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## USFS PNW Station Fact Sheet for the Green-Duwamish Watershed

### Project Activities

- **Lower Duwamish Transition Zone Blueprint.** Salmon recovery is a critical problem in the Puget Sound. Salmon recovery in the Green/Duwamish watershed depends on improving the quality and quantity of habitat in the Duwamish estuary. The *Blueprint* includes a list of habitat improvement projects, evaluation criteria, and strategies for moving the projects forward. The draft plan has received public review and comments, and will be revised and published by the end of 2014.
- **Green-Duwamish UWFP to Collaborate with Duwamish River Cleanup Coalition's Healthy Waters/Healthy Community Initiative.** The Duwamish River Cleanup Coalition (DRCC) was granted an EPA Urban Waters Small grant enabling the UWFP core team to join as a partner in support of this project. The project focuses on the connection between communities, nature, public health, and environmental protection. This project supports the DRCC's Community Health Initiative emphasizing improving community health through river cleanup and related environmental health improvements. For more information go to: <http://duwamishcleanup.org/programs/duwamish-community-health-initiative/>
- **Duwamish Valley Youth Corps Program.** The US Forest Service, PNW Research Station directed end-of-year funding to the Duwamish River Cleanup Coalition providing seed money to launch its Youth Corps Program. The Youth Corps will hire a project coordinator and engage local youths in restoration, tree planting, and other community social ecological projects. Additional funding was also provided by Forest Service Region 6 to engage Veterans in stewardship activities.

### Collaboration Activities

- **The Green Cities Research Alliance (GCRA) in Central Puget Sound.** The GCRA was an outgrowth of the economic stimulus funding obtained by USFS, PNW Research Station in 2009. The goal was to build a program of social and biophysical research sciences on urban ecosystems in the Puget Sound region. GCRA pairs scientists with practitioners and local decision makers to co-design and implement research and programming efforts meeting the practical needs and challenges of organizations and agencies.
- **Green-Duwamish Watershed Strategy.** The goal of this project is to improve collaboration of various entities and funding sources in the watershed to improve overall watershed health. Together with the Regional Open Space Strategy (ROSS), team housed at the UW Green Futures Lab, USFS staff and the UWFP Ambassador/Coordinator will be engaged in aspects of the watershed strategy. Here is the link to the ROSS's new website: <http://openspacepugetsound.org>

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