

## Conservation News & Announcements

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### SPS Schools Honored at 2007 King County Earth Heroes Award Presentation

Two Seattle Public Schools were honored at the April 19, 2007 Earth Heroes at School Awards Presentation. The schools were honored by King County in the categories of "Students" and "Programs". The Students Award went to Clara Manahan, Philip Park, Teal Stannard of **West Woodland** Elementary. "These three students were leaders in establishing West Woodland as the third school in the Seattle School District to have a lunchroom composting and recycling program. They conducted research and shared their findings with the rest of the school; they designed a lesson plan to teach other students how to sort materials for composting, recycling and disposal; they monitored for quality control; they did this all with enthusiasm and passion." The Programs Award went to the **Laurelhurst** Elementary School Lunchroom Composting & Recycling Program. "Due to the efforts of the fifth grade students and teachers, lunch room garbage at Laurelhurst Elementary has been reduced by 88%. The fifth graders trained the other students how to separate their lunch waste for composting and recycling. Teachers Pat Howard, Grace Dubin, and Kristin Capps and parent volunteer Mindy McGovern all contributed significantly to establishing the program, which has demonstrated to the community that teamwork can have an impact on our environment."

For a complete list of the 2007 Earth Heroes at School Winners, [click here](#)