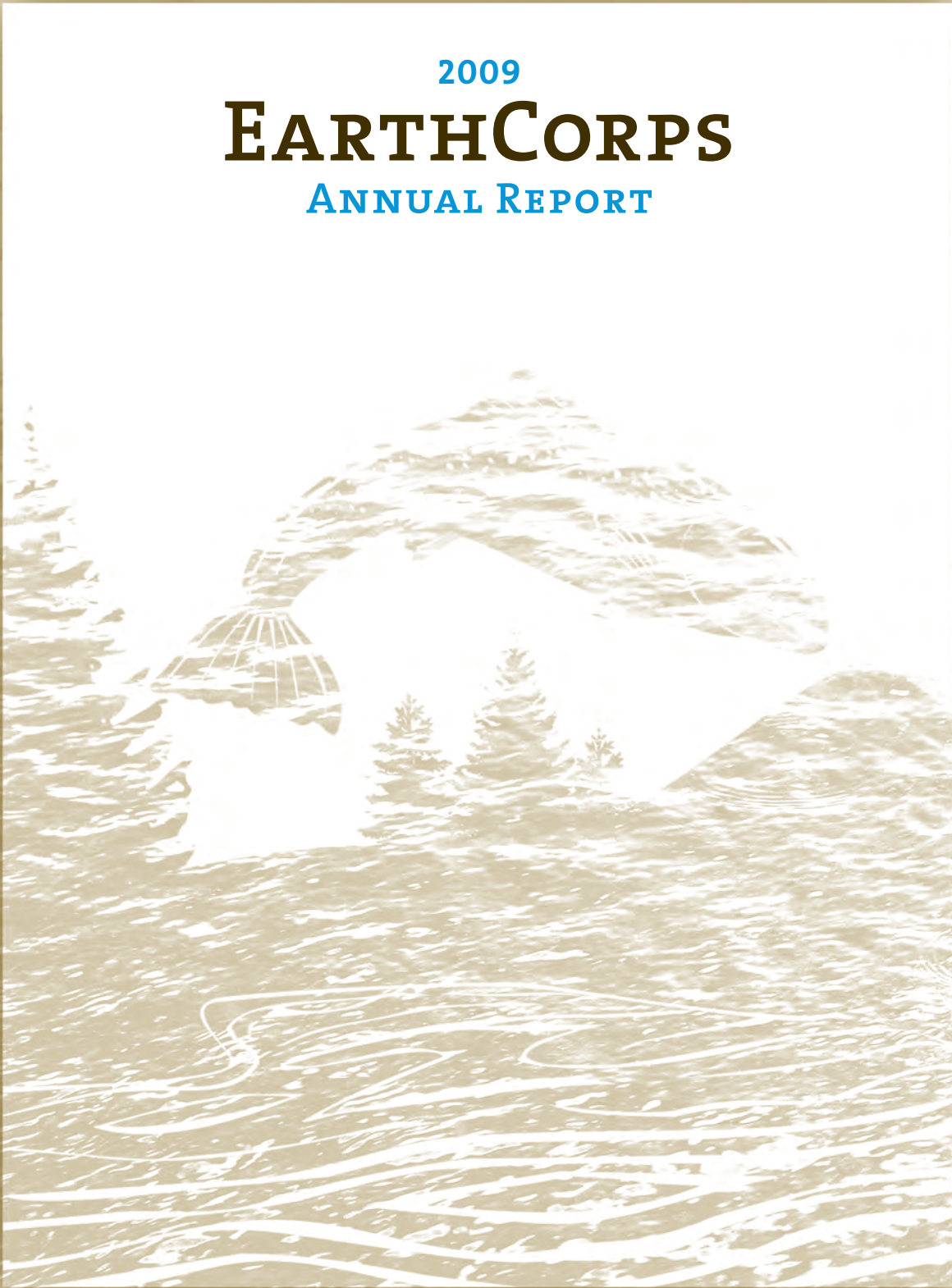


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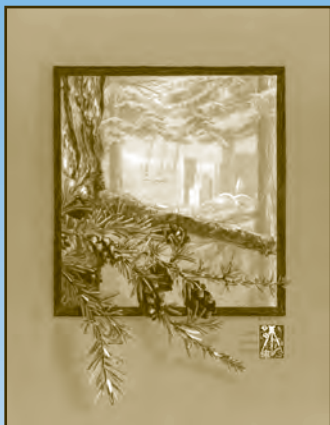
ANNUAL REPORT



