

# 2024 SCOCO **ANNUAL REPORT**

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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.

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*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.

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*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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WASHINGTON STATE  
Recreation and  
Conservation Office



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FOUNDATION



SUSTAINABLE  
BAINBRIDGE



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GIVING FOUNDATION

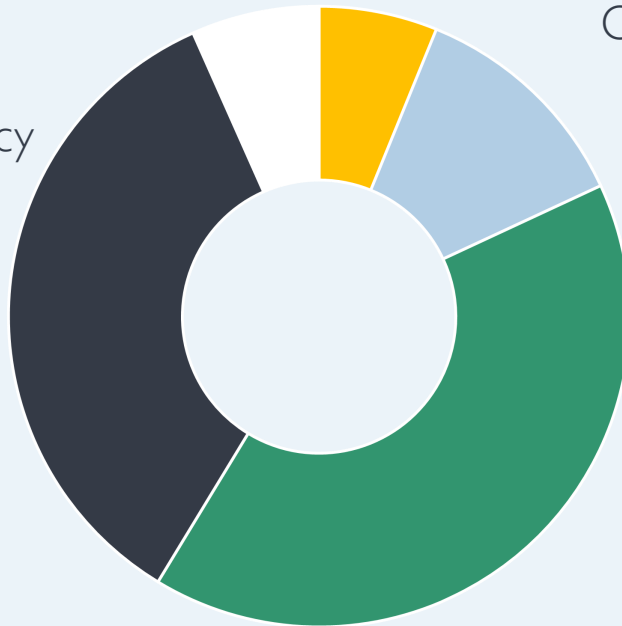


Ocean  
**Conservancy**<sup>®</sup>

## 2024 Budget

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

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



City of Bainbridge Island  
\$8,800

Bainbridge Island Parks  
& Trails Foundation  
\$17,000

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



Interested in applying for  
SCOCO 2025? Have  
questions?

Reach out to...

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