



# Department Report April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026

## Open Space Conservancy Trust



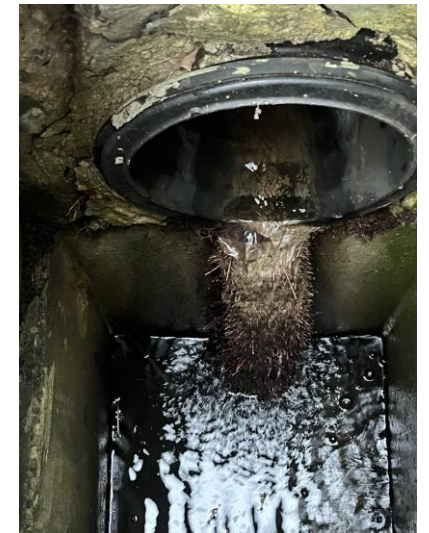
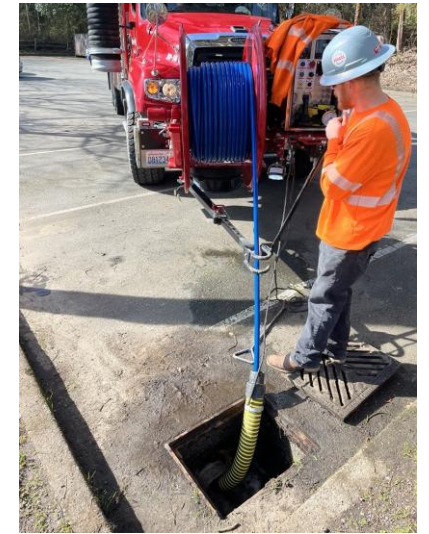
# Pioneer Park

- This week was our first Stormwater Stewardship event. Volunteers removed weeds and non-native grasses from a drainage ditch along Island Crest Way and will be replanting with pollinator friendly plants and grasses that will help to filter stormwater.
- Staff will be reaching out to adjacent properties soon, providing educational materials per the Fire Management plan



# Maintenance Updates

- Gateway concrete completed
- Storm lines blocked by roots in Luther Burbank
- First Hill fence repair
- Seasonal hiring wrapping up with new team members starting 5/4





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- Mercer Island boat launch back open
- Swim lines being installed
- Spring irrigation start up soon

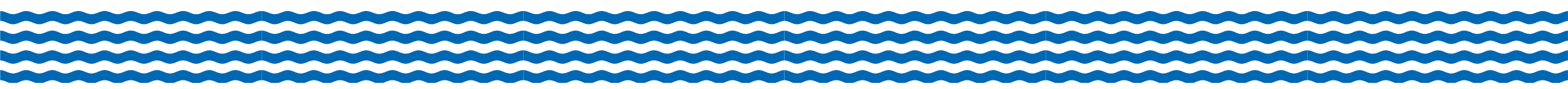
# First Hill Ribbon Cutting

- The City will host a ribbon cutting event for the renovated playground at First Hill Park in May!
- Save the Date – Tuesday, May 5, at 4pm, at the park
- Join the City Council for light refreshments as we celebrate another successful playground project for the Mercer Island community



# Annual Board and Commission Recruitment March 25-May 8

- Recruitment for annual appointments to the City's advisory boards and commissions are open March 25 to May 8
- Annual appointments at the May 19 City Council meeting
- Arts Council, Open Space Conservancy Trust, Parks and Recreation Commission, Utility Board





# EARTH MONTH EVENTS

## APRIL 2026

SU	M	TU	W	TH	F	SA
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

Shop secondhand all month at the All Things Shop!

- 29 - Recycling Event, 9a-3p, Mercer Island Boat Launch
- 4 - Volunteer Event, 10a-1p, Gallagher Hill Open Space
- 7 - Mindfulness Walk, 11a-12p, Pioneer Park
- 9 - Volunteer Event, 12p-2p, Native Plant Nursery
- 11 - Paint Recycling Event, 9a-3p, City Hall
- 11 - Volunteer Event, 9:30a-11:30a, Ellis Pond
- 14 - Stormwater Stewardship, 1p-3p, Pioneer Park
- 15 - Garden Club, 1p-3p, Gallagher Hill Habitat Garden
- 16 - Nature Journaling, 10a-12p, Pioneer Park
- 18 - Volunteer Event, 10a-1p, Homestead Field
- 21 - Plant ID Walk, 1p-3p, Pioneer Park
- 22 - Art in E(CART)H Day, 1p-3p, Clarke Beach Park
- 23 - SUSTAINABLE FASHION SHOW, 11a-1p, MICEC
- 23 - Heat Pump Workshop, 5:30p-6:30p, MICEC
- 25 - Volunteer Event, 9a-11a, Wildwood Park
- 25 - Noxious Weeds Class, 10a-12p, MICEC
- 25 - Guided Bird Watching Walk, 9a, North Luther Burbank Parking Lot Kiosk
- 30 - Mindfulness Walk, 11a-12p, Pioneer Park



Scan for more info



# Mercer Island Open Space Conservancy Trust

## 2026 Work Plan

Meeting Date	Agenda Item
February 12	<b>Annual Report to Council:</b> The Trust is required in its bylaws to report to City Council each year on the status of Trust properties.
	<b>OSCT Work Plan:</b> The Trust develops a list of topics that it intends to address during the year (this document). This work plan is submitted to City Council with the Annual Report as a courtesy.
	<b>Quadrant Reports (ongoing item):</b> Trustees will report on the condition of certain quadrants at Trust board meetings.
April 16	<b>Trail Work Plan:</b> City staff report to the Trust on intended maintenance activities in the spring of each year, and recap work completed in the previous year. This report includes status of recently decommissioned social trails on Trust properties.
	<b>Restoration Work Plan:</b> City staff report to the Trust on planned restoration activities, and recap work completed in the previous year.
	<b>E-bike Policy Update:</b> Staff will update the Trust on this process
	<b>Off-leash dogs:</b> The Trust will evaluate success of education measures over the past year and discuss possible changes.
July 16	<b>Election of Officers:</b> The Trust is required by its bylaws to elect officers at its July meeting each year.
	<b>Herbicide application report:</b> City staff will report on the use of herbicides on Trust properties each year, in accordance with the Herbicide Use Protocol.
	<b>Signage Inventory and Update:</b> The Trust will evaluate current signage and needs.
	<b>Bench Donations:</b> Review map of approved bench locations.
October 15	<b>Forest Health Assessment Update:</b> Staff will update the Trust on results and implementation of the 2024 Forest Health Assessment.
	<b>OSCT Schedule 2027:</b> Per the Bylaws, the calendar of meetings shall be set by the Board at the last meeting of the calendar year.
	<b>Scout Project recognition:</b> The Trust will recognize scout projects that have benefited Trust Properties.

*Note: The listing of an item under a particular month indicates that the item will be introduced at that meeting. There may be follow-up discussions and decisions at subsequent meetings, as directed by the Chair.*

