



2025 IMPACTS

AND MORE TO COME, WITH YOUR SUPPORT

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DEAR FRIENDS,

Your support makes a difference – right here at home, where we can each experience and celebrate how the land sustains us every day. We are so thankful to you for the accomplishments we've collectively achieved.

Together, we hold close to what connects us: the land beneath our feet and the communities it sustains. There's something deeply grounding about the landscapes we love. Our forests, shorelines, and green spaces offer stability and resilience that we all need more of now.

Together, we choose optimism and to focus on what we are capable of. We are lean, nimble, and determined. We choose to pivot where we must and push forward everywhere we can.

Your belief and support make this possible.

Together, we know that real progress starts on the ground, and that we can take charge of our own destiny through direct, local action to define the future we want.

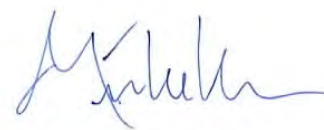
Thanks to your support, we can all find inspiration in the successes we've accomplished together in 2025 – conservation wins, partnerships that

leverage our collective strengths, the momentum of volunteers, and rewarding community projects that benefit people and place.

There's more to come. Long-time supporters know that conservation successes can take years of persistence, patience and reimagination. As we approach the season of gratitude and giving, we urge you to dig deep to support the place you love – it needs you more than ever.

Hope grows wild. And our commitment to Land for Good™ never stops.

In partnership,



Michelle Connor
President and CEO
Forterra NW



2025 CONSERVATION WINS

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2025 will close with a total of **485 acres** newly protected.



Projects totaling another **2,637 acres** are in progress and anticipated to close in 2026.

An additional **1,008 acres** are identified as potential projects for 2027, still in need of funding.



We continue our stewardship of **more than 18,000 acres** of treasured natural areas, forests and farms.

We've transferred to local ownership community strongholds in **Tacoma's Hilltop, Seattle's Rainier Valley, and Tukwila**, and are now winding down the **Strong Communities Funds**.



FROG'S HOME RETURNED TO THE YAKAMA NATION

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Frog's Home

TIME TO CELEBRATE! FROG'S HOME – 180 acres along the Yakima River – is now permanently preserved and returned to the **Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation**.

Rich in cultural and ecological importance, this sacred site south of Union Gap is a powerful symbol of collaboration between the Yakama Nation and Forterra.

Together, we raised more than \$2 million to make this vision a reality. The property acquisition and transfer closed this summer. Next, the Yakama Nation will restore the land to its natural beauty with plans to create an interpretive trail and cultural center.

[Learn more about Frog's Home.](#)



Forest on the Tacoma Sportsmen's Club property

WE FACILITATED THE \$3.49 MILLION purchase of 112 acres in the Frederickson area of Pierce County on behalf of the **Tacoma Sportsmen's Club Conservation Land Foundation**.

The acquisition protects critical forest and watershed lands in a fast-developing area while supporting the needs of a small community facing the loss of open space,

tree canopy, and wildlife habitat. It also reflects a forward-thinking model of conservation — one that embraces traditional recreational uses and environmental restoration and protection.

Discover additional details and quotes in [the press release](#).

OLD KACHESS LODGE

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WE COMPLETED REMOVAL OF dilapidated structures at the 30-acre property we purchased in 2024 to make way for a new wildlife corridor under I-90.

Partnering with **Snoqualmie Pass Fire & Rescue**, we opened this space to their recruit class of 13 volunteers for critical live training and exercises.



*Images courtesy of
Snoqualmie Pass Fire & Rescue*

CLOSING A CHAPTER: STRONG COMMUNITIES FUNDS

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WE HAVE COMPLETED SALES OF THE

community properties acquired with Forterra's social impact Strong Communities Funds (SCF), fulfilling our vision of helping neighborhoods realize aspirations of ownership and self-determination. Who owns land determines who benefits from it, and the transfer of the remaining three Strong Communities Fund investments empowers local communities to do just that.

