



2014 Neighborhood Greening Grant Projects

2014 Fall Planting Events

In 2014 the Forest Spokane Initiative launched the Neighborhood Greening Grant program that allowed any one of the 27 Spokane neighborhoods to apply for grant funding in order to implement the planting of trees and/or other native vegetation within their neighborhood boundaries. This program gained the participation of 12 neighborhoods which led to the approval of 17 grant applications. During the fall of 2014 two (2) of the projects were scheduled and planted by local neighborhood volunteers. The remaining Greening Grant projects will be planted in the spring of 2015.

Latah/Hangman Neighborhood



The Latah Creek riparian planting event was a coordinated effort between the Latah/Hangman Neighborhood, Friends of the Bluff, Spokane Riverkeeper and The Lands Council. Friends of the Bluff, a community group of volunteers that are stewards of the High Drive Bluff Park, submitted the Neighborhood Greening Grant Application with the approval of the Latah/Hangman neighborhood. The grant detailed the restoration of a riparian wetland area located next to the Latah Creek and just north of the Qualchan Golf Course. Upon completion the project will include 500 new trees and shrubs in total.

The Friends of the Bluff are the primary coordinators of the project and have chosen to implement it in two (2) phases. One planting took place in the fall of 2014 and the second planting will take place in the spring of 2015 after the danger of high spring water runoff has subsided.

The fall planting event included the help and partnership of the three local organizations and the recruitment of 60 student volunteers from two local high schools; Ferris High School and Lewis & Clark High School.

Student volunteers began their day with an introduction from the various organizations involved and a briefing on the planting tasks to be accomplished.

The planting location is at the base of the High Drive Park along the Latah Creek. This location was chosen because of its lack of diversity in riparian plant species and its proximity to the river. The volunteers were



able to spread out and plant a vast variety of riparian plant species.

The species selected include; Black Cotton Wood, Water Birch, Black Hawthorn, Chokecherry, Golden Currant, Red Osierdogwood, Wood's Rose, Snow Berry, Mallow Ninebark, Syringa and Serviceberry. While approximately 200 of the plants were planted in the fall the remaining 300 plants will be planted in the spring. The fall

and spring planting seasons both offer a high rate of survivability for the plants due to the increased amount of rainfall during each season.

Joe Cannon from The Lands Council educated the volunteers on the importance of species selection, planting location, and how the combination of the two elements aid in the survivability of the plants. He also gave a demonstration planting where he illustrated the importance of proper planting depth and how to appropriately combine fresh compost, mulch and existing soil in order to provide a nutrient rich soil composition which aids in creating new growth and in retaining water for the new trees and shrubs.



Lincoln Heights Neighborhood

The Lincoln Heights Neighborhood applied for three (3) Greening Grants, all applications were approved. Two of the applications focused on the planting of twenty-five (25) trees along 35th Avenue between Thor Street and Fiske Street. The third application planted eleven (11) trees along Southeast Boulevard. The neighborhood gathered approximately 25 volunteers to participate in the planting event. The projects included a variety of conifer and evergreen trees.



The volunteers donated additional plants and bulbs from their homes to plant around the trees.



Spring 2015 Projects

Projects will resume in March 2015. Below are the remaining projects by neighborhood.

- **Emerson-Garfield** – Planting and mulching approximately 25 new trees in the neighborhood between 2412-2434 N. Stevens and 2100-2431 N. Atlantic on right-of-way property.
- **Emerson-Garfield** – Planting 64 perennial plants at the Maple Street Island.
- **Northwest** – Applying three inches of mulch to 26 newly planted street trees in the islands next to Driscoll Boulevard.
- **Five Mile** – Applying three inches of mulch to newly planted trees at the north and south entrances to Sky Prairie Park. 12 new trees will be planted.
- **Chief Garry Park** – Volunteers will plant a perennial butterfly garden on public right-of-way property at Christ the King Church. This site also features a newly developed community garden.
- **East Central** – One (10) tree and other perennial vegetation will be planted at 2003 E. 1st Avenue on right-of-way property.
- **East Central** – Eastside Day Care has planted a Japanese Pagoda tree planted this in the fall of 2014, the project will resume in the spring with the planting of perennial vegetation for a butterfly garden.
- **Latah/Hangman** - Friends of the Bluff will organize a second phase of riparian planting along Latah Creek with the help of The Lands Council, Spokane Riverkeeper, and the Spokane Chapter of Trout Unlimited.
- **Logan** – Planting trees and perennial vegetation at Logan Elementary with the help of Moody Bible Institute student volunteers.
- **North Hill** - The project will feature seven new street trees along Garland near Post. Perennial vegetation will be planted at the base of each tree. This very specific planting is helping to create a sense of identity for the Garland Business District.
- **West Central** – The Neighborhood will be planting four (4) Ponderosa Pine trees near Summit and Boone.

If you're interested in helping out at one of more of these events, check back at www.spokanecity.org (insert link) or contact your neighborhood council for more information on dates and times. Planting season usually begins the last week in March when temperatures are more consistently above freezing.