



## Saturday Work Party Plan

Want to help restore and shape the landscape of 21 Acres? Then join staff member Nick Jennison at our weekly Saturday work parties. Tasks include wetlands restoration, plant propagation, garden and food forest maintenance, compost making, food harvesting, data tracking, and much more. There's always lots to do and lots to learn!

Work parties occur every Saturday in two sessions, 10 am-12 noon and 12:30-2:30 pm. You can join us in the morning, afternoon, or both. Whatever you choose, the 21 Acres Market will be open 11 am -4 pm for you to grab lunch from the deli or pick up some produce and fresh bread on your way out. Plus, as a volunteer, you get a 10% discount!

Most days will be filled with some sort of physical activity and take place outdoors, rain or shine, so bring weather appropriate clothing and shoes. Check out the schedule to see what's happening this coming Saturday!

For more information about becoming a volunteer, send an email to: [volunteer@21acres.org](mailto:volunteer@21acres.org).

## Saturday Work Party Project Descriptions

- **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 learning how to sheet mulch to help get rid of unwanted plant species. 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. You can help in the planning process and really be a key player in making this forest thrive.

- **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 weeding, 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**

Do you like growing plants from seed or taking care of potted plants? Then helping out in our Nursery is a task you might very much enjoy. 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. We also experiment with nonatives, like our three Meyer Lemon trees.

Tasks at our nursery include sowing seeds, transferring seedlings to bigger pots, maintaining proper soil moisture, 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, restoring local habitats, and healing the earth. More plants means a better planet!

- **\*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!