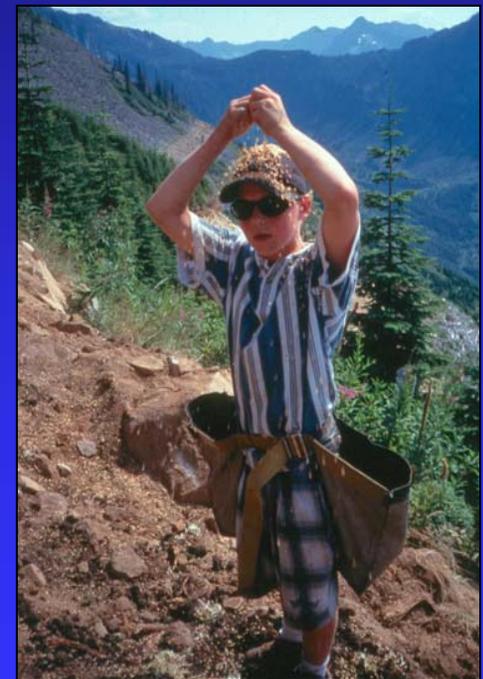
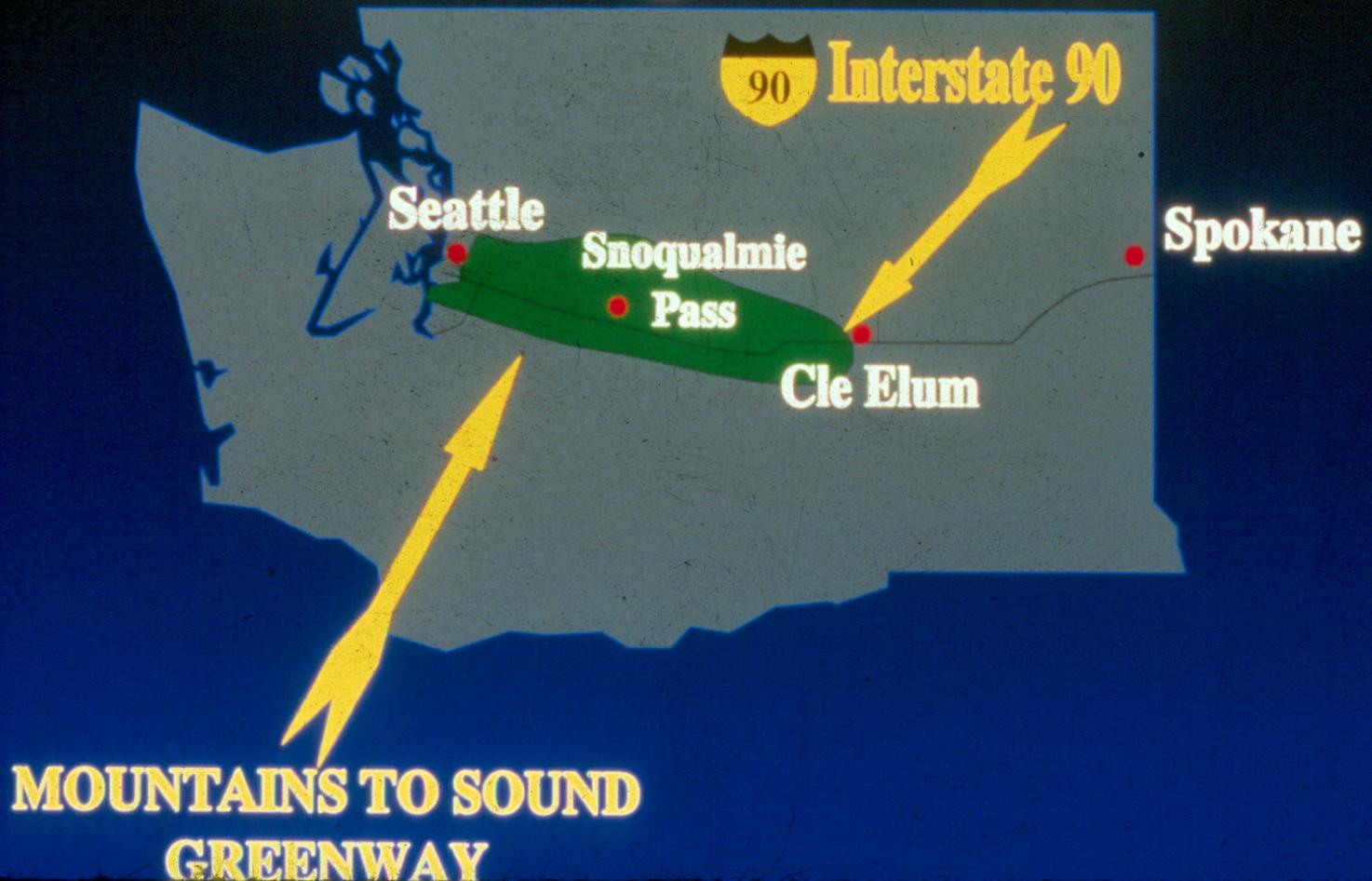


