

Saturday Work Party Project Descriptions and Schedule
Spring/Summer 2018

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| March | 3: UW-REN | 10: Marshall | 17: Mulch Paths | 24: NW Corner | 31: Nursery Setup |
| April | 7: Bioswale | 14: <i>TBD</i> | 21: Earth Day | 28: UW-REN | |
| May | 5: Wetland | 12: Front Pavers | 19: NW Corner | 26: Bioswale | - |
| June | 2: NW Corner | 9: Food Forest | 16: Bioswale | 23: Wetland | 30: NW Corner |
| July | 7: Bioswale | 14: Food Forest | 21: Wetland | 28: NW Corner | |
| August | 4: Bioswale | 11: Food Forest | 18: NW Corner | 25: Wetland | - |
| September | 1: Bioswale | 8: Food Forest | 15: NW Corner | 22: Wetland | 29: Bioswale |

Project dates are subject to change based on weather and project needs

-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.

- **NW Corner**

We have a lot of projects going on in the Northwest Corner of our property this year and need help with all of it! We'll be installing and maintaining a Permaculture design plot, a Wildflower Meadow, and a native plant restoration project. Tasks will include planting, weeding, mulching, irrigation, and much more!