

Rose Foundation Awards Grant for Bothell Stream Restoration Project

The King Conservation District has been awarded a \$30,000 grant from the Rose Foundation to help enhance an urban stream running through the North Creek Business Park and community sports fields.

The grant will fund riparian enhancement on Parr Creek, which will be accomplished by collaboration among the King Conservation District, the City of Bothell, and the surrounding Bothell community including businesses and residents.

The project will demonstrate ways King Conservation District works with local communities to protect and enhance our urban creeks. Riparian enhancement of the creek will improve water quality by removing invasive weeds and planting native species that will eventually grow to shade the creek and provide cooler, cleaner water downstream to the Sammamish River.

These improvements will also enhance habitat for fish, birds, and other wildlife and will beautify the section of the creek that runs adjacent to trails and ball fields.

“Working partnerships are critical to the future of environmental stewardship today,” says City of Bothell Public Works Director Erin Leonhart. “Bothell is excited to provide hands-on learning opportunities for children and adults in the Bothell community in partnership with the King Conservation District, local educators, and small business.”

A key component of the restoration project will be the participation of the North Creek branch of Woodinville Montessori School. Students will help with restoration, gather data, and monitor the impacts of the stream's water quality improvements over time.

“Woodinville Montessori School is thrilled to hear that the King Conservation District has received this grant. It has long been our desire to help restore Parr Creek to a more natural state,” says Woodinville Montessori Elementary and Junior High Program Director Nancy Kestek. “Working with the District and other groups will provide our students with the perfect opportunity to participate in an environmental stewardship project, literally in our own backyard, that can have lasting impacts.”

The Rose Foundation award comes from the Puget Sound Stewardship and Mitigation Fund, a grant making fund created by the Puget Soundkeeper Alliance and administered by the Rose Foundation for Communities and the Environment. For more information visit www.rosefdn.org/section.php?id=153.

King Conservation District thanks the City of Bothell, Woodinville Montessori School, Bothell Business Park Owners Association, and Seattle Public Utilities' Saving Water Partnership for their support on the Rose Foundation grant. The District looks forward to working closely with the Bothell Community to complete critical habitat improvements and lay the foundation for continued collaboration.

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About Woodinville Montessori School – Woodinville Montessori School is a non-profit independent school. The school is now in its 30th year, and serves 344 students from toddler through 9th grade. The curriculum emphasizes service to community and integrates service projects throughout the year. Service projects are an essential part of a Montessori education, which is dedicated to developing lifelong learners with a global perspective, an understanding of the interrelatedness of all people and all life, and a commitment to caring for self, others, humanity and the environment. Woodinville Montessori is known for its excellence in education, turning out well-rounded students with a passion for learning. The school has two campuses, one near downtown Woodinville, and a second in North Creek/Bothell, and draws students from all over the Eastside. Woodinville Montessori School is accredited by the American Montessori Society (AMS) and the Pacific Northwest Association of Independent Schools (PNAIS) and is approved by the State of Washington as a private school.

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