

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

AGENDA TITLE:	Proclamation Declaring Earth Day 2012 in the City of Shoreline
DEPARTMENT:	Public Works
PRESENTED BY:	Mark Relph, Public Works Director Rika Cecil, Environmental Programs Coordinator

PROBLEM/ISSUE STATEMENT:

This proclamation recognizes April 22, 2012, as Earth Day in Shoreline. It calls upon residents to celebrate this 42nd Anniversary of Earth Day by committing to protect our natural environment for ourselves, our children and future generations.

One successful example of our residents' commitment to build and protect our natural environment is the work done by the grassroots Pathway Project group, which is made up of Echo Lake residents. By transforming a secluded, inaccessible section of right-of-way into a beautiful, universally accessible pathway at Densmore Avenue N and N 188th Street, they not only supported the health benefits of walking, but also improved the surrounding habitat for native plants and wildlife.

The Pathway Project group viewed this shared, natural area as an asset with community value. They remained flexible throughout the project, realizing that their original goal of a community garden was not possible, due to lack of an onsite water source. In addition, they organized and inspired a significant number of volunteers through their vision of what could be done at the site.

Suzanne Wynne, Project Lead for the Pathway Project group, will accept the Earth Day Proclamation with the Council's appreciation of their volunteer work to enhance and protect Shoreline's environment.

RECOMMENDATION

Council should present the proclamation.

Approved By: City Manager **JU** City Attorney ____

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A: Earth Day Proclamation
Attachment B: Photos of Project Site



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, a healthy natural environment is the foundation of a vigorous society and a robust economy; and

WHEREAS, the City strives to create a sustainable environment that promotes individual health and which benefits the entire community of plants, wildlife and people; and

WHEREAS, small groups of residents can see the potential beauty in an abandoned piece of land, and collaborate to construct a space that encourages and nourishes all life; and

WHEREAS, Earth Day offers every individual an opportunity to protect our planet and build a flourishing community;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Keith A. McGlashan, Mayor of the City of Shoreline, on behalf of the Shoreline City Council, do hereby proclaim April 22, 2012, as

EARTH DAY

in the City of Shoreline, and call upon all citizens to celebrate this special occasion by actively protecting our natural environment.

Keith A. McGlashan, Mayor of Shoreline

Attachment B:

**Photos of Project Site –
Densmore Avenue N and N. 188th Street Pathway**

Before Looking East:



After Looking East:



Before Looking West:



After Looking West:

