



# SUSTAINABILITY SMALL GRANT 2018 Grant Awardees



## Completed Projects

### “South Sound Green Tour”

#### Northwest EcoBuilding Guild

The 2018 South Sound Green Tour was a free-to-the-public chance to view and visit sustainable remodels, retrofits, new buildings, landscapes and community gathering places. Participants visited examples of sustainability all around Tacoma. The Guild hoped the event would inspire residents to take action towards sustainability in their own homes, and at the same time highlight opportunities to push for innovative policies and programs around green building.



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### “Pierce County Master Gardeners Programs”

#### WSU Pierce County Master Gardeners

The WSU Pierce County Master Gardener (PCMG) program trains volunteers to be effective community educators in environmentally responsible gardening practices. The purpose of their programs is to help WSU Extension reach state residents with research-based information. Volunteers are trained by WSU faculty and staff and outside experts to be community educators about relative issues of importance in Pierce County.



### “Food Rescue Program”

#### St. Leo's Food Connection

The St. Leo's Food Connection Program operates emergency food assistance programs for people who are at-risk of experiencing hunger. Food rescue is a critical part of the Food Connection. St. Leo's partners with grocery stores, farms, and local food producers to divert the bounty of the Northwest to people, not landfills. Food rescue accounts for 25% of all food at their food banks, offering better nutrition while reducing waste.



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FOOD  
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### **“Tacoma Ocean Fest”**

#### **Foss Waterway Seaport**

Tacoma Ocean Fest is a one-day free festival on Tacoma’s waterfront at the Foss Waterway Seaport. It brings together arts, sciences and water sports to celebrate the ocean, tell about its threats and inspire people to protect it through daily actions.



### **“Sustainability Program”**

#### **Tacoma Tool Library**

The Tacoma Tool Library designed and built a focused Sustainability Program, including: public events, additional recycling/reuse programs at the shop, and better outreach to the public about environmental benefits of the library. The Tool Library hired a summer intern that was responsible for building and implementing the Sustainability Program.



### **“Zombie Guacamole”**

#### **Washington Green Schools**

Twelve 5th grade teachers within Tacoma Public Schools received a full-day training on the Zombie Guacamole curriculum and went on to teach their students the new NGSS-driven curriculum for the remainder of the school year. Their students were not only exposed to the science of decomposition, the cycling of matter and energy in an ecosystem, and the impact of food transportation and waste on climate change, but they went on to take action to reduce waste at their school.



### **“Sustainability Summit for South Sound Women in Business”**

#### **Allison Bishins Consulting**

60 people attended a day-long conference in downtown Tacoma, focusing on the intersection of women in business and sustainability. The conference was not only a place for Tacoma women to learn about the environment and sustainability, it also provided a structured environment for these businesses to connect deeply, strengthening the community in order to make them more ready to take actionable steps in greening their businesses.

