

2024 SCOCO **ANNUAL REPORT**



Bainbridge Island
Metro Park & Recreation District



SCOCO Crews Make an Impact

You can't miss Student Conservation Corps (SCOCO) crews each summer, standing out among the mounds of invasive species in their neon green shirts. Dozens of teens dedicate their summers to work alongside the Park District's Natural Resources team, caring for our island's natural areas, all while earning a paycheck! These teens are a critical component to conservation efforts in our Island's parks.



The most rewarding part of SCOCO was the teamwork.

SCOCO smashed my expectations.

I want to go into the environmental science field.

Neurodiverse SCOCO

Thanks to a partnership between the Park District's Natural Resources and Accessibility staff, Neurodiverse SCOCO became a reality in 2024. A successful application to the Outdoor Learning Grant from the Washington Recreation and Conservation Office and the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction allowed 14 young adults and peer mentors to take to our parks to learn about careers in conservation.

The goal of Neurodiverse SCOCO is to link hands-on outdoor education with job training for Neurodiverse young adults, providing the opportunity to develop greater social and emotional skills and a deeper understanding of conservation careers in their community.



The idea of making SCOCO more accessible really interested me because it was a lot of fun last year and I think all people should have that experience.

The SCOCO program really put a skip in our son's step as he grew confident in knowing he had a reliable relationship with the staff to improve through daily check-ins.

115
NATIVE PLANTS
PLANTED

217
YARDS
INVASIVE
SPECIES &
TRASH
REMOVED



45
YARDS
MULCH
SPREAD



49
YOUNG PEOPLE EMPLOYED

2024 CREW SNAPSHOT

12
PARKS &
TRAILS

3600
HOURS
IN THE
FIELD



GUEST SPEAKERS

Christian Berg
Carson Bue
Stella Collier
Tim Cortez

Brandan Davidson
Meredith Everett
Jeannette Franks
Andrew Fraser

Max Hale
Matt Keough
Andreas Lymberopoulos
Anna McClelland

Mike Pratt
Mira Rosenkotz
Ben Safford
Brian Stahl

Barb Trafton
Edison Velez
Christina Woolf
Ashton Youngstrom

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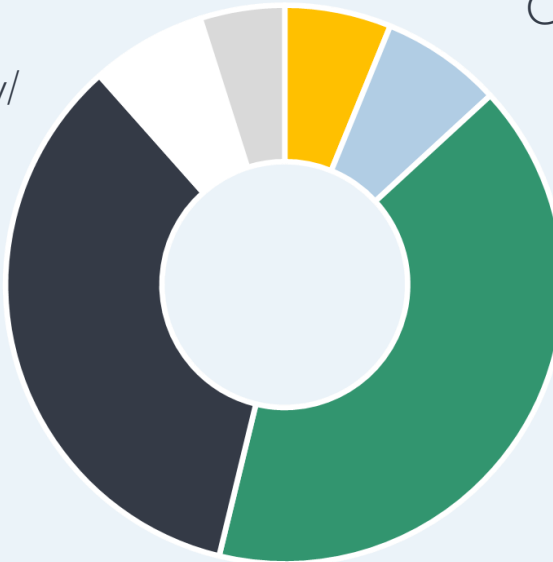
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GIVING FOUNDATION

2024 Budget

The Ocean Conservancy w/
Sustainable Bainbridge
\$9,500

MMS Giving Foundation w/
BIPTF
\$7,000

Outdoor Learning Grant
w/ RCO & OSPI
\$49,500



City of Bainbridge Island
\$8,800

Bainbridge Island Parks
& Trails Foundation
\$10,000

Bainbridge Island
Metro Park and
Recreation District
\$56,000



Interested in applying for
SCOCO 2025? Have
questions?

Reach out to...

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