A WATERSHED YEAR

2009 FIELD ACCOMPLISHMENTS

100,000 hours of service
11,300 volunteers
585 acres mapped
299 acres inventoried
190 acres of land in restoration
40,000 plants installed
5 miles of trail maintained



Newsflash – less than 300 acres of conifer forests remain in Seattle's 8,000 acres of public land! In the second habitat report from the Comprehensive Habitat Assessment, data reveal that conifer forests are an iconic but vanishing resource. The Green Seattle Partnership, with help from EarthCorps, partner organizations and thousands of volunteers, aims to reverse this trend. Explore this and other science publications at earthcorps.org under Resources.

FRONT COVER: Watershed illustration by Terry Brosseau

BACK COVER: Crew Leader Joe Neumann '08 (Illinois) carries an invasive holly sapling off the beach at West Seattle's Lincoln Park. Invasive trees pose a stubborn threat to urban watersheds.

Dear Friends,

2009 was a Watershed Year at EarthCorps. In addition to navigating a challenging economy, EarthCorps' staff and Board of Directors made the following watershed decisions:

- Commit to leading in the **science** of ecological restoration, mapping and monitoring;
- Re-commit to the **corps** in EarthCorps;
- View our work on a **watershed scale**.

Science – An important goal in our current Strategic Plan is to deploy the best possible practices in our work, according to restoration science and including mapping and GIS. We made a profound leap forward in August 2009 by joining forces with Seattle Urban Nature – a mapping and monitoring organization that has catalyzed restoration in the Seattle area since 1999. With two ecologists, a new Education Director, and GIS/GPS capabilities now in-house, EarthCorps is poised to provide a comprehensive suite of needed services to local land managers and community partners, and to involve the corps, volunteers, and students in restoration monitoring and citizen science.

Corps – EarthCorps has always been a people-centered organization, dedicated to selecting, equipping and networking the most promising young environmental leaders so they can maximize their impact in their communities. In 2009, we welcomed a visit from C. Srinivasan '97 (India), who told of his success in creating zero-waste, green roof and indigenous ecotourism/reforestation efforts in his home city of Vellore. How did EarthCorps transform his career? "EarthCorps helped me to understand that the goal is not to isolate people from nature, but to help both coexist sustainably."

Watershed Scale – Whether in Kenya, Mongolia, Guatemala, or around Puget Sound, EarthCorps corps members and alumni are working on projects that affect the health of watershed ecosystems. As restoration science advances, we're increasingly able to grasp the interconnectedness of projects that restore forest, stream, wetland and shoreline health, and how human activities in those zones impact everywhere downstream.

Thank you for helping EarthCorps boost the function of watersheds, here in Washington State and around the globe.

Sincerely,

Steve Dubiel, Executive Director



Alumnus Srinivasan visited EarthCorps and his homestay family in Seattle in November. (From left) Jim Skrivan, Steve Dubiel, Srinivasan Chandrae '97 (India), Jane Skrivan

FINANCIAL REPORT (AUDITED)

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES *for the year ended December 31, 2009*

	UNRESTRICTED	TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED	PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED	TOTAL
REVENUE				
Individual and Corporate Contributions	183,961	-	-	183,961
Foundation Grants	116,150	95,000	-	211,150
Government Grants	60,885	-	-	60,885
In Kind Contributions	117,821	-	-	117,821
Fundraising Events, net of expenses	91,908	-	-	91,908
Program Services	1,429,466	-	-	1,429,466
Investment and Miscellaneous Income	(8,318)	-	-	(8,318)
Contribution of Seattle Urban Nature Net Assets	131,639	-	-	131,639
Funds Released from Restrictions	96,500	(96,500)	-	-
Total Revenue	2,220,012	(1,500)	-	2,218,512
EXPENSES				
Program Services	1,813,635	-	-	1,813,635
Management and General	230,984	-	-	230,984
Fundraising	80,132	-	-	80,132
Total Expenses	2,124,751	-	-	2,124,751
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	95,261	(1,500)	-	93,761*
Net Assets Beginning Of Year	980,405	96,500	3,300	1,080,205
Net Assets End Of Year	1,075,666	95,000	3,300	1,173,966

*Net income is the result of a one-time acquisition of assets from joining forces with Seattle Urban Nature.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION *at December 31, 2009*

ASSETS

Current Assets:

