

Green Burien Partnership

2023 Year in Review



Participants at a restoration event. (Photo: City of Burien)

The [Green Burien Partnership](#)'s vision is to have a healthy urban forest supporting — and supported by — an aware and engaged community. The Green Burien 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 Green Burien 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 [Green Burien Partnership Urban Forest Stewardship Plan](#).

Key Stats from 2023

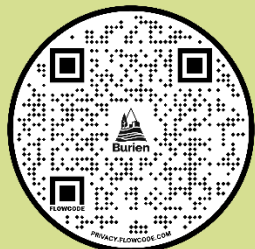
- ✓ **800** trees planted
- ✓ **1,060** indigenous shrubs and groundcovers planted within **520,000** square feet of restoration sites
- ✓ Conducted first tree inventory, collecting data on approximately **1,500** trees (did you know Burien requires a permit for many tree removals on your property? See burienwa.gov/TreeRegulations for details)
- ✓ **8,100** hours of work donated by community members and partner organization staff, nearly triple the number of hours from 2022!
- ✓ **35** volunteer events
- ✓ **18** partner organizations involved
- ✓ **4** Paid Forest Stewards
- ✓ **25** paid student intern positions
- ✓ **12** Volunteer Forest Stewards
- ✓ **300+** community volunteers
- ✓ **6** Burien Environment News email newsletters sent
- ✓ It cost approximately \$624,000 to manage and implement the Green Burien Partnership in 2023 from partner organizations, volunteers, and the City of Burien



Green Teen participants participate in a Department of Natural Resources press conference with Burien Mayor Sofia Aragon and Commissioner of Public Lands Hilary Franz at Hilltop Park. (Photo: City of Burien)



EarthCorps staff member planting a Douglas-fir tree with two volunteers at Green Burien Day at Hilltop Park. (Photo: Charissa Soriano)



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 newsletter](#)!