



WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF  
**NATURAL RESOURCES**

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## Urban Forestry Restoration Project

The Urban Forestry Restoration Project (UFRP) provides Puget SoundCorps crews to local governments or organizations to conduct urban forest maintenance and restoration on public land (parks, rights-of-way, open space, watersheds, etc.).

Local projects may include removal of non-native invasive plant species, tree planting, young tree pruning, and similar work that restores health to trees and forests in urban settings. The UFRP is administered by the Washington State Department of Natural Resources' Urban and Community Forestry Program.

### How does the Project work?

One month of crew assistance is requested through an application process. Proposed projects must lie within the Puget Sound Basin and must be on publicly-owned land. Local projects are ranked according to criteria that include:

- Local commitment to urban forestry;
- Water quality impacts and community benefits;
- Project planning and coordination; and
- Public support and volunteer involvement.



DNR provides to each local project partner:

- A media release template to assist in building public awareness and support for the local project(s);
- Crew time for urban forestry maintenance and restoration work;
- A report that includes a description of the project and the work accomplished;
- A template for the required three-year maintenance and monitoring plan; and
- A template for the required annual monitoring report.

Unlike traditional grants, DNR does not ask for a *cash* match for UFRP projects, but rather for a *commitment* match. Each local project partner agrees to:

- Post a media release before or during the crew's presence;
- Provide any permits required for project site;
- Provide traffic control as necessary for project safety;
- Dispose of material removed during project activities (English ivy vines, blackberry canes, etc.);
- Provide all materials required for project completion, including plants, mulch, herbicides, pesticides or fertilizers;
- Develop and implement a three-year maintenance and monitoring plan for the project site; and
- Report monitoring results to DNR Urban and Community Forestry Program annually for three years.

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## Community Commitment

The three-year maintenance and monitoring plan demonstrates the community's commitment to the long-term success of the project site through continued engagement with urban forestry stewardship that affects Puget Sound water quality. Annual monitoring tracks project site progress and provides information for adaptive management of the site, as well as valuable data concerning planting and pruning practices, invasive plant removal, and other restoration practices. The annual monitoring report to DNR confirms continued commitment by the community to the sustainability and success of each local project. The report also tracks the progress of local projects over time and provides valuable guidance for future projects.



The Washington Department of Natural Resources Urban and Community Forestry Program is made possible through a partnership with the USDA Forest Service. Puget SoundCorps is part of the broader Washington Conservation Corps program administered by Washington Dept. of Ecology. Puget SoundCorps crews are involved in project work that helps restore and protect water quality in Puget Sound. The Washington Conservation Corps is supported through grant funding and Education Awards provided by AmeriCorps.

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