



Tulalip Charitable Contributions Funds Distribution Report

NAME OF AGENCY: Friends of North Creek Forest
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GENERAL GOALS: Our Mission: To maintain and improve the ecological function of North Creek Forest through stewardship, education and conservation in perpetuity.

SPECIFIC USE FOR THIS AWARD:

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For more information see the attached report from Friends of North Creek Forest.



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The education helps assure a continual stream of volunteers: individuals, entire school classes and business staff doing service work. We teach the ecological function of an upland forest. We show why restoration and conservation are vital to the survival of salmon and Orca Whales in the Salish Sea. Students learn about plant identification, plant diversity, water quality testing, how to plant a tree properly, how water moves through a forest and why some places support a large variety of wildlife and other places do not. During the term of this grant we worked with 18 schools, churches and businesses and many individuals from our community. All were involved in volunteer stewardship and restoration.

IN all 445 individual volunteers performed 3436 hours of volunteer stewardship service to the forest. Each of these individuals also attended one or more classes. One school, Soundview International Baccalaureate School comes from Lynwood every month. They cannot find anything like this elsewhere. On February 26th 2014, Tulalip Tribes Higher Education Program brought 40 high school students to visit UW Bothell and they walked to the forest to plant 150 Pacific Willow and Red Twig Dogwood. This was particularly symbolic for us as this was the home of the Sammamish People, now absorbed into your community.

Your funding has also provided things difficult to measure. The quality of our classes has improved, our ties with the University of Washington have grown deeper and there is a growing awareness about the importance of this forest we

are trying to save. A panel of judges deemed North Creek Forest is the most important acquisition project in the state. (1st place, Land and Water Acquisition grant). All of this is the result of an expanding community of support of which you have been a vital part.

I am providing photos of a sample of these events. Many more may be found under "News" on our website. If you would like further information I am happy to provide it in any form.

Gratefully,
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(photos attached)