

GREEN REDMOND PARTNERSHIP



2009 Summer Update

First Field Season Underway!

The Green Redmond Partnership would like to thank all the amazing volunteers who donated their time to the restoration and maintenance of our forested parks this year! We have logged nearly 1,000 hours of volunteer work, and we're only half-way through the field season! Because of your dedication, we already have a lot of great field work to report.

Over the last 3 months we hosted great last-Saturday work parties – thanks so much to everyone who attended! Two weeks ago, 22 fantastic volunteers spent a morning in beautiful Farrel-McWhirter Park removing the invasive blackberry that is choking out the understory and preventing new tree seedlings from growing. Thank you to the REI employees for joining us and for providing snacks! It's been hot out there. With record high temperatures, if braving the extreme heat to pull blackberry doesn't say "community," we don't know what does.



Seattle Works team at Hartman Greenbelt

And that's not all – our amazing Forest Stewards are busy hosting their own work parties. They are providing excellent local leadership for the program and allowing work to get started in more parks than would otherwise be possible. Keep your eyes out for these signs (pictured at left) at our active work sites in parks all over town. If we're making this much progress already, we can't wait to see how much we get done by the end of the year.

**Another Future
Healthy Forest**

This area is in restoration
Invasive plants are being removed and native plants are being installed in order to restore native forest conditions.

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With that said, however, there's still more to be done! Only three last-Saturday events to go, so this is your chance to get out (or get back out) and get your hands dirty to make sure our parks stay healthy for generations to come. Additional Forest Steward-led events will be added to the schedule as they are planned, so be sure to check www.greenredmond.org for the latest, as well as to RSVP for upcoming events. Thanks again for your great work! All last-Saturday events run from 9am to 12 noon. Gloves, tools, water and snacks are provided (you can bring your own water bottle to refill). Wear sturdy shoes and come dressed for the weather – whether it's hot or cold. See you there!

August 29th at Grass Lawn Park

September 26th at Idylwood Park

October 31st at Idylwood Park

Green Redmond Partnership Social Networking

Yes it's true – we're on Facebook. And we want to be your friend! We will be using our page to advertise upcoming work parties (everything will also still be at the regular website, greenremond.org). Some of us were skeptical about this on-line networking revolution, but there is no more denying its potential. We want everyone to connect with us and there are some great tools out there.



We also just launched a blog for the entire Green Cities program (the Green City Partnership network is the parent program of the Green Redmond Partnership). Visit www.greencitypartnerships.wordpress.com for news from all of the Green Cities, stories on urban natural areas from around the region, country, and globe, more volunteer spotlights, and educational materials on native plants. Stay tuned for more as we continue to move into the 21st century . . .

Volunteer Spotlight



We could never do all of this work without the Forest Stewards – a group of dedicated, trained volunteers who take on a leadership role by “adopting” a site at a local park and serving as a point-person for restoration and maintenance there.

At Farrel-McWhirter Park, new Forest Steward Miguel Llanos has a “keep it simple” strategy: creating a group of neighbors (and anyone else interested in helping out) who he can e-mail (or call) a few days before heading out to the park for 2 to 3 hours of work on a weekend morning. He could use your help! Although much of this beautiful park is in good shape, it needs regular maintenance to control the spread of invasive species. Miguel is hoping to organize a small group to “drop in and dig out” invasives about once a month.

If you'd like to be on Miguel's contact list, feel free to e-mail him at [Miguel.llanos \[at\] msnbc.com](mailto:Miguel.llanos[at]msnbc.com). To learn more about the Forest Steward Program, visit greenredmond.org

Upcoming Free Training Opportunity

We will be holding another training this fall on advanced Best Management Practices, and we will also have a short lunch session on outreach and neighborhood organizing. This will be an opportunity for current and potential Forest Steward networking and we will have a lunch session on outreach and neighborhood organizing. Anyone is welcome to attend this free training; please let us know if you are interested so we can start planning. We are thinking about the third week of November.

Street Team



Help our parks Get your hands dirty Enjoy the outdoors!

At this early stage in the Partnership, outreach could not be more important. Community-led, broad-based environmental stewardship doesn't require a few people breaking their backs, it requires a lot of people pitching in a little bit. We're attaching a flyer to this email in two formats: full-page and quarter-page. Open it up, print it out, put it on your fridge, post it in your office, ask your favorite stores to put it up in their window, forward it to your friends as a pdf – help us spread the word! If you believe

in the importance of healthy greenspace, and the value of grassroots community support for sustainable public spaces, you already know why we need your help getting more people involved.

If you can't make it to a work party, please consider joining the Green Redmond Street Team. Your help is essential to the success of our work! Help us post flyers around town, talk to your neighbors, or write an op/ed piece for the newspaper. There are so many ways to help – contact us ([greenredmond \[at\] casca deland.org](mailto:greenredmond@casca deland.org)) to join the Street Team!

**Thanks for all you're doing and for being a part of the Partnership.
We hope to see you soon in the parks!**

Best,

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