Cash & Cash Equivalents	536,103
Investments	126,685
Pledges Receivable	29,675
Accounts Receivable, net	287,932
Prepaid Expenses	19,339
Total Current Assets	999,734

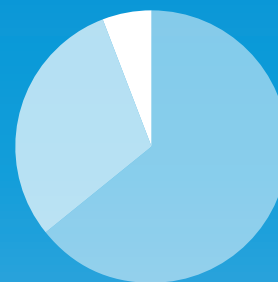
Cash & Cash Equivalents - Board Designated	200,000
Investments - Endowment Funds	4,575
Net Property and Equipment	52,771
Unemployment Trust Deposits	53,978
Total Assets	1,311,058

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Accounts Payable	35,731
Accrued Payroll	45,933
Accrued Vacation	33,450
Deferred Revenue	21,978
Total Current Liabilities	137,092

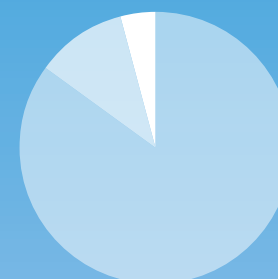
Net Assets:

Unrestricted	
Undesignated	875,666
Designated for operating reserves	200,000
Total Unrestricted	1,075,666
Temporarily Restricted	95,000
Permanently Restricted	3,300
Total Net Assets	1,173,966
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	1,311,058



REVENUE

- Program Revenue 64%
- Grants & Donations 30%
- Other 6%



EXPENSES

- Program Services 85%
- Management & General 11%
- Fundraising 4%

WATERSHED MOMENT

The Importance of Homestays

As a busy professional, it's great to know that I can make a global environmental impact from home as a homestay host family. By opening my home to the international participants of EarthCorps, I've made lifelong friends from Tanzania and beyond.

Karen Waters

– Karen Waters, Board President



Homestays make EarthCorps' global exchange program possible. Thank you!

2009 WORK SITES



Rachel Maranto '10 (Indiana) frees a native madrone from blackberry on Maury Island.



Zoom in on restoration project sites on the interactive habitat map—the most comprehensive map of its kind in the US. It was created by EarthCorps Science ecologists to provide citizen monitoring for the Green Seattle Partnership. Explore it at earthcorps.org under Resources.

AUBURN
Fenster Levee
Green River
Stuck River Drive

BELLEVUE
Kelsey Creek

BELLINGHAM
Cliffside Beach

BURIEN
Eagle Landing Park
Salmon Creek Ravine

CARNATION
Christmas Tree Farm
Huskinson Property
Thorson X-Mas Tree Farm

CEDAR RIVER WATERSHED

DUVALL
Boshaw Property

ENUMCLAW
Boise Creek Restoration Project
Huffman Property
Traub Property

FALL CITY
Aldair Levee

FEDERAL WAY
Dumas Bay Park
East Fork Hylebos
Lower Hylebos Marsh
Spring Valley Open Space
West Hylebos Wetlands Park

ISSAQUAH
Klahanie - Sutters Pond
Klahanie Mountain View Pool Area
Klahanie Yellow Lake Trail
Red Cedar Grove
Yellow Lake Trail

KENT
Briscoe Levee
Green River
Horseshoe Bend

KIRKLAND
Carillon Woods Parks
Cochran Springs Creek
Cotton Hill Park
Juanita Bay Park
Juanita Beach Park
Juanita Creek
Kiwanis Park
Totem Lake
Watershed Park

LAKE FOREST PARK
Lewith Home

LYNNWOOD
Pioneer Park

MAPLE VALLEY
Baumgart Property
Cedar River
Cedar River
Langdahl Property
Maple Valley Riverside Park
Peterson Property

MERCER ISLAND
Clarke Beach
Ellis Pond

Island Crest Park
Pioneer Park
Sub Basin 26
Wildwood Park

MILTON
West Milton Stream

MOUNTAINS TO SOUND GREENWAY
Squak Mountain

MT. BAKER-SNOQUALMIE NATIONAL FOREST
Lower Tuscohatchie Lake
Annette Lake
Gem Lake
Gravel Lake
Island Lake
Mason Lake
Meadow Creek Trail
Melawka Lake
Olallie Lake
Pear Lake
Pratt Lake
Rainbow Lake
Snoqualmie Lake
Snow Lake
Summit Lake
Talapus Lake

