



Date: August 18, 2005

To: Interested Volunteers

From: Pierce County Clover Creek Habitat/Floodplain Restoration Project Team

RE: Invasive Plant Removal Party – Saturday, August 27

Pierce County's Department of Public Works and Utilities, Water Programs Division is kicking off the Clover Creek Habitat/Floodplain Restoration Project with an Invasive Plant Removal Party. Many of you attended the public meeting held July 19 and indicated your interest in participating in this event.

Invasive Plant Removal Party

Saturday, August 27 (Rain or Shine!)

9 a.m. – noon

Intersection of B Street E. and 136th Street E. (see attached map)

We hope you can participate!

What is an Invasive Plant Removal Party?

We'll be identifying and removing non-native invasive plant species within the Clover Creek project area. Non-native, invasive plants crowd out native species and reduce biodiversity of plants and animals. They can also choke streams and degrade overall environmental health of floodplains. Removing non-native plants helps restore natural floodplain functions, such as floodwater storage and conveyance, water quality improvement, and fish habitat. Plant removal activities will include cutting, digging and placing the vegetation in a central area for removal by Pierce County crews.

What should I wear and what do I need to bring?

We recommend boots, long pants, long sleeves, head covering, bug repellent, sunscreen and eye protection. Bring heavy-duty gardening gloves if you have them. You may also bring other gardening equipment such as shovels, loppers or pruning shears. Make sure you label everything! Please do not bring power equipment. Only manual equipment will be used.

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Pierce County will provide:

- Plant removal equipment (shovels and loppers)
- Invasive plant information
- Refreshments, including drinking water
- Porta-potty

Do I need to know about invasive plants or plant removal?

No. Team leaders will provide instruction and clear identification about the types of plants to be removed and methods for removal.

Do I need to be physically strong to participate?

There will be a variety of plant removal activities including cutting, digging and moving plant debris. You can participate in the activities that are most comfortable for you.

Who can participate?

Participants must be 14 years of age and older, due to personal safety considerations. All participants will be asked to complete a liability waiver. Participants 14-17 will also require signature and participation of a parent or guardian. An example copy of the form is enclosed with this notice.

Do I need to confirm my participation?

Please! We would appreciate your confirmation with Ingo Kuchta, Pierce County Project Manager at (253) 798-6165 or Ikuchta@co.pierce.wa.us by Wednesday, August 24. We can accommodate up to 30 volunteers at this event.

We look forward to seeing you on August 27. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Ingo Kuchta at the number above or visit the project website at www.piercecountywa.org/cloverrest.

Project Area Map

