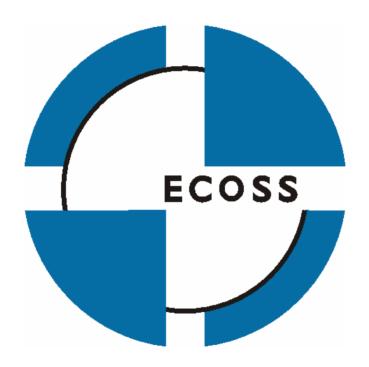
## **Shoreline Presentation**



**Environmental Coalition of South Seattle** 

# What businesses and the community say about us...

- "ECOSS saved us thousands of dollars and months of hassle with help on our storm water plan. ECOSS is an invaluable resource."
  - Bob Viggers, Manager of Charlie's Produce.
- "Charlie and ECOSS have managed to develop trust in a group (industrial businesses) that normally doesn't trust anyone."
  - Terry Seaman, Owner of Seidelhuber Ironworks
- "ECOSS has played a key role in the community. From the P Patch to the new library, they have been there at every turn"
  - Nigel Day, Chair of South Park Area Redevelopment Commit

## Who is ECOSS?

ECOSS is a 501.c.3 non-profit organization working with Puget Sound businesses and neighborhoods for an environmentally responsible community.

ECOSS provides environmentally-oriented education, technical resources and other services.

We serve as a voice for the community on issues that encourage a clean environment and urban redevelopment.



# What does ECOSS have to do with economic development?

 ECOSS works with businesses on Brownfields cleanup, stormwater and chemical pollution prevention and other environmental or regulatory issues.

 Businesses save money, solve problems, and enjoy a better partner in local communities.



## **ECOSS History**

- Established 1994
- Grown from South Seattle to work throughout Puget Sound and even consultation outside of the region.
- Recognized nationally as a unique and successful model.

### **ECOSS Structure**

- 13 member Board of Directors.
- Budget of over \$650,000
- ECOSS receives funds from a variety of sources:
  - Membership (over 75 businesses and 125 individuals)
  - Donations
  - Government grants and contracts
  - Foundation grants
- Programs for both Businesses and Residents



# What Programs?

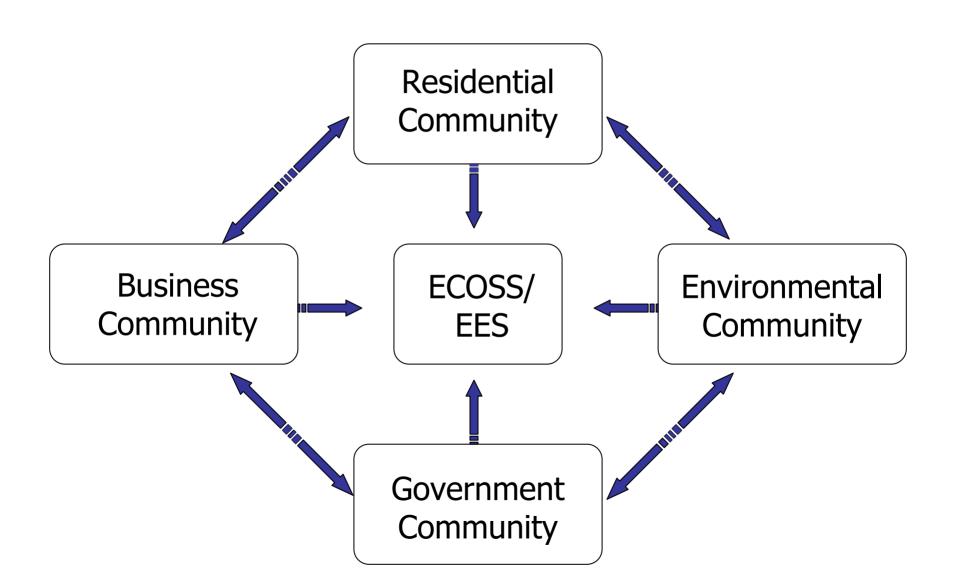
- Business Environmental Program
  - Environmental Extension Service
- Multi Cultural Outreach Education Program
  - Working with the English-as-a-second language residential and business communities
- Residential/Community Building Program
  - –Advocating, raising funds and helping to develop parks, community gardens, murals and libraries
  - -Working with families to reduce use of hazardous materials, increase recycling and teach water and energy conservation.



