

Sustainability Mini-Grant Final Report

I.a. North Mason High School's Aquatic World classes, held at the Hood Canal Watershed Project Center, created a large propagation bed for native plants. The design for the plant bed was developed with the assistance of *Sustainable Seattle's* staff and will be used to grow native plants for restoration projects around the community.

II.a. Two classes, totaling approximately 60 students were involved in planning the project. The work was done by a smaller team of about 15 students over the course of a few weeks. Two teachers, the site manager and Americorps volunteers also played critical roles in completing the project.

II.b. This highly visible project can be seen by thousands of community members and visitors passing by each year. We will be creating interpretive signs this fall to explain the attributes of native plants and how to get involved. New teams of students will be involved in collecting and propagating plants throughout the upcoming fall and spring. Each term, 90-120 new high school students will be taught about native plants using the beds as a demonstration. Our grounds manager and new Americorps staff will also be using the beds with volunteers.

III.a. We met our initial goal of getting the bed constructed and planted with materials we salvaged from our existing gardens and grounds. We also meet our goal of having a highly durable bed that can be used for future restorations.

IV.a. The environment is obviously involved, since that is where we are working and what we are working with....our plant neighbors.

IV.b. Economically, this bed will enable our organization and others to grow their own plant materials and teach others about how to do this.

IV.c. The plants will be distributed at little or no cost, thus enabling anyone to restore land.

V. The funds were used, along with local funds, to purchase rock, soil, gravel, weed block and watering equipment.

VI. This was a great project. Many students could get involved and it didn't involve overly complex planning or lots of outside resources. It is highly visible and therefore will be useful in teaching others about the attributes of native plants.