



FACT SHEET

Kent Green River Natural Resources Area Native Plant Nursery

Overview

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*Native Trees Produced
Each Year: 20,000*

*Dollars invested:
\$3,500,000*

Project Summary: The Green River Natural Resources Area (GRNRA) is an award-winning City of Kent restoration project that transformed an abandoned sewage lagoon into a 304-acre combined stormwater detention, flood control, and enhanced wetland facility that provides a rich diversity of wildlife habitat and a native plant nursery which supplies trees for restoration, enhancement, mitigation, and street tree projects throughout the City of Kent.

Results: This project produces **20,000 native trees** and shrubs each year, with capacity to grow more if projects demand them – helping Kent to grow and sustain its urban tree canopy at half the cost of buying plants.

Detailed Description: The GRNRA hosts a five-acre native plant nursery, constructed on the southwestern corner of the site. It propagates thousands of native plants for placement within the GRNRA and other natural areas within the city, and it provides a home for plant-salvaging projects. The nursery also serves as an education and training facility for youth and volunteers in the City of Kent.

The City has invested \$500,000 for construction of the nursery, and \$3 million over 15 years for planting, stewardship, maintenance and facility improvements.

This work is an important contribution to climate change action; it aligns with the Joint County – City Climate Commitments to protect and restore the health of urban and community trees and forests.



Through focused, coordinated action, we will maximize the impact of our individual and shared efforts.