



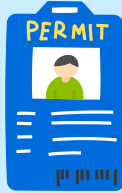
Green Burien Partnership

2025 Snapshot



Supported by Grants and Partnerships

Funding for this program relies entirely on external grants and partnerships! The City of Burien does not have a designated budget or staff for the Green Burien Partnership program. This program is a collaboration between the City's Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department, Public Works Department, and Community Development Department. King Conservation District provides a 0.5 FTE position to help manage the program (this position ends in 2027).



77
tree-related permits issued



607
trees planted on City property



516
trees protected during development



500,000+
sq. ft. of land in active restoration (approx. 9 football fields)



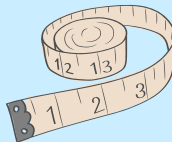
800+
free trees distributed to community in partnership with KCD



17
active partner organizations



48+
street tree management work orders completed



~1,400
trees added to our inventory



5
Paid Forest Stewards



12 volunteer and community events

The Green Burien Partnership's vision is to have a healthy urban forest supporting—and supported by—an aware and engaged community. The Partnership's mission is to engage the community in enhancing and maintaining a healthy, sustainable urban forest in order to increase quality of life, mitigate climate change at the local level, and protect Burien's valuable natural resources for current and future generations to enjoy. The Partnership leads with environmental justice with the understanding that it's our responsibility to shift the story around access to green spaces while we improve them. It is through relationship building and partnership that this work is possible. This work is guided by the Partnership's Urban Forest Stewardship plan.



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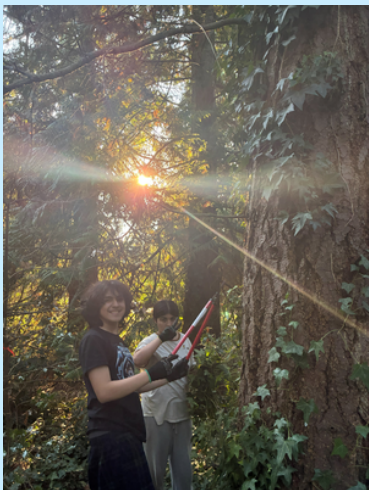
Left: Burien’s Forest Steward crew at Seahurst Park has been working tirelessly to improve the quality of the beach’s shoreline. Since 2019 they have been out there planting and taming non-native species like reed canary grass and Himalayan blackberry so that native species can grow and thrive.



Left: Burien gave away over 800 trees with support and funding from King Conservation District (KCD).



Right: Burien was recognized as an Evergreen Community and 25 years as Tree City USA and 8 years of Growth Award in 2025.



Left: Burien’s parks are also a classroom. Youth from diverse backgrounds live in Burien. The Green Burien Partnership makes an effort to engage youth in green spaces who otherwise may not have access.

Burien and King Conservation District hosted a paid youth stewardship program at Hilltop Park with 11 youth to explore the value of urban forests and foster connections to their local park through environmental education and training in restoration practices. Hilltop Park is a small nearly hidden green space that this program has not only brought to the youths’ attention, but the cohort has now contributed to restoring the parks health for their community to benefit from.

How to Get Involved and Stay Involved

To achieve the goals and vision of the Green Burien Partnership Urban Forest Stewardship Plan, we need collective buy-in and collaboration from Burien’s residents, businesses, workers, and City departments and leaders. Learn more about ways you can get involved at burienwa.gov/GreenBurien and stay involved by signing up for our Environmental News newsletter!

