Stromwater Outreach in the Riverton Neighborhood

Riverton volunteers have joined together with The Lands Council and hundreds of neighborhood residents to help prevent stormwater pollution. For the past four years, The Lands Council Outreach team has engaged as many community members as possible in ways they can do to minimize stormwater pollution and what they can do to minimize it. Together, we're working in the Riverton neighborhood near the Spokane River, just north of Trent Avenue. We chose this area because stormwater from this neighborhood goes directly into the river without being treated, so it's a great place to demonstrate the importance of minimizing pollutants and debris as it makes its way down storm drains and into the river.

By planting trees, we will help absorb rainwater in soils instead of running it into the river. Stormwater from residential areas contains pollutants such as fertilizer and pesticides, pet waste, and debris that can harm river ecosystems. Trees help absorb pollutants and debris as it makes its way down storm drains and into the river. In addition, a riparian buffer of vegetation will help prevent pollutants and debris from getting into stormwater systems. The trees will help absorb rainwater in soils instead of running it into the river.

For the Riverton neighborhood, The Lands Council will be planting Ponderosa pine seedlings. These seedlings are native to the region and will grow to provide a young riparian buffer. We're also giving out FREE biodegradable soap, disposing of pet waste, and picking up trash. You can help by picking up pet waste, disposing of trash, washing your car with biodegradable soap, and more. For more information, please contact Heidi Montez at hmontez@landscouncil.org or call Katie at (509) 999-3313.

The Riverton neighborhood Clean-Up will be held on Saturday, October 31 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Registration is required. To sign up, please visit our website or call Katie at (509) 999-3313.

Welcome! & congratulations!

We are excited to announce our new website! Thank you for your patience while we revamp our site and content. We hope that you like it and take some time to see what new changes we've made!

Heidi Montez, Special Projects & Outreach

Heidi has a background in sustainable construction. She is passionate about sustainability and self-sufficiency, and strives to be doing truly fulfilling work with a meaningful impact. Her career 42 years ago with First Interstate Bank, now Wells Fargo, and its name change to Downstream Bank. Heidi enjoys volunteering and has served on the Boards of Family Service Spokane, Thalidomide for Idaho, and has been involved in various programs with GU and special programs. She and her husband Dan, a board member of the Washington Trail Foundation, have a passion for the beauty of the outdoors and area wildlife.