# Multi-Cultural Capabilities

- ECOSS Multi Cultural Outreach Team is itself an International Staff
- Working directly in communities
- 6 Languages
  - English, Spanish, Vietnamese, Chinese, Amharic (Ethiopia), and Tigrinian (Eritrea)
  - Now also working with ESL
  - Minority Businesses (different needs and culturallybased ways of doing business)

## **ECOSS Relationships**



# Business Program Highlight Environmental Extension Service (EES)

- Provides <u>free and confidential</u> door-to-door assistance to small businesses, including:
  - Brownfields cleanup & redevelopment program
    - Includes referrals to professional services, state BF revolving loan fund program, and federal grants
  - Pollution prevention
  - Stormwater management
  - Regulation, infrastructure & business development
  - City/county conservation, incentive, & award programs referrals



### **EES Program Staffing**

- Executive Director
  - Charlie Cunniff
- Environmental Extension Agents
  - Emery Bayley Geologist; Brownfields Program
  - Kevin Burrell Geologist; Stormwater Pollution Prevention, Business Assistance
  - Al Van Schaik Environmental Engineer; Hazardous Materials Management, Health & Safety programs
  - Jason McKinney Industrial Engineer; Business Outreach specialist
  - Alex Anderson Stormwater and Communications specialist
  - Michele Savelle GIS Specialist



### Pollution Prevention Program

#### Examples of Services

- Stormwater code compliance assistance
- Free and confidential site assessments
- Outreach/Education through presentations and workshops
- SWPPP assistance and other NPDES issues
- Stormwater pollution prevention training

#### Types of Results

- Product replacement and process change
- Waste management, handling, & storage improvements
- Develop training for emerging technologies
- Recycling & solid waste issues resolved
- Engineering, consultant & agency referrals



#### Benefits to Shoreline

- Encourage
  - economic development
    - Save money, grow businesses, promote redevelopment
  - clean technologies
  - environmentally responsible business planning
- Promote a better business climate
- Promote successful interactions with business in advance of regulatory compliance audits (i.e., stormwater issues)
- Promote Shoreline's image through environmental services and through environmental recognition/awards

#### Measurable Results ...

- ECOSS has worked with thousands of businesses and residents over the past eleven years
- ECOSS has helped the business community save millions of dollars in direct savings and avoided costs:
  - Clean up assistance
  - Pollution Prevention
  - Education
  - "Pre-regulatory" audits
  - Training
  - Access to grants and rebates



#### Success Pyramid

Final Outcome Measure

Number that Receive Intensive Services/Resources

Number of Contacts and Information Shared

# 2005 Highlights

#### Spill Kit Program

- Joint project with Seattle Public Utilities, The Resource Venture
- 430 Seattle businesses served:
- 25% ethnically owned or operated
- All received spill kits/voucher, spill plans, disposal guidelines, training
- Individual service would cost an estimated \$500 \$1000 each

#### Greening Ethnic Businesses Program

 100 Seattle businesses served: Water and energy conservation, recycling, stormwater pollution prevention, and food waste composting



## 2005 Highlights

#### Automotive Shop Sweep

- 400 Tacoma-Pierce County businesses
- Program in cooperation with Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department
- Provide stormwater pollution prevention education to auto shops
- Train businesses on proper spill prevention techniques

#### King County Biodiesel Work Group

- Resolve inter/intra-agency regulatory conflicts
- Educate agencies regarding emerging industry
- Result will allow biodiesel entrepreneurs to locate new fueling stations under uniform regulations throughout Western Washington
- Help support the local economy and environment with clean technologies



# Why Shoreline?

- Shoreline is ...
  - a quickly growing city, with a burgeoning and diverse business community
  - proud of its environment and at the same time is embarking on an historical beautification program
  - compact enough that targeted programs can be successful
- Shoreline has a vocal environmental community
- Shoreline has many challenges, both economic development and environmental problem-solving



## Many Reasons to Choose ECOSS ...

- ECOSS has deep familiarity with the needs of businesses
- ECOSS has a track record of success in assisting government agencies with the business community (11 years experience)
- ECOSS is familiar with the Seattle City Light and Water Saving Partnership rebate programs and can assist businesses in accessing these services
- ECOSS is a non-profit, non-governmental organization
  - As such, we can have a different conversation with the business community and individual businesses
  - Our unique program does not supplant regulatory programs, but helps businesses prepare for the regulators and to access government funding and rebate programs

# The Shoreline Pilot Project

- Duration = 5 months (Sept 2005 through January 2006)
- Immediate contact with businesses, for sharing information and problem-solving
- Coordinate services in parallel to Community Capital but require no more than 50% overlap in businesses targeted
- Analysis of published data about the business community to determine segments for services
- Design of a larger, long-term program, including approach, timelines and activity levels
- Estimation of benefits to be achieved
- Potential Add-On = Public Works Department
  - Stormwater Pollution Prevention Education
  - Business Recycling Project