Greenway Connections

**Connecting People, Land and
Diverse Communities
Through Environmental
Stewardship**



Washington State



Partnership Assumptions

- People are increasingly becoming disconnected from the land.
- Diverse communities are under-represented in conservation interests, work and in National Forests.
- Diverse communities will eventually become the voting majority.

Partnership Assumptions

The Forest Service and our conservation work are at risk of becoming irrelevant if the trends continue.

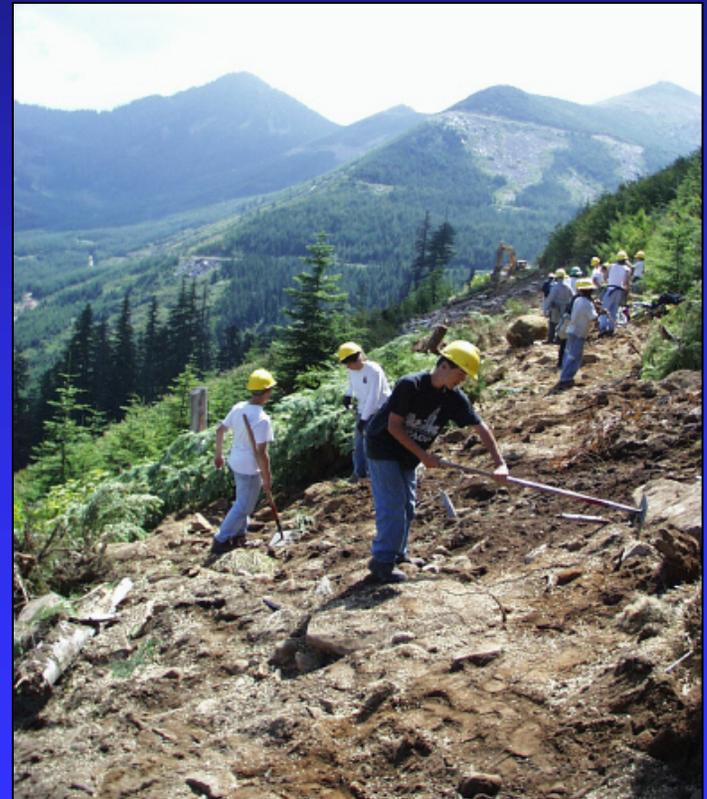
Therefore, a key conservation issue is connecting people to the land.

Partners



Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust

- A non-profit conservation group, comprised of business, citizens and government.
- Preserves, protects and enhances open spaces, working farms and forests along the Mountains to Sound Greenway Corridor (I-90) in Washington.



