

Chambers-Clover Creek Watershed

Small Grants Awards – 2018

Nine organizations were awarded small grants for a total of \$20,000 to implement projects in the watershed, summarized below.

1. [Forterra](#): Restoration of Schibig Lakeview Nature Preserve, awarded \$2,359

Purchase of materials and supplies for Washington High School's Green Team to continue their efforts to restore Schibig Lakeview Nature Preserve. Green Team efforts will include: removing invasive species and installing native plants, building and installing bird boxes, hosting a bird talk by Tahoma Audubon, and designing educational signage for the Preserve.

2. [Harbor WildWatch](#): Expanding EE in CCCW, awarded \$2,500

Expand environmental education programs delivered to the students, adults and families in the CCCW in 2018-2019. Activities will include 25 classroom workshops, 10 outdoor field courses for students, and 5 guided walking tours for the public. These programs are designed to introduce people of all ages to the plants and animals that inhabit the intertidal zone, freshwater creeks and estuarine habitats, while learning about challenges these creatures face and ways they can protect them.

3. [Pierce Conservation District](#): 2019 Children's Water Festival, awarded \$2,500

Supports volunteer participation at the annual Children's Water Festival for 5th graders across Pierce County. The event provides a day of hands-on learning related to water resources, wildlife and stewardship. In 2018, the event was attended by over 120 volunteers and 700 students from 8 schools.

4. [Tacoma Nature Center](#): Water Sleuth Project 2018, awarded \$2,500

The Water Sleuth project will: provide opportunities for up to 180 students to receive a classroom (outreach) program and participate in a school field trip to the Tacoma Nature Center, give 6 classrooms of 5th grade students a greater understanding of watersheds and their own role in the conservation of our local wetlands, promote conservation of natural resources by youth and their families, help classroom teachers meet the required standards for inquiry-based science education, and increase the use of Snake Lake as an area for focused nature and scientific studies.

5. [Spanaway Lake High School](#): SLHS Student Citizen Science Project, awarded \$2,200

Provide transportation for environmental science students at Spanaway Lake High School to participate in a citizen science project in partnership with Friends of Spanaway Lake. Students will learn about water quality, phosphorous soil levels, aquatic and macroinvertebrate organisms, and point and non-point source pollution. Students will have presentations by professional scientists in the classroom and field work, and they will perform statistical analysis and present their results in a poster presentation.

6. [Humane Society for Tacoma & Pierce County](#): Get the Scoop! Pet Waste Awareness Campaign, awarded \$1,341

The Humane Society will give away pet waste bag dispensers to 500 attendees as part of their Paws in the Park program to promote pet waste awareness. They will also publish 500 "Get the Scoop" brochures and distribute them at events and in their new pet owner adoption packets.

7. [Steilacoom Historical School District](#): Local Creeks Partnership with Tacoma Nature Center, awarded \$2,200

Tacoma Nature Center educators will train teachers at Anderson Island Elementary and Salter's Point elementary to help them develop an independent Water Sleuths program at their schools that could later be shared with other teachers. Field visits with students will be done at nearby streams within walking distance from the schools.

8. [Asia Pacific Cultural Center](#): Healthy Watersheds Project: Workshops, Field Exploration, and Stream Cleanup Project for At-Risk Asia Pacific Youth, awarded \$2,200

Provides water quality and habitat education to at-risk Asian and Pacific Islander students from APCC's Promised Leaders of Tomorrow (PLOT) Summer Youth Program. APCC will host 2 Healthy Watersheds workshops where a member of a partner environmental organization will teach about water quality, habitats, the field of environmental science, conservation, and other related topics. We will conclude with a field exploration excursion and stream cleanup in the watershed.

9. [Tahoma Audubon Society](#): Elementary School Environmental Education, awarded \$2,200

Tahoma Audubon would offer in-class lessons about conservation, the local environment, and local watersheds to 4th and 5th grade elementary classrooms. The grant will cover staff time, materials, and copies of "Explore the Salish Sea," which we'll give to each student. Initially, the project will target schools with high numbers of students on "free and reduced lunch".