

ECO Net (Education, Communication and Outreach Network) of Puget Sound

Local ECO Networks

12 Local ECO Networks have been formed. These are sub-networks of the broad ECO Network. They are meeting on a regular basis to collaborate and coordinate efforts to provide education, communication and outreach on environmental issues for their area. New members interested in getting involved are encouraged to contact the local ECO Net coordinator.

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Regional ECO Network

There is one sub ECO Network that is made up of organizations who have a multi-county or Puget Sound wide scope. This includes federal and state agencies, tribes, large non-profits, foundations, universities, business, etc. This network will meet about three times a year to work on coordinating messaging, priorities and efforts around the education, communication and outreach of environmental issues in Puget Sound. If your organization would like to join this network please contact the coordinator, Kristen Cooley: Kristen.cooley@psp.wa.gov.

ECO Net and the Puget Sound Starts Here Campaign (PSSH)

The Puget Sound Partnership and the STORM coalition (STormwater Outreach for Regional Municipalities) are working hard with the Regional and Local ECO Networks to disseminate and promote this campaign locally throughout Puget Sound.

Below are four ways the campaign connects with organizations in ECO Net.

- “Events Around the Sound” page on the PSSH website maps and lists events that ECO Net members put into the ECO Net database.
- “Get Involved” page lists ECO Net organizations that offer volunteer opportunities (will be searchable on Google map soon!).
- On the ECO Net database there is a link to a page to download all things PSSH!
- Each Local ECO Net is receiving a \$5,000 grant to promote the campaign locally.

ECO Net Database

A temporary tool for organizing ECO Net members and organizations, collecting event information to show on PSSH and Partnership website, and link to PSSH materials. You can sign up or access your account at <http://www.psp.wa.gov/econet.php>

The Partnership is working hard to build a much more robust and useful online networking tool that will be called Partner Net. Partner Net will allow ECO Net members to share all sorts of resources and information, calendars and event info, media such as pictures, videos, and websites, and much more. With a grant from the Boeing Charitable Foundation the Partnership will also be able to share the more appropriate information such as events, program descriptions, news items, etc. with the public through a sister tool called My Sound. Look for these tools to be available in early 2010.