



The Bainbridge Island Metropolitan Park and Recreation District (BIMPRD) Student Conservation Corps (SCoCo) has completed its TENTH successful summer season. During THREE core summer sessions of noxious weed control efforts, SCoCo worked in fourteen different Island Parks. The program focused on goals outlined in the BIMPRD Vegetative Management Plan created in collaboration with the Kitsap County Noxious Weed Control Board. The goal of SCoCo is to significantly advance noxious weed management in our Parks while educating students and future environmental stewards on conservation sciences and related career opportunities.



38 youth employed



1064 trees cleared of
English ivy



78+ hours of Fall
restoration



Invasive removal in
14 Parks

10

10 years of SCoCo

The 2019 Student Conservation Corps has four program components: Spring application work-parties, Spring Break session, three Summer sessions, and Fall volunteer restoration. **A record number of thirty-eight applicants were selected to participate throughout the three summer sessions, five of which participated in all three summer sessions and the spring break session. A waitlist was maintained for all sessions.**

Spring Application Work Parties take place during the months of March and April. Attendance of at least one application work party is required in order to apply for a position as a SCoCo member. This system is to ensure students are familiar with the duties required of a SCoCo crew member and are ready to participate in the Spring Break and Summer activities. Three application work parties are offered in the Spring over multiple weekends to provide various dates for applicants' schedules.



The Spring Break Session had a full crew of eight students and one leader in 2019. The Crew worked at Grand Forest North, Blakely Harbor, Hilltop Meadow, and Eagledale totaling 178 hours of invasive species removal. Additional efforts were given to Hilltop Meadow where the SCoCo crew joined up with Land Trust volunteers to increase efforts of Scotch broom, Tansy ragwort, and English holly removal. All Spring Break members continued to work during the summer sessions, three members working all nine weeks of summer. A Spring Break waitlist was maintained.

The Summer Session expanded once again in 2019. A second 12-day summer session was added in 2018 and this year a third. In response to desires from previous and current Student Conservation Corps members and to address the needs of the Park District a third 12-day summer session brought the season to a total of nine weeks of invasive species removal. SCoCo Applicants had the option of applying for one, two or all three summer sessions. Adding a third 12-day session rather than lengthening the two existing sessions allowed interested participants to extend summer employment without eliminating those who preferred the single 12-day session structure. All three summer sessions had a crew limit of 18 participants, however a third applicant was added to Session C after a budget adjustment. A waitlist was maintained for all three sessions. This additional session added 912 hours of invasive species removal to the existing summer program and supported the program's goal of educating future environmental stewards on conservation sciences and related career opportunities.



Over nine weeks a total of 2,818 hours of invasive species removal took place in fourteen Island Parks this summer.

Three Fall volunteer restoration work parties will take place in October and November for maintenance and native plant restoration in critical areas. Restoration days serve as a conclusion for 2019 SCoCo members and as an outreach opportunity to potential 2020 members. 2019 SCoCo members are expected to participate in at least one of the three volunteer restoration work parties and are highly encouraged to bring friends and family to participate.

43 yards



Himalayan
blackberry

½ yard



Tansy ragwort

11 yards



Scotch broom

16 yards



English Ivy

6 yards



English holly

Summer Sessions by Park

Blakely Harbor Park – 12 days

- 91 trees cleared of English ivy
- 18 yds blackberry roots removed
- 35 yds English ivy removed
- 2 yds of English holly removed

Waypoint Woods – 1 day

- 8 trees cleared of English ivy
- 2 yds of English ivy removed
- 2 yds of Scotch broom removed

Grand Forest West – 1 day

- 90 trees cleared of English ivy

Grand Forest North – 2 days

- 84 trees cleared of English ivy

Sakai Park– 2 days

- 3 yds of blackberry roots removed
- 5 yds English ivy removed
- 8 yds blackberry removed

Hawley Cove Park – 2 days

- 5 trees cleared of English ivy
- 6 yds of English ivy removed
- 3 yds of English holly removed
- 3 yds blackberry removed

