

Chambers-Clover Creek Watershed

2021 GRANT AWARDS SUMMARIES

Nine organizations were awarded small grants, with a total of \$20,000, to implement environmental education, restoration, and stewardship projects in the watershed from June 2021-June 2022. Funds are provided by the City of Lakewood and Pierce County.

Organization: _____ Grant Title: _____ Award Amount: _____

[Clover Park School District](#) **Salmon in the Classroom** **\$1,947.81**

Will purchase equipment to expand the in-classroom salmon-rearing program to one additional elementary school. It will also provide buses to transport students to Chambers Creek for the release of the juvenile salmon. This is supported by the WDFW's School Cooperative Program which provides the eggs and permits for the release.

[Clover Park School District](#) **Garry Oaks Garden & Gathering Space** **\$1,588.44**

Will create an outdoor gathering space for CPSD's Early Learning Program in a stand of endangered Garry Oak habitat. It will add deck space with seating for students to observe and learn in an area with restored native flowers, shrubs, and grasses under the oak trees. Teachers will create and implement sustainability curriculum for participants in Head Start and ECEAP programs for low income families.

[Clover Park Technical College](#) **Flett Wetland Riparian Zone Restoration and Education** **\$2,500**

Will support activities at The Natural Resources Laboratory and Research Park at Flett Creek, an outdoor lab facility. Activities will include removal of invasive plant species, planting native species in the riparian zone of the Flett Wetland, construction of two bird blinds near open water areas, and educating students within the Environmental Sciences and technology program at CPTC on habitat stewardship and restoration. Students will design a restoration plan based on ecosystem assessments.

[Forterra](#) **Schibig Lakeview Nature Preserve** **\$2,500**

Will support ongoing riparian and prairie habitat restoration at the Schibig Lakeview Nature Preserve, a 10-acre prairie located near Spanaway Loop Road and Tule Lake Road on Clover Creek. Restoration will include improving the native plant community by introducing native flora and removing invasive species, which will provide valuable habitat for butterflies and native insects, including pollinators. Volunteers will assist in the restoration efforts.

[Friends of Spanaway Lake](#) **Spanaway Lake Community Engagement & Communication** **\$2,500**

Will provide general operating support for FOSL by offsetting costs associated with community mailings, meeting room rental costs, maintaining /updating the FOSL webpage and social media, preparing meeting/outreach visuals, and volunteer recruitment & training for algae watch and invasive plant species removal programs.

[Harbor WildWatch](#) **Virtual Environmental Education in the CCW** **\$2,500**

Will deliver interactive educational programs to increase environmental awareness and literacy, while instilling a sense of place that leads to behavior changes to protect and conserve the watershed. Students, adults, and families will have the opportunity to engage in 15 classroom workshops and guided walking tours at local water bodies. Programs will introduce people to plants and animals that inhabit the intertidal zone, freshwater creeks, and estuarine habitats. This will be done virtually in 2021-22 using Zoom, YouTube, and Facebook LIVE digital platforms along with in-person gatherings when they are safe to resume.

[Pierce Conservation District](#) **Thelma Gilmur Park Interactive Sign Project** **\$2495.75**

Will install educational signage about native plant species at Thelma Gilmur Park in Fircrest, utilizing the artwork and sign design developed through the Adriana Hess Wetland Park signage project from 2019. Updated signage will create a welcoming space for park visitors to learn and explore this natural area which includes wetland and forest habitats.

[Tacoma Tree Foundation](#) **Wapato Hills Spanish Language Tree Walk and Giveaway** **\$2,500**

Will provide a free Spanish-language tree walk and plant giveaway at Wapato Hills Park in South Tacoma. It will include continuing outreach to the Hispanic community and foster environmental awareness in the Flett Creek watershed, which has both low tree canopy density and high equity need according to Tacoma's Equity Index. Free plants will be available, eliminating a barrier to participation due to cost, and instruction will be provided on proper planting techniques. The project will distribute 100 trees and 30 shrubs, conduct a guided walk in Spanish, and provide tree planting and care instructions.

[Tahoma Audubon Society](#) **Environmental Education Outreach – Healthy Habitat** **\$1,498**

Will engage watershed residents through printed and electronic newsletters to approximately 1000 neighbors whose yards drain into Chambers-Clover lakes and streams. A guided tour of Bresemann Forest will be offered. Communications will focus on promoting behaviors that protect habitat and water quality, such as natural yard care practices and creating backyard wildlife-friendly habitats.

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