

Friends of Pierce County

Pierce County is one of Washington's fastest-growing areas, with a 20 percent population growth rate over the last 10 years. Rapid population growth raises concerns about livable communities, congestion, pollution, and water quality. Without careful planning, the quality of life and our environment will be affected. Better communities are made by citizens working with their local governments. Friends of Pierce County, a nonprofit organization, works to educate and empower residents to create livable communities, and preserve and restore the environment. Friends of Pierce County collaborates with local agencies and other groups to promote sustainable development and environmentally sensitive land-planning practices.



Objectives

- Serve as an interactive link coordinating communication among communities, businesses, governments, and other active entities
- Educate and empower communities through public outreach
- Direct growth of community attributes that promote a sensible and sustainable balance between environment, equity, and economics
- Preserve and restore the natural ecosystem
- Promote livable communities with linked and shared resources
- Advocate for responsible and adaptive land use and transportation planning
- Advocate for responsible watershed planning and natural resource management
- Advocate for environmentally friendly planning, policies and best practices

FOPC Accomplishments

- Trained individuals to become community/environmental stewards
- Convinced Pierce County Council to adopt higher school impact fees to help our schools keep pace with growth
- Provided community stewardship and education through writing first ever citizen manual to help people understand the land use permit process in Pierce County
- Collaborated with Pierce County's Livable Community Initiative
- Partnered in saving local farmland by appealing Bonney Lake's and Sumner's UGA expansion into agriculture areas to the Growth Management Hearings Board
- Educated many community members about Comprehensive Plan Amendments through workshops
- Defeated UGA expansion in Gig Harbor
- Convinced the City of Gig Harbor to adopt Low Impact Development in its Comprehensive Plan

Join us at:

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