

# Volunteer Saturdays begin at LWSC, Montlake and Fremont Cuts

## SEATTLE DISTRICT, NORTHWESTERN DIVISION

**WHO:** LWSC NRM Section; Gardener Marena Yarnell

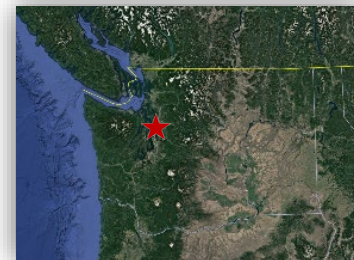
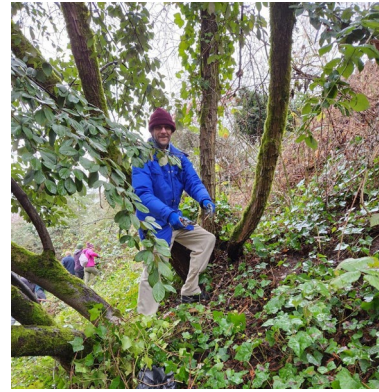
**WHAT:** Created Volunteer Saturdays once a month for the public to take part in habitat restoration on LWSC managed lands

**WHEN:** November 2024

**WHERE:** Lake Washington Ship Canal; Montlake and Fremont Cuts

**WHY:** Land areas managed by USACE LWSC NRM section at both the Fremont and Montlake Cuts are regularly undergoing environmental restoration. Gardener Marena Yarnell has created the opportunity for volunteers from the public to work alongside USACE in the restoration efforts.

**WHAT'S NEXT:** Volunteer Saturdays will take place on the second Saturday of every month.



**Left:** Gardener Marena Yarnell with volunteer supplies

**Top Middle:** Volunteer and Seattle District employee, Stephen Osgood removing English ivy from a tree

**Top Right:** Park Ranger Peter Lundberg and Gardener Marena Yarnell with the UW Men's Rowing team after joining Second Saturday Volunteer event

**Bottom Middle:** Gardener Marena Yarnell with volunteers at Fremont Cut as a ship is passing

**Bottom Right:** Gardener Marena with volunteers at Montlake

## Summary:

The Lake Washington Ship Canal Natural Resource Management section manages USACE lands at the Montlake and Fremont Cuts for invasive vegetation, and Gardener Marena Yarnell has created the opportunity for volunteers from the public to work alongside our staff in restoration efforts. Beginning in November of 2024, this event has taken place on the second Saturday of every month, alternating between the two Cuts. NRM staff have been joined in the winter weather by 59 volunteers including the UW Men's Rowing team and a Seattle district employee. Since the Second Saturday Volunteer events have started, over 40 bags of English ivy and approximately an acre of other invasive species such as blackberry, *Clematis*, morning glory, etc. have been removed.