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Stewardship Partners Receives Major Boeing Grant For Rain Garden Project

SEATTLE, WA---Stewardship Partners has been selected for a \$65,000 dollar grant from Boeing Global Corporate Citizenship to further advance the impact of their Puget Sound rain garden program. “We are thrilled to receive this generous grant which will be put to work immediately to continue educating the public and advancing rain garden construction throughout the region as part of our goal of creating 12,000 rain gardens,” said Stewardship Partners executive director David Burger.

Since 2008 Stewardship Partners has been a recognized leader, working with Washington State University Extension and regional cities and counties to promote and install dozens of rain gardens. These projects have a proven and significant impact in reducing run-off, flooding and pollution along with providing homeowners an easy and valuable opportunity to improve their homes, neighborhoods and the environment.

This is the largest non-government grant Stewardship Partners has received. Burger said it is “further validation of the value our work provides”. Liz Warman, director of Boeing Global Corporate Citizenship for the Northwest region said, “Boeing recognizes the importance of engaging communities and citizens in environmental stewardship. Through the demonstration and installation of rain gardens throughout Puget Sound, we hope this will provide a platform on which to illustrate creative and innovative ways to manage storm water runoff.”

Boeing Global Corporate Citizenship refers to the work that Boeing does in its diverse communities, both as a company and individual employees. The economic well-being of the Pacific Northwest and the vibrancy of its communities are foundational components to the region's long-term health and viability. Boeing plays a significant role in ensuring the Northwest region provides for strong, vibrant communities through its support of arts and culture, civic, education, environment and health and human services needs. Last year Boeing contributed more than \$20 million to organizations in Northwest communities where employees work and live.

The rain garden program is just one of the ways Stewardship Partners works with landowners to preserve and restore Washington State’s environment.

To learn about Stewardship Partners and their rain garden classes and installations go to: www.stewardshippartners.org.