Partners



Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest

1.7-million acre urban
National Forest near
Seattle, WA

Seattle Forestry
Sciences Lab

Pacific Northwest
Research Station



Partners

American Forests

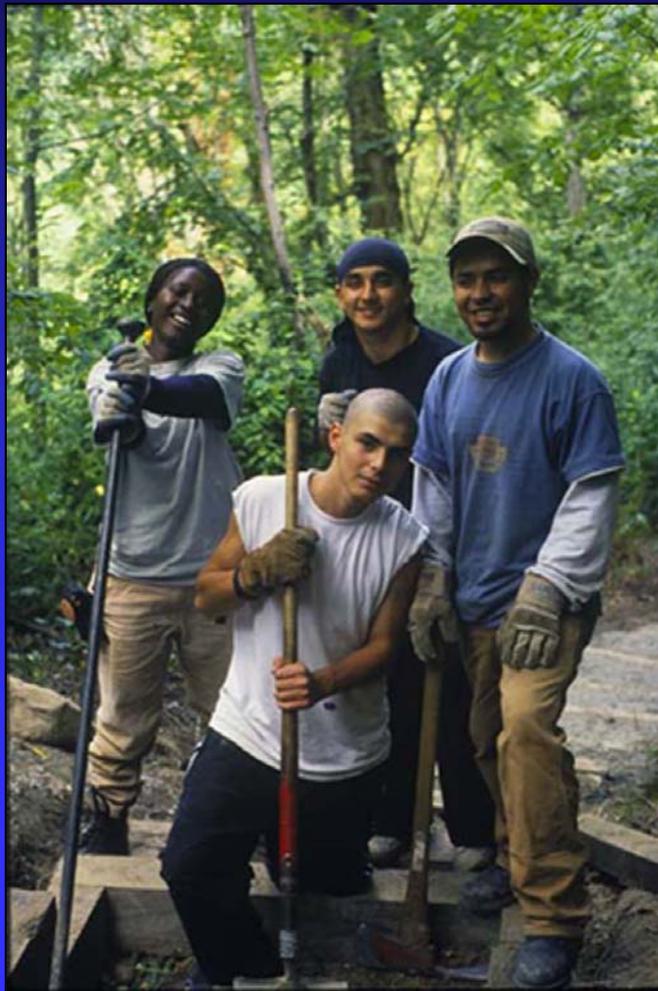


- Oldest national citizen conservation group in the United States.
- Bridges local and national resources to create models of communities working across urban and rural landscapes.
- Helps communities restore/maintain ecosystem health and community well-being.



Partners

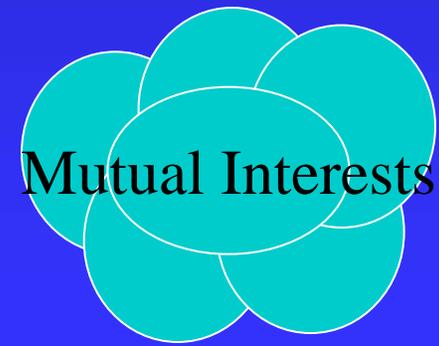
EarthCorps



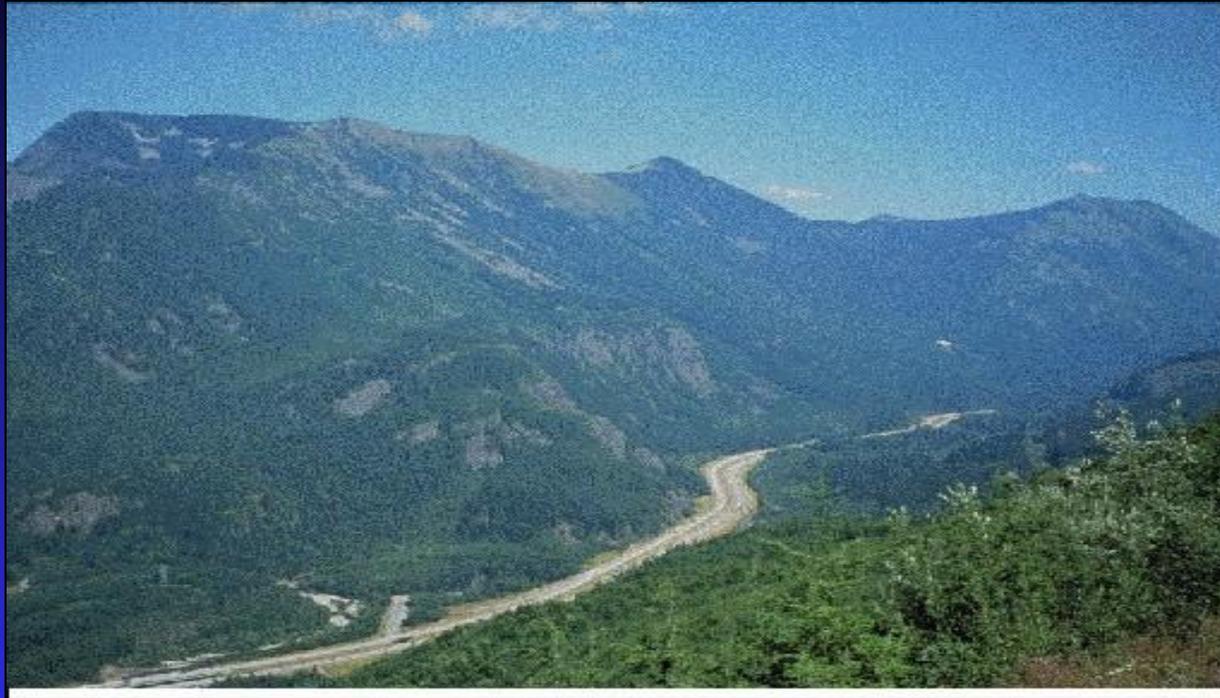
- Seattle-based non-profit organization that trains local and international youth in environmental restoration projects.
- Provides professional, quality stewardship and restoration projects that leverage public and private \$\$\$.

