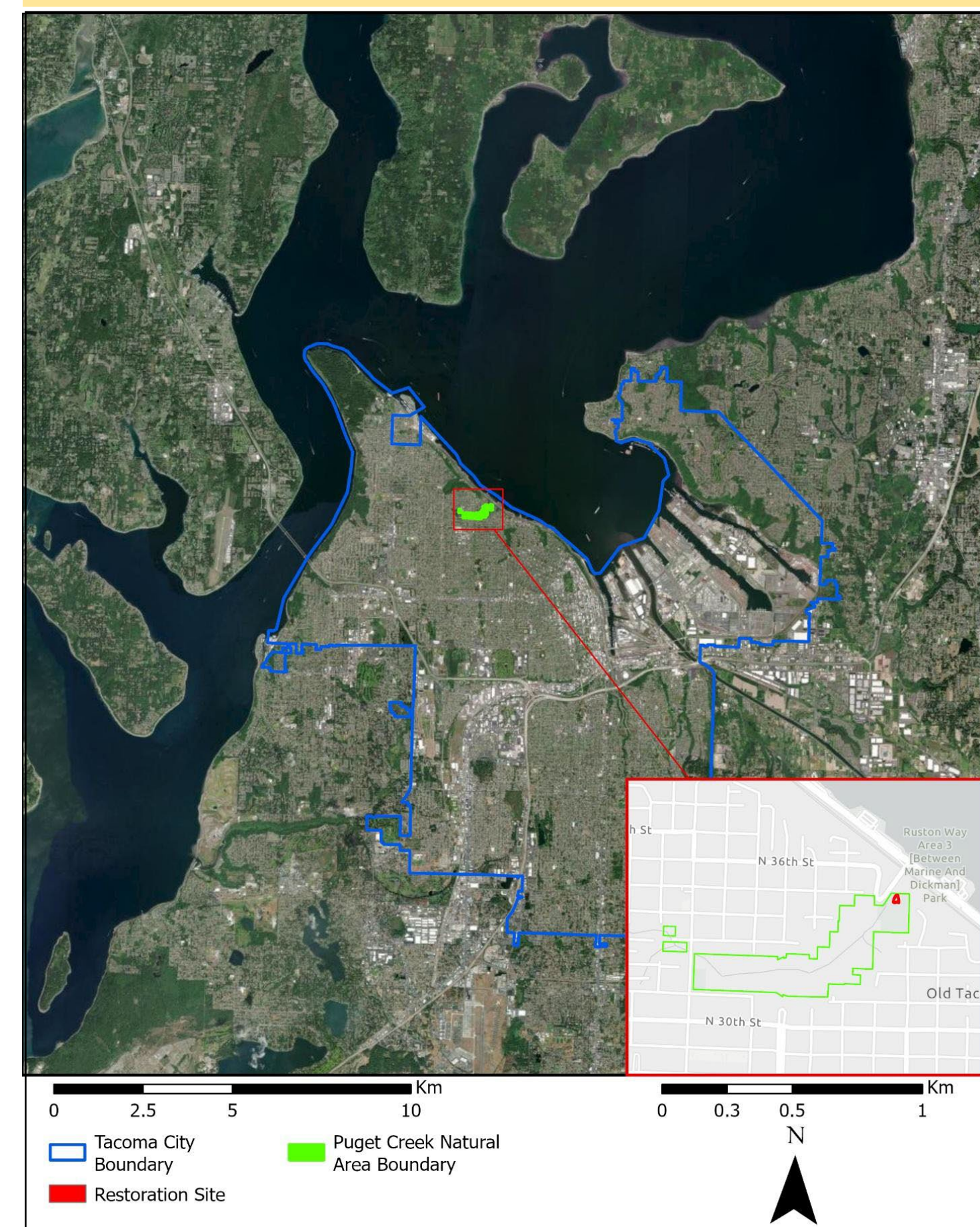


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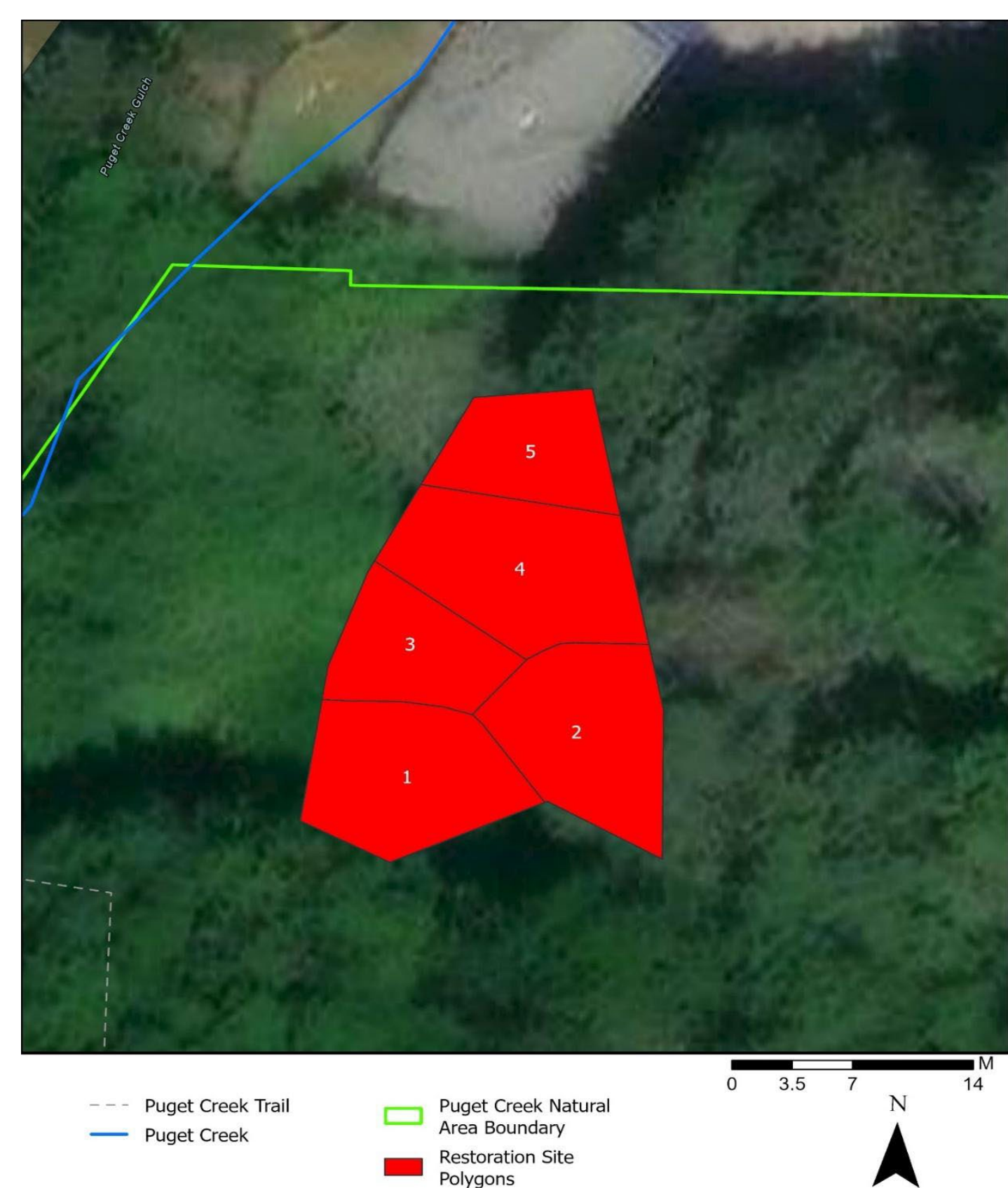


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Introduction:



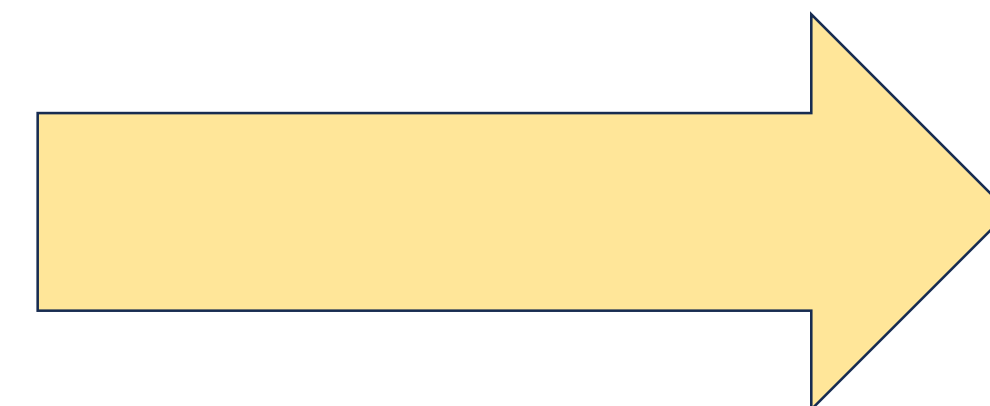
The restoration site is a 0.11-acre plot of the Puget Creek Natural Area in Tacoma. The site was divided into five polygons based on soil type and plant communities. The site was previously part