2025 began with the January sale of the **Tacoma Hilltop property** to Homestead Community Land Trust. During our six-year hold of this keystone property, we provided space for community groups and artists

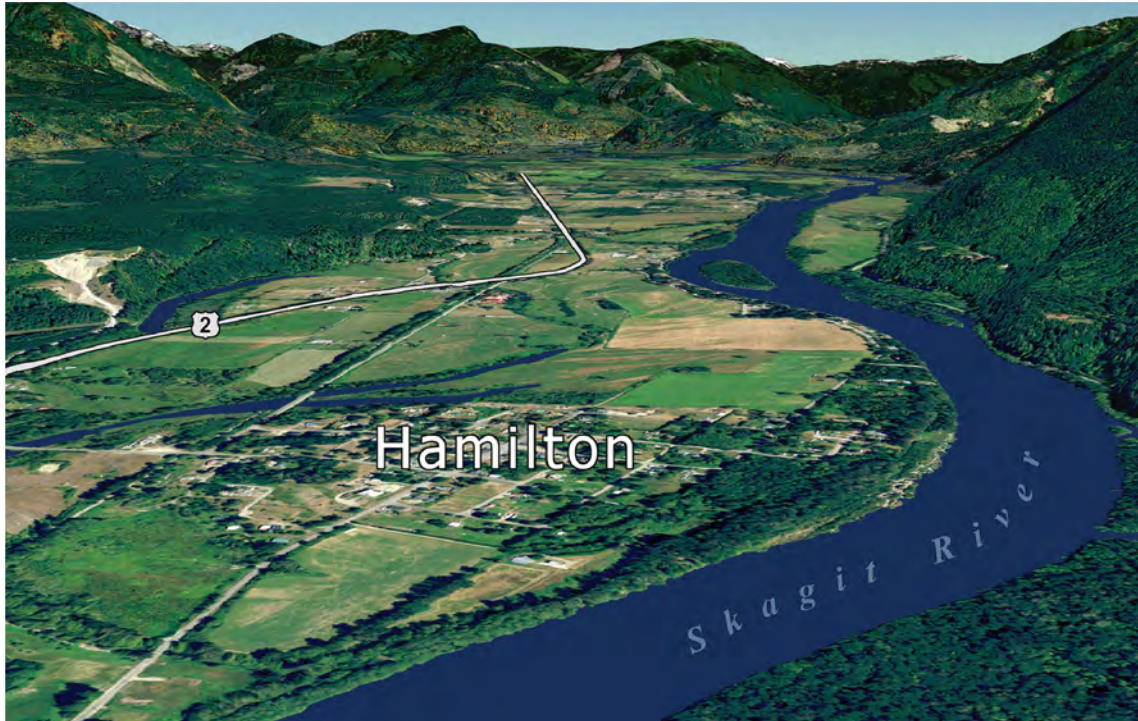
before finding the right buyer to carry forward the community's vision.

Homestead's purchase of the property now allows the dream of community-centered development to move forward.

In March, following five years of an affiliate of Abu Bakr Islamic Center providing shelter to community members in need of housing, we transferred a motel property in Tukwila, known as **Wadajir**, to another affiliate of the Abu Bakr Islamic Center for development into affordable housing and community-centered spaces.

In June, Africatown Community Land Trust paid off the Strong Communities Fund loan that enabled their purchase of the **South Walker Street** property near Rainier Avenue South in Seattle. Working together with the nonprofit HomeSight, Africatown is proceeding with its vision for development of affordable homeownership opportunities.

The sale of these properties to community buyers delivers on Forterra's vision of enabling community empowerment and ownership through social impact investments.



3D map of Hamilton and the Skagit River

NESTLED ALONG THE SKAGIT RIVER, the town of **Hamilton** is a rural community of 300 residents that has suffered from frequent, sometimes devastating, flooding since its incorporation in 1891. Forterra's work in the community has been funded by a 2023 Washington Department of Ecology grant to reduce flood hazards by funding community engagement, purchasing properties from willing sellers, removing old structures, and assisting with relocation for those moving out of harm's way.

In 2025, several residents expressed interest in selling. Five closings are

scheduled before year's end, and as confidence grows among community members that we are here for them – more potential sellers are reaching out. We are now working to secure more funding to purchase additional properties, remove more hazardous structures, and assist with relocations. When enough properties are aggregated, we will then work with partners and the town to implement restoration projects at scale.

Similar efforts are underway in the **Chehalis Basin** with flood plain protection projects in the Chehalis River estuary.

NEW PARTNERSHIP: SAVE OUR SHORELINE

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Columbia River

THIS SUMMER, SEVERAL COMMUNITY groups reached out seeking Forterra's engagement in conservation in southeast Washington.

To date, we have established a new partnership with **Save Our Shoreline** in Franklin County. The Tri-Cities area conservation group originated to protect

Columbia River riparian areas and build regional conservation capacity.