MT. RAINIER NATIONAL PARK
Glacier Basin Trail

NORMANDY PARK
Walker Creek

NORTH BEND
Coppula Property
South Fork Snoqualmie River

OKANOGAN-WENATCHEE NATIONAL FOREST
Ridge Lake

ORTING
Bee Spit Honey

PORT SUSAN BAY PRESERVE

REDMOND
Bear Creek
Evans Creek Trail
Perrigo Park
Sammamish at Peter's Creek
Sammamish Releaf
Sammamish River Park
Viewpoint Greenspace

RENTON
Cedar Rapids Levee
King Conservation District Wetland Plant Cooperative Nursery

SAN JUAN NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK

SEATTLE
117th St
Alder Creek Natural Area
Arboretum
Beacon Hill
Brandon Street Natural Area
Burke Gilman Trail
Camp Long
Carkeek Park
Cheasty Greenspace
Cloverdale Culvert
Colman Park
Conibear Shellhouse Wetland
Dearborn Park
Delridge Natural Area
Des Moines Creek
Discovery Park
Dr Jose Rizal Park
East Harrison
East Duwamish Greenbelt
Fauntleroy Park
Freemont Bridge Embankment
Frink Park
Golden Gardens
Hitt's Hill
Interlaken Park
Kiwanis Ravine
Kiwanis Wildlife Corridor
Lakeridge Park
Lawton Park
Leschi Natural Area
Leschi Overlook
Lewis Park
Licton Springs Park
Lincoln Park
Little Brook
Llandover Woods
Longfellow Creek
MacLean Park
Madrona Woods
Magnuson Park
Maple Leaf Reach
Maple School Ravine
Matthew's Beach
Me-Kwa-Mooks
Mt. Baker Park
Mt. Clair Park

Northeast Queen Anne Greenbelt
Orchard Street Ravine
Puget Creek
Ravenna Park
Ravenna Woods
Roanoke Park
Salmon Bay Natural Area
Schmitz Park
Seward Park
Spear and Gibson
St. Mark's Greenbelt
Thistle St. Greenspace
Thornton Creek 2, 6
Thornton Creek Natural Area: Sand Point
Venema Creek
Volunteer Park
Washington Park and Arboretum
West Duwamish Greenbelt
Westlake Path
Yesler Creek

SHORELINE
Hamlin Park
Paramount Park
Shoreview / Boeing Creek Park

SNOQUALMIE
Hill Property

SNOQUALMIE FALLS

STANWOOD
Elger Bay

TACOMA
Clear Creek
Gog Le Hi Te Wetland
Mowitch
Skookum Inlet
Skookum Wulge
Squally Beach
Tahoma Salt Marsh
Yowkwala

VASHON ISLAND
Brown Property
Needle & Judd Creeks

WHIDBEY ISLAND
Fire Station Mitigation Site
Langley Fire Station

WOODINVILLE
Willows Lodge



Corps members in the Cedar River Watershed.

2009 PROGRAMS

CORPS PROGRAM

EarthCorps' flagship corps program is an intensive year-round service learning experience for young adults ages 18-25 from across the United States and around the world. Up to 60 young adults participate in the program annually.

CREW LEADERS AND INTERNS

Selected corps program graduates qualify for advanced second-year leadership development training. Crew leaders work directly with the corps program. Interns combine environmental education and stewardship, working with youth and adult volunteers.

VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Volunteer events in local parks and open spaces engage thousands of community volunteers each year in restoring their local environment. More than 300 events were held in 2009, including collaborations with the Green Seattle, Green Kirkland and Green Tacoma Partnerships.

INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES

EarthCorps hosts participants and delegations from around the world to share best practices in youth development and environmental restoration work. EarthCorps also out-places externs, international participants who serve with other nonprofits and conservation corps.

SCIENCE

Since joining forces with Seattle Urban Nature in August 2009, EarthCorps now offers a suite of science services, including habitat and invasive species mapping, monitoring and experimental design, vegetation assessment and management planning, street tree and landscape area surveys, as well as citizen science education GIS and science education to our AmeriCorps and international corps members, volunteers, staff, municipalities and community organizations. Our City-wide Habitat Assessment project issues status reports on conifer, madrone, and other types of key habitat on Seattle's public lands. Our Interactive Habitat Map gives public access to one of the country's richest urban habitat data sets in an online user-friendly format and displays all restoration areas in the City of Seattle.

