

# Chambers-Clover Creek Watershed

## Small Grants Awards – 2019

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

<u>Organization:</u>	<u>Grant Title:</u>	<u>Award Amount:</u>
<b>A. <a href="#">Charles Wright Academy</a></b>	<b>Benthic Macroinvertebrate Study</b>	<b>\$1,946</b>
Students will conduct a benthic macroinvertebrate study at the confluence of Leach and Chambers Creeks in the spring to identify species presence, develop a scoring system, education students about water quality, foster multi-grade learning, and share results with the public. Equipment purchased will be used to carry on studies on an annual basis.		
<b>B. <a href="#">Chloe Clark Elementary</a></b>	<b>Rain Garden Rehab</b>	<b>\$1,500</b>
Funds will repair and enhance an existing rain garden at Chloe Clark Elementary school in DuPont, and classrooms will be engaged in research of native species, planting, and maintenance of the rain garden.		
<b>C. <a href="#">Clover Creek Council</a></b>	<b>Creating Homes for Fish</b>	<b>\$316</b>
Several logs will be placed and secured in the water in a stretch of Clover Creek by Springbrook Park in Lakewood to create pools and habitat for insects and juvenile salmon and other fish present in the creek.		
<b>D. <a href="#">Clover Park School District</a></b>	<b>Salmon in the Classroom</b>	<b>\$2,497</b>
Funding purchase of equipment to raise salmonid eggs in two middle schools and provide buses for student transportation to release fry into Chambers Creek. Students will learn state science standards including salmon ecology, energy and matter, ecosystems and life cycles.		
<b>E. <a href="#">Forterra</a></b>	<b>Schibig Lakeview Nature Preserve Habitat Improvement</b>	<b>\$2,000</b>
Supports improving habitat at the nature preserve through creation of quality habitat patches for western bluebirds and a riparian buffer planting along Clover Creek.		
<b>F. <a href="#">Harbor WildWatch</a></b>	<b>Youth and Public Environmental Education in CCW</b>	<b>\$2,500</b>
Offering 40 environmental education programs in the watershed for students, adults and families, including classroom workshops, outdoor field courses, and guided walking tours of local water bodies with emphasis on the intertidal zone, freshwaters creeks and estuarine habitats.		
<b>G. <a href="#">Pierce Conservation District</a></b>	<b>Native Plant Interpretive Signs</b>	<b>\$1,250</b>
Educational Signage about native plants will be installed in two local parks: Adriana Hess Wetland Park in University Place, and Thelma Gilmur Park in Fircrest.		

**H. [Springbrook Connections](#) Garden Guardians Teen Program \$2,368**

Providing a community service program for teens in Lakewood so that students can earn community service hours towards graduation while benefitting the Clover Creek watershed, the Springbrook Community Garden, and St. Leo’s Food Connection Mobile Food Bank. The program will include restoration activities in coordination with Pacific Lutheran University students.

**I. [Tacoma Nature Center](#) Water Sleuth Project 2019 \$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.

**J. [Tacoma Tree Foundation](#) Organic Landscape Maintenance for a Cleaner Puget Sound Workshop \$1,625**

This project will develop, and host workshops aimed at landscape and tree care professionals about ecologically sustainable practices to better protect water quality and reduce use of pesticides and herbicides.

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

This project continues outreach and education effort to nearby residents of Clover Creek in Lakewood between I-5 and Steilacoom Lake. An informational mailer will be sent to residents with educational resources promoting backyard stewardship practices and invitation to free workshops where they can learn more about volunteer and stewardship opportunities.