We look forward to contributing our real estate expertise while benefiting from guidance and community knowledge of local leaders.

GRAND RE-OPENING OF CAMP KILWORTH

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Camp Kilworth excitedly awaits the arrival of kids this summer

WE WERE HONORED TO PARTICIPATE in May's grand re-opening of Camp Kilworth in Federal Way, the former Boy Scout camp Forterra purchased in 2022 and now leased to the **Greater Seattle YMCA** for youth camps.

The YMCA hosted a joyful gathering of neighbors, volunteers, youth champions and partners who believe that all kids deserve a place to grow, explore and belong.

REMEDIATION AND COMMUNITY BENEFITS

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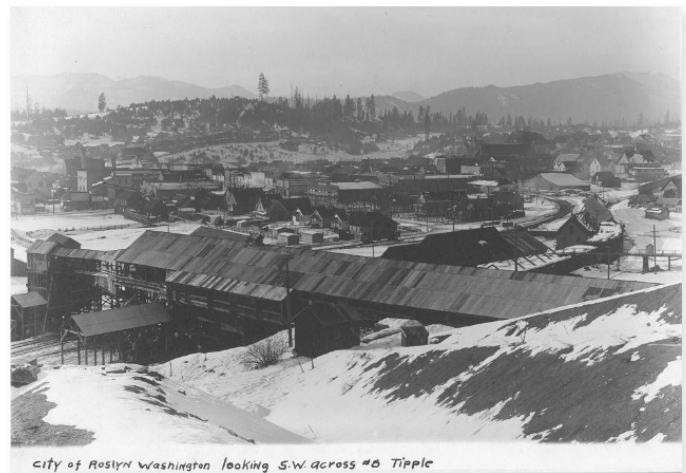
ROSLYN NUMBER 4 MINE SITE CLEANUP GRANT

This spring, Forterra secured a \$1.78 million **Brownfield Cleanup Grant** from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to clean up contamination at this historic coal mine.

We bought this 30-acre property with funds from the State of Washington with the aspiration of providing environmental and economic benefits to the town of **Roslyn** in Kittitas County.

The land can serve many needs, but to pursue any of those, the site must be cleaned up so it's safe for people and nature.

We are awaiting decisions by the town of Roslyn regarding zoning to determine next steps.



Old #4 mine, date unknown



Area slated for remediation and redevelopment

RESTORATION **SUCCESSES**

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An Exciting Trend

Restoration event
participation is on
the rise!

EVERGREEN RESTORATION PROGRAM

We hosted dozens of volunteer restoration events – from Forterra Fridays on the third week of the month, to corporate work parties and employee team-building days.

It's more than removing invasive species and digging in new native plants. It's building community.



EXCEEDING RESTORATION GOALS

- **36K+ sq ft** inaugural removal of invasive vines and plants
- **51K+ sq ft** of restored land maintained, a crucial step to ensuring initial investments in clearing invasive species is sustained
- Over **11,000 trees** ordered for the upcoming planting season – four times more than last year
- **4 planting events** this fall – more coming next spring
- **450 volunteers** (last year: 168)
- **1,072 volunteer hours** (last year: 365)
- **25 corporate partner** work parties

FORTERRA FRIDAYS

- **Launched** July 2024
- **117 volunteers** this year
- **280 volunteer hours** this year



COMMUNITY RESTORATION GRANTS

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Our excitement grows over Forterra's **Community Restoration Grants**, funded to date by two private philanthropic grantors.

This young program offers easily accessible funding opportunities for historically under-invested communities to take the

lead in restoring land for the well-being of both nature and people, with an emphasis on youth engagement.

We are currently seeking more corporate and philanthropic funders, so **please reach out if this program inspires you.**

OUR 2025 RECIPIENTS SO FAR



Northwest Youth Corps

This grant will support urban restoration, green job training, and wilderness immersion for 16 teens from across the Puget Sound region.



Environmental Science Center

With this grant funding, the Burien organization will partner with 10 students from Innovation Heights Academy and Highline School District to restore Hilltop Park over a six-week program.

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COMMUNITY RESTORATION GRANTS

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Delridge Neighborhoods Development Association

This Seattle organization will use this grant to engage students at Roxhill Elementary School to restore EC Hughes Playground Park, a vital green space close to where students live.



Whale Scout

This grant will fund a pilot program *Seeds to Sky: Exploring Careers in Ecological Restoration*, a new after school program for high school students in Bothell and the surrounding Northshore School District.