Hidden Cove Park – 1 day

- 3 yds of English ivy removed

Fort Ward Park – 2 days

- 404 trees cleared of English ivy
- 1 yds of Scotch broom removed

Waterfront Park – 3 days (as contracted by COBI)

- 3 yds of English ivy removed
- 1 yds of Scotch broom removed
- 2 yds blackberry roots removed
- 2 yds Morning glory removed

Manzanita Park – 2 days

- 269 trees cleared of English ivy

Moritani Preserve – 3 days

- 7 trees cleared of English ivy
- 3 yds English holly removed
- 7 yds blackberry roots removed
- 3 yds of English holly removed

Fay Bainbridge Park -2 days

- 96 trees cleared of English ivy
- 4 yds of Scotch broom removed
- 1 yd blackberry roots removed

Madison Tot Lot – 1 day

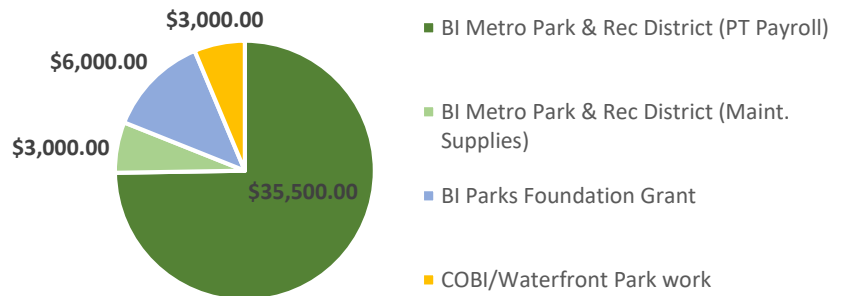
- 3 trees cleared of English ivy
- 1 yd of English ivy removed
- 1 yd of Scotch broom removed
- 2 yds blackberry removed

Williams-Olson Park – 2 days

- 4 trees cleared of English ivy
- 8 yds blackberry removed
- 5 yds blackberry removed



2019 INCOME BUDGET



2019 Educational Program One aspect of SCoCo that differentiates it from other regional and national conservation corps is the educational speaker series. During our lunch break the program includes a one-hour educational component, in which time local community members are invited to speak about their career paths and how their work relates to environmental conservation. This serves as an opportunity for corps members to learn about the multitude of ways one can work within the field of conservation, while pursuing their interests and skillsets. The following speakers were extraordinarily generous with their time, knowledge, and encouragement when presenting during our 2019 summer session:

Terry Lande BI Parks Executive Director; **Olaf Ribiero** Plant Pathologist; **David Harry** BIMPRD & National Park Service; **Kayla Swerin** Asplundh tree assessor; **Max Gordinier** One Earth Treecare; **Taylor Swift** NET Systems, Inc.; **Barb Trafton** BI Parks Foundation Executive Director; **Sky Miller** Cardno engineer; **Mark & Hana Doucette** Permaculture; **Mike Pratt** Wildlife Biologist; **Stella Collier** City of BI NPDES Permit Coordinator; **Christina Doherty** IslandWood; **Dan Hamlin** BI Parks Division Director; **Kathy Wolf** UW Research Scientist; **Betsey Peabody** Puget Sound Restoration Fund ; **Glenn Haber** Fletcher Bay Foundation; **Stacy Marshall** Petal & Pitchfork Farm; **Wayne Daley** Fisheries Biology; **Karen & Todd Vogel** Loom House; **Mallorie Weinheimer** Chickadee Forestry; **Michelle McClure** NOAA; **Jeff Ozimek** BI Parks Outdoor Programs; **Claire Beaumont** Sustainable Textile Industry; **Diane Peterson** Octopuses Garden Diving; **Lara Hansen** EcoAdapt

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Thank you for your support!

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"I really liked the idea of working outdoors and thought this would be a great way to build experience for later jobs. I think SCoCo did both."

– 2018 SCoCo member