

Saturday Work Party Project Descriptions and Schedule Spring/Summer '17

May	6: Bioswale	13: UW-REN	20: Wetland	27: Nursery	-
June	3: Food Forest	10: Bioswale	17: Wetland	24: Drip Irrigation	-
July	1: Nursery	8: Food Forest	15: Bioswale	22: Wetland	29: Nursery
August	5: Special Project	12: Wetland	19: Food Forest	26: Bioswale	-
September	2: Wetland	9: Nursery	16: Bioswale	23: Food Forest	30: Special Project

***Project dates subject to change**

-21 Acres Grounds Work Parties occur on **Saturdays from 10-2:30** with a 30 minute lunch break-

-Volunteers are welcome to join for any portion of the work party-

- **Wetlands Restoration**

Come join us in restoring a wetland habitat with native plants. Tasks include planting native plants such as salmonberry and red-flowering currant, identifying native vs. invasive blackberry species and removing the invasive varieties, and trail upkeep. There's always lots to do to keep our wetlands environment thriving.

- **Food Forest Maintenance**

A Food Forest is an implemented design that mimics the natural forest ecosystem. You'll learn a little about Permaculture, a design science that focuses on the development of agricultural ecosystems intended to be sustainable and self-sufficient.

Tasks in the Food Forest include fertilizing the plants with compost made on site, mulching to keep the soil ecosystem safe, recycling the "weeds" to add more nutrients to the plants we want to thrive, adding plants to the installation, and harvesting the bounty from this productive forest.

- **Bioswale/Rain Garden Maintenance**

A Bioswale is a shallow depression in the earth that helps to filter out contaminants in stormwater runoff and helps slow water down so it can reabsorb into the landscape effectively. When full, it will look like a small ditch or pond and provides habitat for beneficial water-loving plants and animals.

Tasks include invasive removal, general cleaning, and sheet mulching to keep unwanted plants (such as bindweed) at bay. Once clean, more beneficial plants can be planted to help with the water filtration, such as native sedges and rushes. By helping with this project, you are directly helping us maintain healthy bodies of water in the surrounding area.

- **Plant Nursery**

At 21 Acres, we have a large variety of native plants in our nursery stock that are used to restore and benefit the landscape on the property.

Tasks at our nursery include sowing seeds, transferring seedlings to bigger pots, making potting mixes, and setting up a more advanced infrastructure to help with all of the above. A thriving nursery is key to maintaining the landscape at 21 Acres.

- ***Special Projects***

Want to be a part of brand new installations going on at 21 Acres? Or maybe you want to learn something in detail, like how to compost or what a live stake is. Joining us for one of our "special project" days is the perfect opportunity to do this.

These projects will vary throughout the year based on the season, but will always have an educational side to them. We want to make sure you benefit fully from this experience and be able to take home new knowledge, or solidify existing knowledge through hands on learning and experimentation. Don't miss these opportunities when they come up!