

F R I E N D S



of North Creek Forest

Preserving Bothell's largest remaining mature forest

North Creek Forest Restoration

Located in Bothell | UW-REN partner since 2011

Community Partner: Friends of North Creek Forest

UW-REN Community Partner Poster Session 2016



Site Location & Description



The site is on the west side of North Creek Forest, 400' north of the 2015-2016 site & 2 miles from UW-B.

Description:

This area was identified as a restoration priority in a recent forest health assessment. The canopy is dominated by western redcedar & big leaf maple. The site is fairly dry & topography is mostly level.



This project is part of a larger conservation effort for North Creek Forest. Friends of North Creek Forest has partnered with UW-REN since 2011, supporting five previous REN projects.

Restoration Challenges

Invasive plants:

The site includes an extensive Himalayan blackberry thicket, English in the understory, and a large patch of yellow archangel spreading from a backyard.



Nearby patches of yellow archangel outside the site will be removed via herbicide in March, 2017. We see this as an opportunity to compare manual removal of yellow archangel (at the UW-REN site) with chemical removal nearby and are excited to monitor the effectiveness of the different removal techniques.



Needs & Opportunities

In addition to planning and implementing restoration, student team should:

- Engage with surrounding community by providing educational material and by incorporating access trails and educational spaces into work plan.
- Establish a good rapport with nearby residents and incorporate their needs into the project.

Opportunities:

- Gain experience communicating restoration and conservation science and practice to residential and student community
- FNCF will create signage to highlight a selection of plants and features on the site and include them in an online database and virtual tour.
- Team members are invited to submit articles for our blog about the stewardship practices being used at the site.
- Team members are invited to continue involvement with Friends of North Creek Forest

Resources:

We have worked extensively with volunteers and will aid in volunteer recruitment.



We also provide:

- Tools
- Irrigation
- BBQs at large events

More about Friends of North Creek Forest

Check out our website for more info including information on past UW-REN projects: www.friendsnorthcreekforest.org