

Chambers-Clover Watershed Conference

October 5 & 6, 2007
Pacific Lutheran University
Tacoma, WA

Conference Activity Card Responses

Attendees at the Chambers-Clover Watershed Conference were given the opportunity to share the activities they (or their organizations) have undertaken for the benefit of our watershed's health. Their responses were posted on cards and posters at the conference and are listed here (below).

Accomplishments from Around the Watershed: Please share some of the things you or your organization has done to improve the health of the Chambers-Clover Creek Watershed. Use this card to briefly describe specific projects or ongoing programs that have benefits for water quality, water quantity, habitat, fish, wildlife or our own understanding of our watershed.

Continued research of environmental laws and requirements versus what is not enforced or codified in Pierce County, and continued work toward gaining this enforcement in Pierce County until we reach the point that environmental damage is a rarity rather than the daily norm.

Cindy Beckett, CCWC

Developed ten priority issues to fix in the next five years. Providing venue for discussion of issues and providing advice to agencies.

Chambers-Clover Creek Watershed Council

Our neighborhood lives along Clover Creek. We have created an 8-foot wide swale along 65 feet of the creek and planted it with native plants. We limit chemicals and eventually water when plants are established.

Clover Crest Association

In Master Gardener clinics, I educate clients on how to choose the right plant for the right place, how to minimize chemicals and/or choose appropriate chemicals and also remind each family we all live in the same watershed.

Master Gardeners

- 1) Presentation of (sic) Bresemann Forest
- 2) Native education for adults and children - classes, summer camps, field trips, programs
- 3) Removal of invasive species and restoration training opportunities via the Green Tacoma Partnership at sites such as Puget Gulch, Point Defiance Park, Snake Lake, China Lake, Adriana Hess Wetland Park, Oak Tree Park

- 4) Advocate for creating backyard wildlife habitat using native plants; advocate for water conservation
- 5) Lobbied for Critical Areas Ordinance, Growth Management Act, Shoreline Management Plan updates, and smart growth

Tahoma Audubon Society

Stewardship and restoration of the 100 acre wetland and oak woodland on Flett Creek (old Flett dairy) by Clover Park Technical College. Projects to replace invasive species with native plants. Also, education about watershed issues for citizens for Pierce County.

Andy Fritz, Clover Park Technical College

We have been instrumental in addressing the importance of the nearshore environment in salmon recovery so now there is a broader focus. We installed a \$144,000 structure to get salmon into Puget Creek. We have restore 8 acres of the 66-acre Puget Creek Watershed. We have informed over 20,000 citizens about the importance of Puget Creek and urban streams in general. We worked with 1,000+ volunteers in 2006 in restoration activities. We have helped to start to create better environmental regulations in the city of Tacoma.

Puget Creek Restoration Society

- 1) Support grants that encourage LID projects in local neighborhoods
- 2) Collaboration and information sharing among watershed managers in Pierce County

David Hymel, Nisqually River Council

Restoration and monitoring at Solo Point, community engagement and education, culvert removal.

Daniel Hull, Nisqually Reach Nature Center