

Pierce County Public Works & Utilities Surface Water Management Division

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2008 Puyallup/Chambers-Clover Small Grants Program

Tacoma, WA – Nineteen projects were selected for funding under the Puyallup/Chambers-Clover Small Grants Program. The program, which was sponsored by Pierce County Surface Water Management, Pierce Conservation District and the City of Lakewood, was designed to award small grants to organizations, schools and individuals wishing to enhance water quality and habitat in the Puyallup River and Chambers-Clover watersheds.

Examples of funded projects include riparian planting, invasive species removal, community outreach and education and other work that benefits water quality. The projects will be completed over the next year within the Puyallup River and Chambers-Clover Creek watersheds.

“We were extremely pleased with the high number of good project applications,” said Dan Wrye, Watershed Services Manager with Pierce County Surface Water Management. “It’s clear that many people and organizations are interested in improving water quality and habitat in Pierce County’s watersheds. With a little help, a lot of good can be done to protect our water resources.”

The Puyallup/Chambers-Clover Small Grants Program was made possible by a grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and the Salmon Recovery Funding Board, with contributions from Pierce County Surface Water Management, Pierce Conservation District and the City of Lakewood. A total of \$45,000 was distributed in small grant amounts ranging from \$500 to \$2500.

This is the first year for the Puyallup/Chambers-Clover Small Grants Program. The program was patterned after the Lu Winsor Grant Program, which has successfully funded similar water quality and habitat projects in the Key Peninsula/Gig Harbor area.

Additional information on the Puyallup/Chambers-Clover Small Grants Program can be found online at www.piercecountywa.org/srfb. Any questions about this program should be directed to Melissa Paulson, Pierce County Surface Water Management, at (253)798-4686 or mpaulso@co.pierce.wa.us.