

2011 Sustainable Tacoma Grant Awardees

Downtown On the Go and Tacoma School of the Arts

SOTA Bike Club

Awarded: \$1,000

The Tacoma School of the Arts Bike Club is collaborating with Downtown On the Go and Stadium High School's Bike Club to engage youth in sustainable transportation options and healthy lifestyles and reduce carbon emissions through cycling. The goal is to provide support to students already biking to school and encouragement for students who would like to bike to school through activities and incentives designed by the students themselves.

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Gray Middle School Trail Rehabilitation Club

Community and School Garden Trail Rehabilitation Greenhouse Project

Awarded: \$5,000

Gray Middle School plans to construct a low-impact nature trail and a greenhouse at Gray Middle School. The trail will be used to support a variety of curriculums, environmental lessons, and neighborhood activities. The process will include invasive species removal, native plant plantings, community garden and trail construction.

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Guadalupe Land Trust

La Grande Gathering Area and Accessible Garden

Awarded: \$2,781

This project will create a communal gathering area at the La Grande Community Garden to host workshops and other community events. In addition, two areas of accessible gardens will be built to allow gardening by residents with limited mobility.

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Hilltop Urban Gardens by Community Coalition for Environmental Justice Sustainability at the Farm

Awarded: \$4,300

Partnering with area students, out community and local experts, HUG is building The Farm. The Farm will serve as a community model for a sustainable and self-sufficient urban food system. This project will include design, installation and community trainings on rainwater harvesting and irrigation.

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**Holy Rosary School
Lighting the Future**

Awarded: \$5,000

The school will replace existing T12 light bulbs with more efficient T8 bulbs. This will save 30,698 kWh per year, and energy cost will decrease by more than half at the 100-year-old Catholic school.

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**Institute for Environmental Research and Education
Environmental Product Declaration (EPD) Pilot Program**

Awarded: \$3,500

This local pilot program for Environmental Product Declarations (EPDs) is being facilitated by IERE, a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit, established in 1998. The program is a direct outcome of City of Tacoma Resolution #38188, establishing Tacoma as the first *Life Cycle City* in the U.S. Deliverables include assisting local businesses in obtaining Type III EPDs. The pilot will work with local breweries to obtain EPDs.

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**Local Life
City of Neighborhoods**

Awarded: \$1,000

Local Life is partnering with Downtown Merchants Group, Go Local, the city's neighborhood councils, various grassroots neighborhood groups, and other community partners to produce City of Neighborhoods. It will be a one-day event bringing in some of the most exciting and experienced national speakers and practitioners on neighborhood development.

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NW Leadership Foundation with Sustainable Roots and CASTINGS for the Hilltop Garden Explorers

Hilltop Garden Explorers

Awarded: \$2,000

The Hilltop Garden Explorers program works to engage youth and families in an active learning environment through hands-on gardening and ancillary cooking, community collaboration, leadership training, business experience, classroom training, recycling/composting and garden art. Their goal is to build ten raised growing beds and additional composting capacity at the McCarver School community garden site.

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**Rebuilding Together South Sound
Home Weatherization and Energy Efficiency Kits**

Awarded: \$1,500

Rebuilding Together South Sound will put grant funds toward their (low- and no-cost) weatherization kits for each National Rebuilding Day project. The project leaders will task project volunteers to install these items on or before the day of the event. In addition to weatherization kits, funds will be used to print homeowner efficiency manuals to leave with homeowners for reference.

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**Rebuilding Together South Sound
Neighborhood Makeover Week**

Awarded: \$3,500

Yard care workshops are planned for April 2012 directly following Earth Day. These workshops will be a kickoff to yard care demonstrations that are integrated into RTSS's annual Rebuilding Day event. Residents will learn how to properly care for their yards and rights of way through demonstrations happening in their own neighborhood.

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**Roosevelt Elementary
Roosevelt Community Garden Restoration**

Awarded: \$1,900

Roosevelt will restore its greenhouse, construct six additional garden boxes, and place a compost bin at the school. Greenhouse and garden boxes will be used to grow starts for school and community use. Boxes will be checked out to community members for summer produce production.

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**Safe Streets Campaign
Safe Walking Route for Birney Elementary**

Awarded: \$4,000

Safe Streets will collaborate with community groups and Birney Elementary to develop and provide education to students, staff and parents on the importance of walking and bicycling, and how these activities contribute to personal and community health and safety. Those participating in the training will receive incentives and encouragement through assemblies, awards programs, and walk-to-school events led jointly by community members and school staff.

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**Saint Patrick Catholic School
Shamrock Green- Phase 2**

Awarded: \$3,000

Phase 2 of the ongoing Shamrock Green project involves planting and protecting two new street trees and creating an adjacent outdoor public space with two benches and interpretive exhibits about the role and importance of trees in our world and the methodologies and benefits of using recycled materials. The space will be open and intended for use by students, visitors, neighborhood citizens and pedestrians.

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**SOTA Composting Club
Urban School Composting**

Awarded: \$1,500

Urban School Composting is a project geared to promote composting as a sustainable option at the Tacoma School of the Arts as well as the greater downtown community. The project will establish composting bins in each campus building and inform students about compostable items.

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**Stadium High School
Stadium High School Bike Club**

Awarded: \$750

The emphasis of the Bike Club is on student ownership of the process of maintaining the club, keeping up momentum, and meeting student-designated outcomes. The goal is to provide support to students already biking to school and encouragement for students who would like to bike to school. Getting SHS students biking on city streets and through neighborhoods sends a powerful message about bicycling as an important mode of transportation in Tacoma. More generally, the bike club is an effort to expose youth to sustainable transportation options and healthy lifestyle choices, with hopes of infusing these into Tacoma's youth culture.

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**Tacoma Audubon Society
Blix Recycles**

Awarded: \$3,000

O.S.P.R.E.Y. club (Opportunities for Stewardship Promoting Respect for the Environment and Youth) members at Blix Elementary will enroll in the Washington Green Schools program, taking a serious look at recycling throughout the school and community. Plans include developing a recycling policy for the school, as well as implementing composting and a sustainable garden.

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**Tacoma Community College
Adopt-A-Bin Recycling Project
Awarded: \$2,500**

The Sustainability Advisory Committee, a group of faculty, staff, and students at TCC, will spearhead a campaign to provide and empty recycling bins in campus classrooms. The project will reduce waste and cost, as well as make recycling more convenient at TCC.

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**University of Puget Sound Garden Club
University of Puget Sound Garden Enhancement Project
Awarded: \$750**

The garden enhancement project is designed to enhance accessibility and sustainability of the University of Puget Sound's campus garden. There will be three separate mini-projects: installing a rain barrel, building hoop houses for winter production, and creating an interpretive sign to inform community members about garden use and crop rotation.

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**8th and I Neighbors
Here we Grow!: Sustaining the 8th and I Neighbors Park Garden
Awarded: \$1,800**

8th and I Neighbors will improve productivity by upgrading the soil with the addition of new topsoil and compost. Over the years, the brick paths have become overgrown with grass and weeds. The group will avoid using pesticides by using a propane weed burner to clean up and maintain the paths. Many shared gardening tools have disappeared and their replacement will help participants tend their gardens more easily. Repair of fences will help discourage vandalism, and an outdoor message kiosk will keep gardeners (and neighbors) aware of activities. In addition, at least four plots, sponsored by the gardeners, will be dedicated to growing organic crops for the My Sister's Pantry Food Bank.

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