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This grant funds ongoing restoration at Rainier Beach in Seattle, engaging at least 200 community members to continue riparian buffer enhancement along the bank of Mapes Creek and replace invasive species with native plants.

GREEN CITIES: 20th ANNIVERSARY

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SINCE 2005, the Green City Partnership has brought people together to care for our urban forests — and it all began with one bold idea in Seattle.

In the early 2000s, Seattle’s forested parklands were facing a crisis. Large swaths of urban forest were overrun with invasive plants like English ivy and Himalayan blackberry, while many of the mature trees were nearing the end of their natural lifespans. Without intervention, the next generation of trees – and the many benefits they provide – would be lost.

In 2004, **Forterra** (then Cascade Land Conservancy) and the **City of Seattle** recognized the opportunity to reverse this trend through a bold, long-term approach.

Together, they launched the *Green Seattle Partnership*, a public–private effort guided by a 20-year strategic plan to restore and maintain 2,500 acres of the city’s forested parklands.

The plan paired ecological restoration with deep community engagement, ensuring that volunteers, nonprofits, businesses, and city agencies worked side-by-side to heal urban forests.

The success of the Green Seattle Partnership inspired other Puget Sound communities to adopt and adapt the model. Forterra began partnering with more cities, starting with Tacoma, Kirkland, and Redmond. Over time, this network grew into the Green City Partnership: 14 cities and one county, all committed to restoring and caring for forested parks and natural areas through a shared framework, each bringing their energy, creativity, and commitment to restoration.

While Forterra sparked and supported the day-to-day management of the Green City programs, that work has shifted over the last few years to the cities. Forterra continues to play a supporting role in the Green Cities Network, which brings cities together to share resources.



GREEN CITIES: 2005 - 2025

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1,865,826+

trees, shrubs, and
ground cover
planted

4,300+

acres enrolled
in restoration

40,559+

local events
hosted

Trained and
supported countless
forest stewards

**THE IMPACT OF
THE GREEN CITIES
SINCE 2005**

~826

events led or
assisted by
Forterra

265+

parks maintained
with active
restoration

1,724,939+

volunteer hours
logged

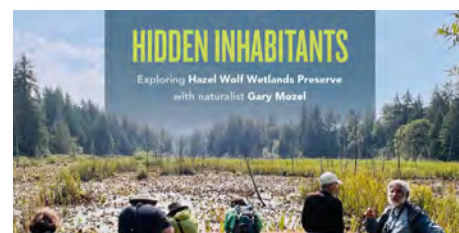
GROWING FORTERRA NATURE DISCOVERY™

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FORTERRA NATURE DISCOVERY™

Our second year of these free events has proven wildly popular. They're designed to build awareness of the special lands we care for, while cultivating a sense of well-being for our supporters through nature experiences.

Familiar friends and new ones enjoy special landscapes through the eyes of professional naturalists, educators and birders, photographers and artists, even forest meditation with the monks.



The 2026 lineup will be announced soon!

Sign up for our newsletter to ensure you don't miss the announcement.

STEWARDING OUR 'LIVING PROJECTS'

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SWAMP LAKE CONSERVATION THINNING

Early wins are already evident. An overly dense, wildfire prone, and undiversified forest along the **I-90 corridor** is transformed.

Our conservation thinning project this spring at **Swamp Lake** increased light for young seedlings and native shrubs and opened new wildlife habitat. Forest health and wildfire defense have been improved while boosting climate resilience.



CEDAR RIVER ESTUARY ON WILLAPA BAY

Career biologists, foresters and habitat experts gathered on a cold winter day to talk about forest health and wildlife habitat possibilities. We assessed our 720-acre property and the Hawks Point and North River property that the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife manages. Forterra, WDFW and American Forest Management put our heads together on how to improve habitat for the endangered **marbled murrelet**.

**Year-Round
Funding
Needed**

The **18,000 acres** Forterra stewards on both sides of the Cascades are 'living projects' that require financial resources. Each property has unique needs and requires staff to care for it, and this

property management isn't funded by grants.

Donor dollars make impactful differences in caring for these lands we all love.

LOOKING FORWARD

As the landscapes around us shift — economically, politically, and ecologically — one truth remains constant: our shared responsibility to care for this extraordinary place we call home.

Your support makes that care possible.

Together, we're ensuring that the lands we love will continue to sustain and inspire — today, and for generations to come.

Here's to more **Land for Good™**, where nature and people thrive together in places where everyone belongs.



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