

Earth Share of Washington Resources 2008



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Resources Available:

- Brochures
- Speakers (multiple trained speakers from dozens of charities)
- Giveaways (recycled pencils, stickers, hats, tote bags, etc.)
- Earth Share 3-minute video

Speaking/tabling availability: King, Kitsap, Pierce, Snohomish, and Thurston counties

About: Earth Share of Washington represents **60+ leading organizations** that provide for livable communities and a healthy planet. Trained speakers can address issues such as **climate change, smart growth, land conservation, and recycling** and can speak to what we can all do to make a positive difference in our communities. Member organizations include Washington Trails Association, Cascade Land Conservancy, Bicycle Alliance, EarthCorps and more: visit www.esw.org for a complete list.

What Your Dollar Buys:

How your gift of \$10/month can help the environment

- Plant twenty trees, offsetting 20 tons of carbon dioxide emissions, which the average American is responsible for emitting into the atmosphere each year.
- Provide a two-person tent for park rangers in countries like Namibia, working to protect critical natural resources.
- Buy five water quality test kits for students to take on field trips to learn about the ecology of Puget Sound.

How your gift of \$20/month can help the environment

- Buy six complete home energy conservation kits for low-income Washington residents.
- Enable agency staff to advise state and local groups in designing drinking water protection and toxics substance prevention programs.
- Help maintain a consumer resource website and database for toxic-free toys.

How your gift of \$50/month can help the environment

- Plant one tree nursery outside Gombe National Park in Africa, helping reduce villager's dependency on forest wood and promote reforestation efforts.
- Sponsor one corpsmember--including food, health insurance and local transportation--for a young leader from Albania, Kenya, or Nepal to Seattle to learn and serve in Washington's parks and natural areas.

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A sampling of 2007-2008 Accomplishments:

- **Forests, Habitat & Wildlife:** Passed legislation to create the 106,577 acre Wild Sky Wilderness Area, the first Washington wilderness designation in 20+ years.
- **Parks and Recreation:** Contributed 73,500 volunteer hours to maintain 125 Washington hiking trails and utilized over 5,000 volunteers to remove invasive species at 397 Seattle parks and open spaces in 2007.
- **Energy and Climate:** Established the statewide Climate Action and Green Jobs initiative, creating 25,000 good jobs for Washington workers in the clean energy economy by 2020.
- **Sustainable Communities:** Provided safety training and rider education for over 4,500 current and future bicycle riders in 2007.
- **Pollution and Toxics:** Developed the HealthyToys.org website to educate parents about toxics in toys and helped pass a state law that encourages schools to purchase locally-grown food and produce.

Quiz Questions:

1) How many miles of trails are there in Washington?

A. 1,000 B. 5,000 C. 9,000

Answer: C. 9,000

These miles are a great resource for today's hikers, but in the 1930s, Washington was crossed by over 12,000 miles of trails. *Washington Trails Association* is one group working to counterbalance the effects of logging, changing land ownership, and reduced maintenance funds that have lead to this 3,000 mile decline.

2) What is the fastest growing new energy source in the world?

Answer: wind power

The Northwest is blessed with abundant renewable resource potential. With our varied climate zones and geology, we have enough potential solar, wind and geothermal resources to satisfy at least 40 percent of our electricity needs. The *Northwest Energy Coalition* promotes energy conservation and renewable energy resources by working on public policy and partnering with Northwest utilities, public utility commissions, elected officials, and state and federal agencies.

3) How long does it take for the following to biodegrade?

- Paper = 2-5 months
- Orange peels = 6 months
- Cigarette butts = 10-12 years
- Plastic bag = 10-12 years

