

Sammamish Native Plant Salvage Program

Promoting Financial and Environmental Sustainability

The City of Sammamish benefits from salvaging native plants from development sites. Because salvaged plants are adapted to local soil and climatic conditions, their survival rate on restoration sites may be higher than imported plants. These salvaged plants can be relocated to City parks, trails, and stormwater ponds to restore the environment and support nature in our city. Unlike typical non-native landscaping plants, native plants provide food and habitat for local, native wildlife and are better adapted to climate change challenges such as drought. Salvaged plants are taken to the Sammamish Native Plant Nursery where they are inventoried, cared for, and relocated.

Because the program relies on the help of volunteers, the Sammamish Native Plant Salvage program has financially sustained itself since 2003. Volunteers are welcome to participate in the salvage, maintenance, and propagation of native plants. In addition, volunteers can salvage plants for their own restoration projects or homes. This option also provides an opportunity to educate the community on the advantages of native plants and can offer satisfaction for the concerned in knowing these plants have been saved and can continue to thrive.

Please note that select plants will be dug with hand tools. Volunteers will receive training on the safe use of tools to be used. The volunteers will be required to sign a liability waiver created by the city. No damage to the site will occur other than the digging of shallow holes. The roadway and sidewalks will be cleaned of any debris before leaving.

For more native plant salvaging and gardening information, please see the following links:

- <http://jeffersoncd.org.s13831.gridserver.com/wp/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/Grow-your-own-native-landscape.pdf>
- [Grow-your-own-native-landscape.pdf \(gridserver.com\)](#)

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Trucks loaded with salvaged plants.



Storage of salvaged plants before the nursery was built.



Sammamish Stewards nursery at Beaver Lake Park's City maintenance facility.