Mutual Interests of Partners

- Healthy and long-term sustainable communities and ecosystems.
- Building a stewardship constituency in urban and rural populations.
- Connecting diverse communities, people and ecosystems.
- Leveraging resources for restoration projects.



Partnership Vision



Conservation-minded citizens creating sustainable, diverse communities and ecosystems in the I-90 Mountains to Sound Greenway corridor in the state of Washington.

Partnership Strategy

- Long-term partnership for conservation.
- Start small, learn, develop, succeed and grow.
- Learn by doing and accomplishing conservation projects.

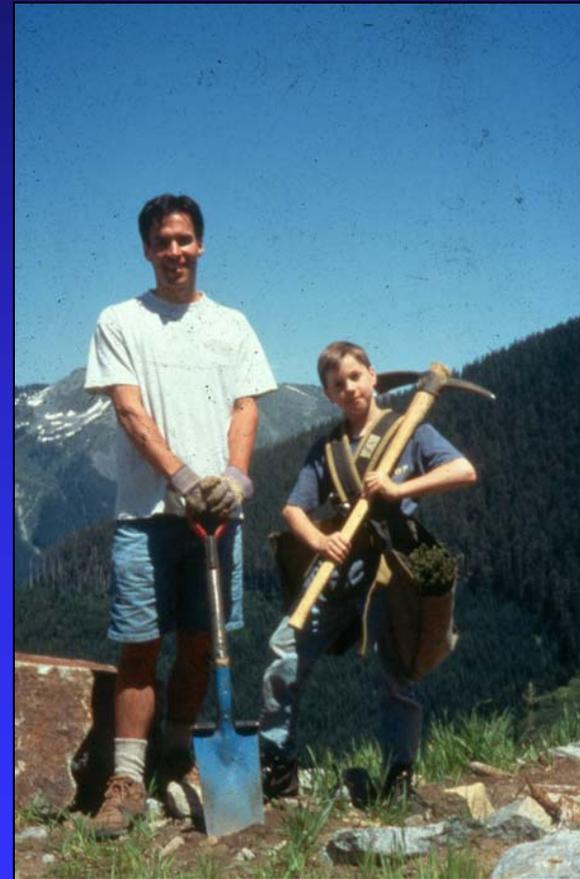
Partnership Strategy

- Invest in developing conservation citizens by providing conservation education and work opportunities.
- and.....

Partnership Strategy

...providing “escalating stewardship” and “cascading leadership” opportunities where older youth mentor younger youth.

- Restoration Apprenticeship Program**
- Year-Long Conservation Corps Experience**



Urban Schools

Cascading Leadership and Escalating Opportunities

Cleveland High School
Rural Public Lands
After- School and
4-H Clubs
Weekend Events

Mercer & Kimball Middle Schools
Community forests/projects

Dearborn Park Elementary
Earth Day Activities
Curriculum
Field Trips

Partnership Activities

- **Designing and approving conservation projects with agencies.**
- **Securing funding for projects.**
- **Implementing and supervising projects.**
- **Monitoring and evaluating social and ecological outcomes.**

Partnership Activities

- **Recruiting diverse participants.**
- **Learning from partnership activities.**
- **Conservation education.**
- **Developing relationships with urban and rural communities in the Greenway corridor.**

EarthCorps and Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust provide year-round restoration activities.

Trail construction/maintenance
Tree planting
Riparian restoration
Habitat enhancement

Washington State Dept. of Natural Resources
Washington State Parks
King/Pierce Counties & Seattle
Other Non-Profits

Summer Youth Program – Trails (2000-2001)

- Accomplished \$178,000 worth of trail reconstruction/maintenance on National Forest land.
- 107 EarthCorps youth participated.
- Cost to Forest Service - \$7,500.



Summer Youth Program - Trails



Summer Youth Program - Roads

During the past 7 years, Mountains to Sound and EarthCorps have:

- Removed over 25 miles of roads in the I-90 corridor using biosolids compost.
- Involved 500 youth and performed over \$1 million worth of work.
- Accomplished approx. 4 miles of full treatment road decommissioning on NF land.

