



UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON ROWING - BEYOND THE BOAT MONTLAKE CUT SEATTLE DISTRICT, NORTHWEST DIVISION

NWD Priority: Programs/Environmental Stewardship/People - community engagement.

WHO: UW Men's Rowing Team, Seattle Parks and Recreation - Volunteer Program

WHAT: Lake Washington Ship Canal Montlake Cut view shed improvement and visitor safety project

WHEN: 03 February 2024

WHERE: Lake Washington Ship Canal south side of the Montlake Cut, Seattle, WA.

WHY: The Montlake Cut is the 'stadium' for the UW Rowing Team. This partnership allows the team to connect with the community by volunteering.

WHAT'S NEXT: Staff will work to prepare the site for public safety and viewing of the annual Opening Day Celebration and the 37th Windermere Cup Regatta May 4, 2024



Lake Washington Ship Canal Natural Resource Management staff partnered with University of Washington Men's Rowing Team and Seattle Parks and Recreation Volunteer Program to improve visitor safety and views along the waterside trail on the south side of Montlake Cut. This volunteer event allowed UW Rowing's Beyond the Boat Program to develop leadership and connection to the community beyond the collegiate environment.

The team reduced hedge heights and widths, removed tree saplings, hauled debris away, scraped moss off walkways, removed invasive plants in two short hours. This resulted in increased visibility from waterside trail to waterway and better traction on hardscapes.

Partnering with the Parks department allowed USACE to have enough tools for the team of 47 volunteers who donated a total of 94 hours for a labor value of \$2,989.00. The value of time from Parks employees and of borrowed tools gives the project an estimated minimum value of \$3,654.00