MCD to continue working in these areas. Logan is excited to be living in the beautiful Pacific Northwest and build his coastal ecology experiences.

NICK SCHNEIDER AGRICULTURAL RESOURCE TECHNICIAN



Nick recently joined MCD as our Agricultural Resource Tech. Farm Planning and Technical Assistance are some of the critical services the position provides to Mason County residents. With his entire adult life in agriculture, aquaculture, and aquaponics, Nick is keyed into the challenges farmers face in today's age. Based on his prior professional experience, Nick considers his expertise's to be market gardening, grazing systems/pasture management, livestock husbandry, and tree fruit crops.

EVAN BAUDER DISTRICT MANAGER



Earlier this year Evan Bauder was appointed district manager of the Mason Conservation District. He replaced John Bolender, who retired after serving over 15 years as MCD District Manager. Evan started working for the District in 2009, and most recently had performed as Habitat Program Manager. In that capacity he had managed a large portfolio of environmental restoration and conservation projects throughout Mason County. Evan's love for the outdoors and experience as an environmental field intern led him to a career in natural resources. Born and raised in Mason County, Evan is excited to serve the community and to help improve the land and waterways where we live, work, and recreate. He takes great pride in working to sustain our environmental resources and integrity.

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