



Department Report February 12th, 2026

Open Space Conservancy Trust



Gateway Installation Damage

- The art installation at 77th Ave SE & Sunset Highway was damaged in vehicle collision in October 2025
- City filed insurance claim and is developing a restoration plan for the concrete wall and *Gateway* figures
- Artwork is removed and concrete will be repaired soon.
- Once restoration is underway, staff will coordinate reinstallation with the Arts Council
- For Updates about the restoration project will be shared on www.mercerisland.gov/publicart



Clarke & Groveland Joint Infrastructure Plan

- Progress continues on the joint infrastructure plan for Clarke and Groveland Beach Parks
- City staff and consultant reviewed community survey feedback (182 responses) at a workshop in December
- Concepts are being refined into preferred plans, to be shared with the PRC in March
- Youth engagement is ongoing. Staff presented to Islander Middle School in December, and students provided input that will be incorporated into the preferred plans
- The preferred plan will include opportunities for future youth and teen collaboration



First Hill Park



Maintenance Updates

- Mercer Island boat launch is closed temporarily due to underwater conditions and lake debris removal from Cedar River flooding
- The Luther Burbank restroom was recently closed due to a water leak under the concrete pathway. This has since been repaired and the restroom is back in service.
- Spring/summer preparation of fields for the sports season is starting soon. The Parks and Recreation teams have been collaborating on ways to both maximize access and ensure needed maintenance.



Maintenance Updates continued

- Recently partnered with WDFW to install fishing line disposal at several locations
- Several drinking fountains replaced this winter
- Trails and Restoration crew recently replaced trail signage in PPSE. Close to completing a City-wide update of our trails inventory





2025 VOLUNTEER YEAR IN REVIEW

In 2025 we held:

**74 EVENTS
IN 15
PARKS**



Hosted

**1,000+ VOLUNTEERS
for
2,000+ HOURS**

Removing

44,000 SQ FT OF WEEDS

Spreading

54 CUBIC YRDS OF MULCH



Planting

**1,000+ NATIVE TREES
AND SHRUBS**



**THANK YOU
VOLUNTEERS!**



Volunteer Events

- 2/19 Pioneer Park
- 2/21 Clarke Beach
- 3/7 Pioneer Park
- 3/12 Luther Burbank Native Plant Nursery
- 3/14 Pioneer Park
- [Mercerisland.gov/calendar](https://www.mercerisland.gov/calendar)



OSCT Schedule

- 2/12/2026 Regular OSCT Meeting
- 4/16/2026 Regular OSCT Meeting
- 7/16/2026 Regular OSCT Meeting
- 10/15/2026 Regular OSCT Meeting
- Quarterly regular meetings held on the third Thursday of the month. Meetings will take place from 5pm-7pm.