For more information about EarthCorps programs and requirements, see earthcorps.org

AWARDS

Cynthia Sullivan Award – Friends of the Hylebos

EarthCorps' highest award, named for the King County Councilwoman who created EarthCorps' first major public-private partnership, went to a group that has shown outstanding support for watershed stewardship. FOH's passion for the outdoors, advocacy, outreach and partnerships are making one of the region's most significant watersheds, a healthier place for people, salmon and wildlife.



Corps members join alumna Lylianna Allala '06 (third from left), Restoration Coordinator with Friends of the Hylebos.



Shannon Luoma '04 samples a bagel at Seattle's Seward Park.

Alumni Award – Shannon Luoma '04

Shannon exemplifies environmental and community leadership through her work with Seattle-based EOS Alliance, where she established programs in habitat restoration, environmental education and a team of AmeriCorps members. She now works as an environmental consultant.

Corporate Great Citizen Award – Mithun

Since 1949, Mithun has been a national leader in sustainability and urbanism. West Seattle's High Point community exemplifies Mithun's expertise in environmentally-intelligent community design, connecting high-density, mixed-income housing to the Longfellow Creek watershed. Mithun employees are energetic volunteers and generous contributors to EarthCorps' habitat restoration projects.



Mithun employees and families joined EarthCorps at Mercer Island's Clarke Beach in August.

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IN MEMORIAM



*Igor with volunteers in
Seattle's Kiwanis Ravine.*

EarthCorps mourned the loss of Igor Luzhkov '09 (Russia). He was a devoted steward of the earth and a friend to all.

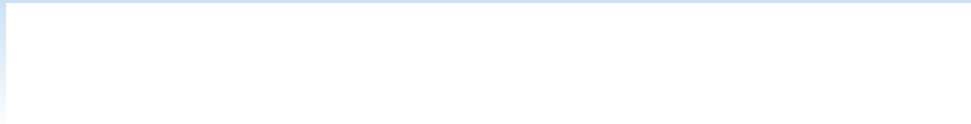
"We are very proud of Igor, our beloved son, who participated along with other volunteers in the EarthCorps program last summer. Thank you very much for sharing the pain and sadness of our loss."

– Mikhail and Tatiana Luzhkov

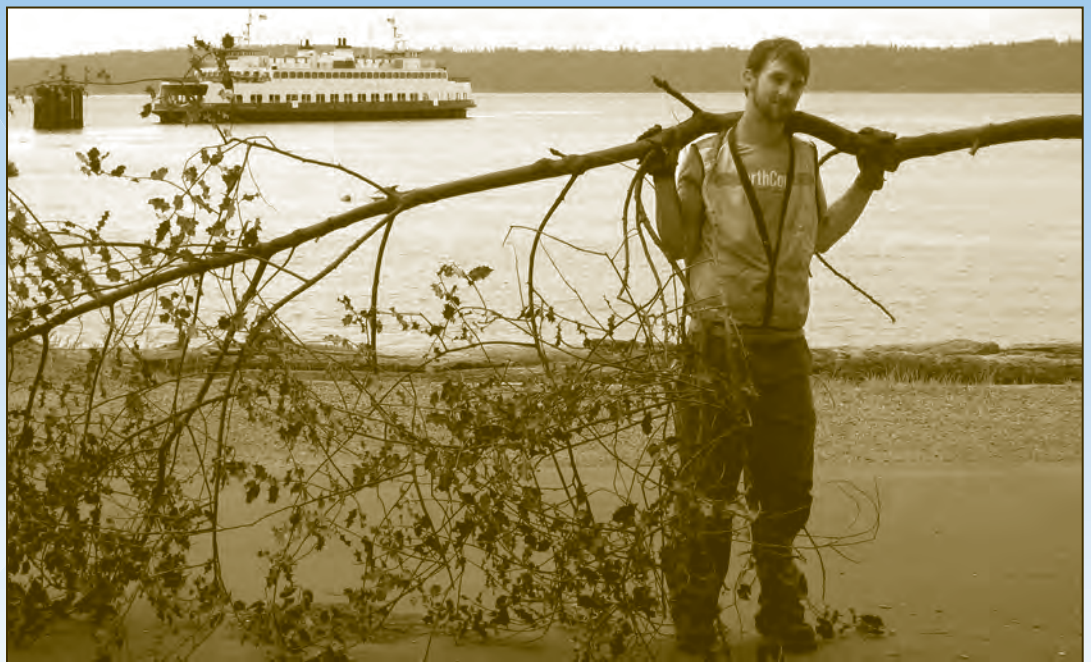


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