

SPECIAL EDITION: Summer Youth Employment Program Student Report

King County's Department of Natural Resources and Parks and King County's Department of Community and Human Services in partnership with Seattle Central Community College conducted a six-week Environmental Sciences course culminating with this special "student" edition of the SciFYI Newsletter.



Class lectures raised awareness of environmental issues.

Funding for this summer program was provided by the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act, in partnership with the WorkForce Development Council of Seattle-King County and King County Work Training Program. The 2009 program assisted and provided over 500 youth with job training opportunities in various fields and with opportunities to learn.

The Environmental Sciences class assisted about twenty students with both work and school credit that would:

- meet the needs of out-of-school youth;
- provide essential work readiness training
- expose youth to concepts of environmental justice and stewardship
- increase their educational attainment; and/or
- provide incentives to stay and succeed in school.

The Science and Technical Support Section along with King County Parks and Water and Land divisions staff integrated class room and field experiences into a program that provided insights into forest regeneration, invasive species, climate change, water resource management and ecological value.

The articles were written by the students. King County staff assisted them with editing, photos, and design. However, the thoughts and article content are that of the students' experience.

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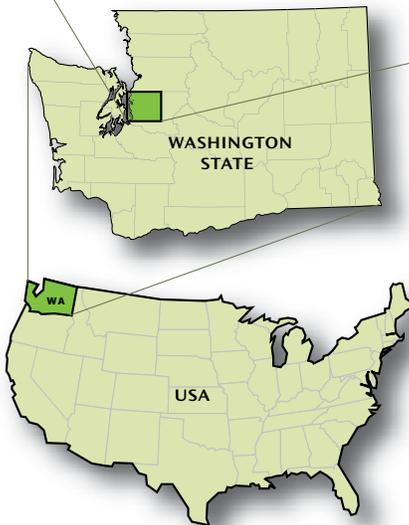
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Youth received instruction to work safely out in the field.



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