2023 Boeing Sustainability Report

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Boeing grant teaches students about stormwater stewardship

With support from a Boeing grant in 2022, EarthGen engaged 2,000 students across four Puget Sound school districts in its Stormwater Stewards program.

Why it matters: Middle and high school students learned about watersheds and the impact of stormwater runoff, investigated their local watersheds and then designed and implemented green stormwater infrastructure projects to improve water quality in their community. Students cared for and maintained these rain gardens as part of the program.

Middle school students plant in their rain garden in the Seattle suburb of Burien. (EarthGen photo)

Go deeper: A 2021 grant from Boeing helped EarthGen expand the Stormwater Stewards program into two additional Puget Sound school districts, which worked to add sustainable treatment for approximately 625,000 gallons of water.

Rain gardens under busy Seattle bridge filter water, protect salmon

The Aurora Bridge Bioswale project was designed to clean up polluted stormwater coming off this Seattle bridge. Runoff passes through a series of rain gardens below. The project serves as a model for others that The Nature Conservancy and its partners support, such as the I-5 Ship Canal stormwater park, which is currently being planned with funding from Boeing.

(Photo: Courtney Baxter/The Nature Conservancy)

