

# Puget Sound Seed Partnership: Collaborative Growth for Resilient Ecosystems

The Puget Sound Seed Partnership

## What's at Stake

In a changing climate, practitioners can improve a restoration project's success by making use of genetic material that will tolerate a wider range of future conditions. But in the Puget Sound region, accessing genetically diverse seedlings for restoration projects and ensuring that seeds are well-sourced and accurately labeled has been an ongoing challenge for local practitioners.

## Project Goals

The purpose of this project is to ensure higher quality and more accessible seeds and seedlings for restoration projects around the Puget Sound.

The overall goals of the project are to:

- increase access to native seeds, technical assistance, and training opportunities via a regional seed partnership;
- streamline processes to access plant materials in local restoration and reforestation efforts;
- engage with diverse communities in restoration and reforestation efforts to develop job pathways and workforce development; and
- coordinate seedling monitoring efforts to help regional practitioners make optimal plant material choices.



A climate-adapted seedling is planted and protected from browse in a harvest gap in Western Washington. ©NNRG/Mann

## What We're Doing

Our activities include:

- 🌰 **Consolidate and Share Resources**
  - Developing a centralized digital home to aggregate resources and information
  - Developing resources and case studies on best practices
  - Facilitating discussions on best practices (including through webinars)
- 🌰 **Information resources on seeds and seedlings**
  - Hosting field tours to view local case studies around growing and planting restoration seedlings.
  - Hosting 4 trainings/workshops on seed sourcing.
- 🌰 **Collaborative sourcing of plant materials**
  - Creating a platform for seed exchange.
  - Providing technical assistance to support specific local restoration projects, including sourcing assistance

## Who We Are

With the Northwest Natural Resource Group (NNRG) as a lead partner, the Puget Sound Seed Partnership (PSSP) is a collaborative effort to improve access to high-quality, climate-adapted seeds and seedlings for restoration projects around Puget Sound. Partner organizations include Seattle Public Utilities, Skagit River System Cooperative, Oxbow Farm & Conservation Center, and the City of Tacoma. Together, we are working to strengthen the regional seed supply chain, from collection and cleaning to propagation, planting, and monitoring.



Measuring soil moisture in Western Washington. ©NNRG



Seedling locations are mapped at a restoration site. ©NNRG



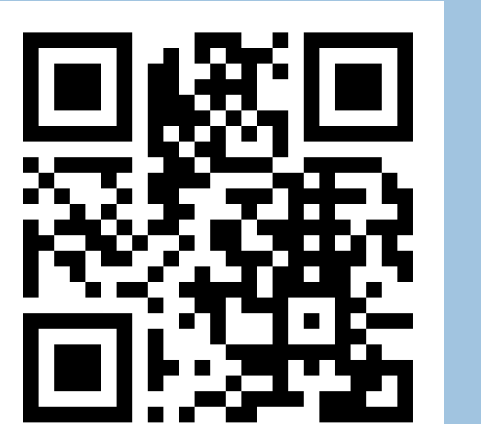
Technical Seeds Workshop at Oxbow Farm & Conservation Center. ©NNRG/McCaskill

In October, Oxbow Farm & Conservation Center hosted an event that combined a restoration site tour with hands-on training in native seed harvesting, cleaning, and storage.

## How to Get Involved

We invite interested professionals, students, and community members to participate in tours, trainings, and seed exchanges.

To get involved or learn more, contact [outreach@nnrg.org](mailto:outreach@nnrg.org), or scan this QR code to visit our project page.



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