



CITY OF SEATAC LAUNCHES URBAN FORESTRY RESTORATION PROJECT

Community urban forestry project will restore vegetation on Hughes Property

City of SeaTac, Wash. (March 21, 2014) – The City of SeaTac is pleased to announce the city's participation in the Urban Forestry Restoration Project, a community urban forestry assistance program administered by the Washington State Dept. of Natural Resources (DNR). Working in SeaTac through April, a Puget SoundCorps work team will complete \$19,000 worth of restorative work to the city-owned Hughes Property, located just south of Angle Lake Park.

The labor will include the removal of extensive English ivy and Himalayan blackberry bushes, which prevent forested areas from providing the full benefits and services of healthy forests by competing for water and nutrients, and in some cases even killing trees. In its place, native vegetation will be planted to improve air and water quality to the surrounding urban environment.

"The City is thrilled to have this opportunity to not only beautify our community, but truly enhance the natural environment around us," said Todd Cutts, City Manager for the City of SeaTac. "This project will improve the health and functionality of such a vital, beloved part of our community - Angle Lake."

To learn more about how you can help keep the Hughes Property healthy in the future, contact Roger Chouinard, Parks Operations Manager, at the City of SeaTac at 206.973.4781. For more information about the Urban Forestry Restoration Project, visit the [Project online](#) or contact Micki McNaughton at 360. 902.1637 or micki.mcnaughton@dnr.wa.gov.

DNR's 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 the Washington Dept. of Ecology. SoundCorps crews work on projects that help restore and protect water quality in Puget Sound. The Washington Conservation Corps is supported through grant funding and Education Awards provided by AmeriCorps.

About the City of SeaTac:

Incorporated in February 1990, the City of SeaTac is located approximately midway between the cities of Seattle and Tacoma. The City of SeaTac is 10 square miles in area and has a population of 27,310. The City of SeaTac is a vibrant community, economically strong, environmentally sensitive, and people-oriented. The City boundaries surround the [Seattle-Tacoma International Airport](#), (approximately 3 square miles in area) which is owned and operated by the [Port of Seattle](#).

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