



## Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust Grant Report for the Western Native Trout Initiative 'Forests and Fins Education Program'

Many thanks to the Western Native Trout Initiative (WNTI) for your grant of \$3,000 to the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust, which funded our *Forests and Fins* education program.

With the support of the WNTI, the Greenway Education Program will continue to plant the seeds for a more sustainable future by teaching and inspiring the next generation of conservation leaders. During the 2015-16 school year, we engaged over 3,000 4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students from across King County, including many from some of the most diverse school districts in the nation.

Through inquiry-based, science learning experiences in the classroom and along streams, these students embraced outdoor involvement and environmental leadership. They learned about the challenges of sustaining healthy streams in balance with the needs of a growing population, and felt motivated to develop a long-term interest in protecting the Pacific Northwest's natural treasures. Thanks to your support, we can continue to engage and inspire these environmental champions of tomorrow.

We are proud to report that thanks to the generous support from the WNTI, the 2015-16 school year marked another successful teaching season. We exceeded our anticipated outcome of engaging 200 students grade 4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> and 50 parents/teachers in our *Forests and Fins* program. Specifically, we engaged 383 students and 71 parents/teachers from schools with high free and reduced lunch rates. Additionally, 146 students and 17 adults completed 489 hours of restoration work in the Greenway. (See the second page for school-specific metrics and photos).

Sincerely,

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**Western Native Trout Initiative grant report**  
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*Metrics for the 2015-16 school year:*

School Name	National Free & Reduced Lunch Program participation	Grade Level	Number of Students		Number of Adults	
			In-class	Stewardship Events	Field Trips	Stewardship Events
Totem Middle School	75%	6 <sup>th</sup>	214	25	39	5
Terminal Park Elementary School	72%	5 <sup>th</sup>	80	76	18	10
Star Lake Elementary School	56%	4 <sup>th</sup> /5 <sup>th</sup>	24	n/a	6	n/a
The Evergreen School	Private	5 <sup>th</sup>	65	45	8	2
<b>Totals</b>			<b>383</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>17</b>

*Photos from the field:*



Totem Middle School students planted native trees and shrubs at Lake Sammamish State Park.



Students walked from the Evergreen School to a nearby park to spread mulch.