



## 2009 Fall/Winter Update



### Free Training Around the Corner

Our mid-season training on restoration techniques will be held on November 21<sup>st</sup> at Grass Lawn Park. We will spend most of the time outside learning and practicing hands-on best management practices for effectively and efficiently removing blackberry, ivy, and other invasives, and planting native plants to re-establish a healthy forest. We will also have a lunch session on outreach and neighborhood organizing, and will follow up after lunch with site management and working with volunteers.

This training is intended for anyone who is interested in honing their restoration skills. No further commitment is necessary. Please email Norah at [greenredmond@cascadeland.org](mailto:greenredmond@cascadeland.org) to register, and include any dietary requirements (vegetarian, vegan, etc.).

### Volunteer Spotlight: Goodbye to our AmeriCorps!

After 10 ½ months of dedicated service to the Green Cities program, we are very sad to be saying goodbye to our two fantastic AmeriCorps volunteers, Sydney and Ben. They have led work parties, gotten dirty with our field crew, and filled innumerable and indispensable roles around the office as well. Jumping right in at the start of their term last winter, they both helped put the Green Redmond Partnership 20-Year Restoration and Management Plan together, and have leant their great energy and enthusiasm to the program throughout our first field season. They are both passionate about community engagement, and have been thoughtful and dedicated in their work all year. You can read [reflections](#) they wrote on their terms of service in the “Behind the Scenes” section of the Green Cities blog.



After their graduation from the Northwest Service Academy, Sydney will be embarking on a 6-month trip through Southeast Asia. Ben will begin an apprenticeship at a local farm in January. We’re so glad to have worked with them, and we wish them the best of luck. We’re really going to miss you guys!

### Make “Action” Your Middle Name

Join EarthCorps at Perrigo Park on Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, from 10am to 2pm, for a restoration work party to celebrate Climate Action Month. EarthCorps is hosting a month of restoration work in Seattle, Kirkland, and Redmond to highlight the role that healthy forests play in stabilizing the climate. Don’t miss this opportunity to visit this beautiful, wooded wetland, plant native trees and shrubs, and learn about protecting our natural environment.

Visit the [Climate Action Month website](#) to register for this event, and to view 31 tips for reducing your climate footprint.

## Field Calendar Wrapping up for the Winter

Thanks to everyone who came out to Idylwood on October 31<sup>st</sup> for our final Last-Saturday work party, it was excellent! The weather held out long enough for us to plant 120 native trees, shrubs, and groundcover, and make some more progress into the blackberry thicket by the lake. Our excellent photographer, Bill Bankson, took some [great shots which you can see on his gallery, www.division1studio.com](#) (and at right). When I think about what that site looked like last Spring, I can hardly believe how good it looks now. Check out the plantings the next time you're in the area! It is truly a testament to the impact we can make when we are working together.



We will be taking some much-needed time to re-group from the hectic (but amazing!) summer and fall events, prepare for the training on the 21<sup>st</sup>, and start thinking about our goals for 2010. EarthCorps will be at Perrigo Park for Climate Action Month, and the Westside Forest Stewards will lead a blackberry removal at Westside Park on the 14<sup>th</sup> as well, in preparation for their first planting party on December 5<sup>th</sup>. To sign up for either of the work parties at Westside Park, email me at [greenredmond@cascadeland.org](mailto:greenredmond@cascadeland.org). Our fantastic team of Forest Stewards will be hosting a few other events at their sites throughout the winter, so be sure to check the volunteer schedule at [www.greenredmond.org](http://www.greenredmond.org) for the latest updates.

## New Sustainable Redmond Group Forming

This news comes from Forest Steward Cindy Jayne: a Sustainable Redmond group, part of the SCALLOPS (Sustainable Communities All Over Puget Sound) network, is getting started. If you are not familiar with them, check out <http://www.sustainableballard.org> for an example of what other communities are doing. Sustainable Ballard was the first local community to start this, and they have a great set of people working on various issues related to sustainability. Sustainability can mean many things, but Cindy likes the definition on the Sustainable Ballard website: "meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs." Her ideas for the group are to work to encourage and educate Redmond individuals, businesses and local government to work toward sustainability, including reducing greenhouse gases. (This also would include planting trees to reduce CO<sub>2</sub>, which ties in well with the Green Redmond work!) She is tentatively planning a first meeting of whoever is interested on November 24th, from 7-9 pm. Let her know if you are interested in being involved in this, and she'll give you additional information, including the finalized location. (She may shift the meeting date depending on when works best for those interested.)

Email Cindy at cindyj91[at]yahoo[dot]com.

## Green Redmond Partnership Online

Connect with us online between now and the next work party. Become our fan on [Facebook](#), follow the [Green Cities blog](#), and check the [volunteer schedule](#) at [www.greenredmond.org](http://www.greenredmond.org) to stay up-to-date on upcoming volunteer opportunities.

**Thanks for all you're doing and for being a part of the Partnership.**

**Have a great winter!**

**Best,**

**Norah, Sydney, Chris, Teresa, Ara, Ben, and the rest of the Green Redmond Partnership**  
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