

# Chambers-Clover Creek Watershed

## 2020 GRANT AWARDS SUMMARIES

Ten organizations were awarded a small grant, with a total of \$20,000, to implement projects in the watershed from June 2020 - June 2021. Funds are matched by the City of Lakewood and Pierce County.

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_ Grant Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Award Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

[Clover Park School District](#)      **Salmon in the Classroom**      **\$2,143.46**

Purchase of necessary equipment to continue to raise Salmonid eggs in seven schools in the Clover Park School District and provide student transportation for two schools to drop the fry off in Chambers Creek. It will upgrade older failing equipment and purchase aquarium supplies. This project addresses the need of teaching environmental stewardship that includes restoring water quality and habitat in our student's own back yards. The unique part of this project is students get to raise salmon that are returned to the local streams helping the local salmon populations.

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

Restoration and continued maintenance and monitoring of habitat on the Schibig Lakeview Nature Preserve in Spanaway. The project will utilize volunteers to promote environmental awareness and stewardship in the community. Restoration work at the Preserve has the potential to increase species diversity, improve salmon and trout habitat, and protect a rare ecosystem and the species that utilize it. The two project objectives are: increase and improve habitat along Clover Creek with restoration plantings and restore habitat on the unique Mima mounds that are present on the Preserve.

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

This grant will support the mission of FOSL by offsetting costs associated with trimester mailings, monthly public meeting location costs, maintaining /updating FOSL webpage and social media, office expenses of maintaining the organization, annual meeting costs to rent a room and prepare visuals, volunteer recruitment and training to conduct the following: lake-wide algae watch; identification and guidelines of appropriate removal of invasive plant species; Algae Watch (fund sample collection/analysis by volunteer community members).

[Friends of Waughop Lake](#)      **Love Your Lake**      **\$375**

Four pop-up educational events will be held at Waughop Lake to engage lake and park visitors in learning about lakes, the life they support, nutrient cycling, and ecosystem health. Visitors will engage in hands on learning activities as well as learning about other opportunities to volunteer with local environmental stewardship groups.

[Harbor WildWatch](#)      **Youth and Public Environmental Education in CCW**      **\$2,500**

Offering 20 environmental education programs in K-12 classrooms located in the watershed, and five guided walking tours open to everyone about local water bodies with emphasis on the intertidal zone, freshwaters creeks and estuarine habitats.

[Lakewold Gardens](#)      **Lakewold Gardens Lakeshore Invasive Removal and Restoration \$1,924**

Conduct a nearshore restoration project on the lake, removing invasive species including English ivy, and re-planting with native and non-invasive plants at Lakewold Gardens, a 10-acre public garden located on Gravelly Lake. Funds will be used to purchase equipment and hand tools to be used by volunteers.

[Pacific Lutheran University](#)      **Chambers-Clover Creek Watershed Archive at PLU**      **\$2,500**

Creation of a Chambers-Clover Creek Watershed (CCCW) Archives Collection at Pacific Lutheran University. This grant will fund compensation for student workers who will – with training and ongoing guidance from our PLU Archives staff – catalog and digitize CCCW related materials collected from community members and already available in the holdings of the Pacific Lutheran University Archives and Special Collections. Support from this grant will also be used to purchase archival quality boxes, folders, and other materials required for optimal storage of the collection to ensure long-term preservation. This archives collection will provide a centralized home for watershed-related materials, addressing the concerns of some community members that their own observations of watershed change will be lost with the passing of time. The long-term outcome of this project will be a rich collection of watershed-related resources that are available to the public through a searchable online database.

[Tacoma Nature Center](#)      **Water Sleuth Project 2020**      **\$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. It will give six 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.

[Tacoma Tree Foundation](#)      **Multilingual Tree Planting and Tree Care Video Series**      **\$1,559.54**

The goal of this project is to increase access to information about how to plant and care for trees. In order to make planting and tree care more accessible, we will produce three short films in two languages (English and Spanish) and translated in another two languages (Vietnamese and Korean). The films would include: 1) best practices in tree planting, 2) how to care for a young tree (basic pruning and watering), and 3) how trees relate to water quality in the Puget Sound.

This project focuses on engaging community members within the watershed through newsletters (electronic and hardcopy) to 1000 neighbors whose yards drain into Chambers Creek or Spanaway Lake or tributaries. Communication efforts invite residents to Tahoma Audubon events throughout the year, and one specific program in the fall where experts discuss landscape changes that attract birds and pollinators, improve groundwater quality, shade streams and protect stream buffers; a tour of Bresemann Forest in Spanaway will occur.

*You can learn more about the Watersheds Small Grants Program by visiting:  
[www.piercecountywa.org/sqp](http://www.piercecountywa.org/sqp) or by calling 253-798-2485*

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