Summer Youth Program – Roads



Summer Youth Program – Roads



Before



After

Dearborn Park Elementary - Earth Day Activities



650 Students (K-12)

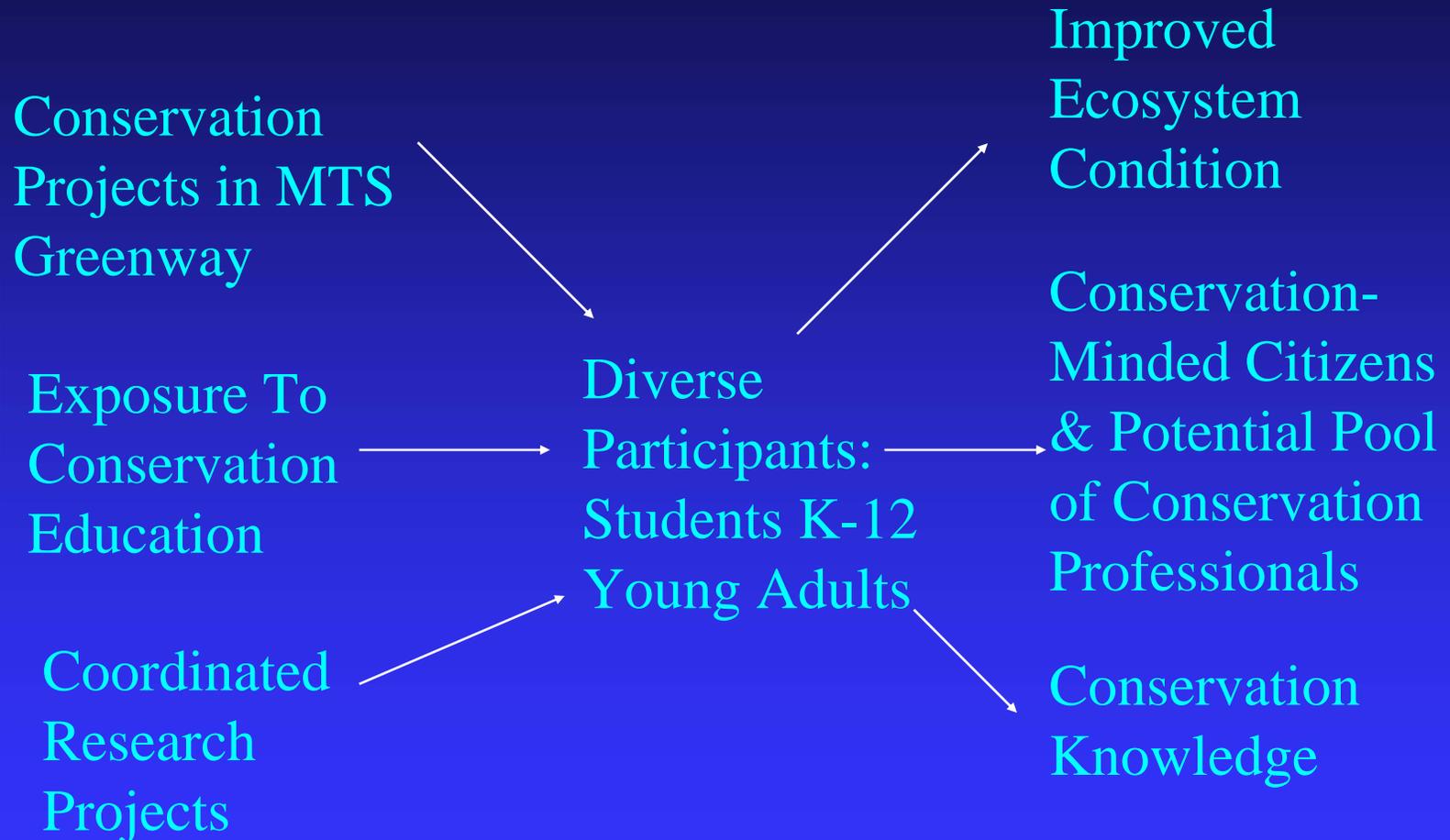
- Native plant gardens
- Trail mulching
- Ivy/blackberry removal



Dearborn Park Elementary – Director's Tour



Long-Term Conservation Investment



Discussion Points

- **Is this partnership moving in a direction that will achieve Agency goals/objectives?**
- **Does this work warrant higher-level leadership support in the agency?**
- **How can this model/project be sustainable over the long term?**
- **Can this partnership serve as a model for other urban National Forests?**

Environmental Restoration +
Youth Leadership Development
= Sustainable Communities

