**SEATTLE 4 ROTARY EARTH DAY PROGRAM WITH JON HOEKSTRA Q&A**

We unfortunately ran out of time for Q&A with Jon Hoekstra at our April 22 program, but he kindly followed up with answers to questions that had been asked in the chat box. His responses are included below. Didn’t have a chance to ask your question? Jon invited members to reach out to him directly at jon.hoekstra@mtsgreenway.org.

**From Jan Levy: Hi Jon -- great presentation - I love the Greenway! My question -- is there anything you are doing to reach out to communities of color to become acquainted with the Mountains to Sound Greenway?  It's a hidden gem that so many DON'T know about!**

Yes, one of the partnerships I am most proud of is our work with ECOSS (another Rotary partner). As part of their New Arrivals program, we teamed up to support a camping trip to the Middle Fork Snoqualmie Valley for young people from the Bhutanese refugee community. We have also joined with ECOSS to support Duwamish Alive! stewardship events where people from many different communities came together to improve natural areas along the Duwamish River. Our environmental education program provides hands-on environmental science curricula that meet state science standards. We focus on schools with high proportions of students receiving free and reduced cost lunch; many of those students are from communities of color who don’t have the same opportunity or access to outdoor education as wealthier school districts. And finally, we partner with King County Wastewater Treatment to sponsor a paid summer internship program for high school students who wonderfully reflect the diversity of students across the county.

**From Burr Stewart: Question: is anyone doing a similar thing in eastern WA or Idaho?**

Yes, though not yet at the scope or scale of things here in the Greenway. The Yakima Greenway has been connecting and improving a trail corridor along the Yakima River in Yakima. There is an excellent coalition working to preserve and care for the cross-state Palouse to Cascades Trail. And there has been some very good effort to protect and enhance a trail corridor along the interstate through the Idaho panhandle. The Wood River Land Trust has done a lot of good habitat protection and restoration work in and around Sun Valley too.

**From Marsha Mutisi: What a fantastic poster design!**

**From SJ Mackay: I know! I want one of these posters**

We may still have some! Let me see what I can find when we’re back to our office.

**From Catherine Gibson to Greenway Trust (Privately) : Rotary District 5030 should be part of your coalition**

We would be delighted. How might we take the next steps toward that?

**From Kim Moore: Could Sustainability also host a hiking event in the Greenway?**

**From Catherine Gibson: I’d be thrilled to co-lead a M2S hike**

The Greenway would be delighted to help with this when the time is right.

**From Marsha Mutisi: is this the same org behind the extensive restoration work near the Tacoma Dome?**

That is not the Mountains to Sound Greenway’s work, though I’m not sure who is leading that effort.