of a garden and had some remaining trees from this time, along with a large expanse of invasive blackberries.



Goals:

- Remove all invasive plant species on site
- Increase visibility through the site by pruning trees
- Enhance the biodiversity of the site via planting native species
- Gather public interest in the park by hosting volunteer work parties
- Make the site inviting and safe for visitors

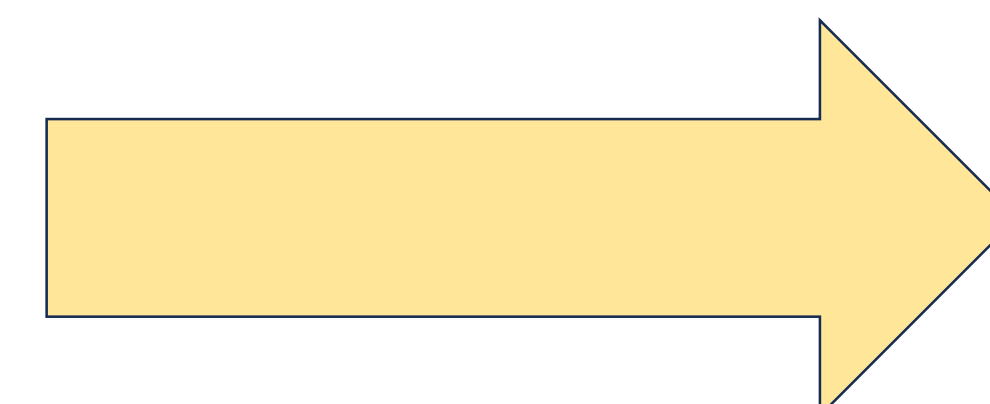
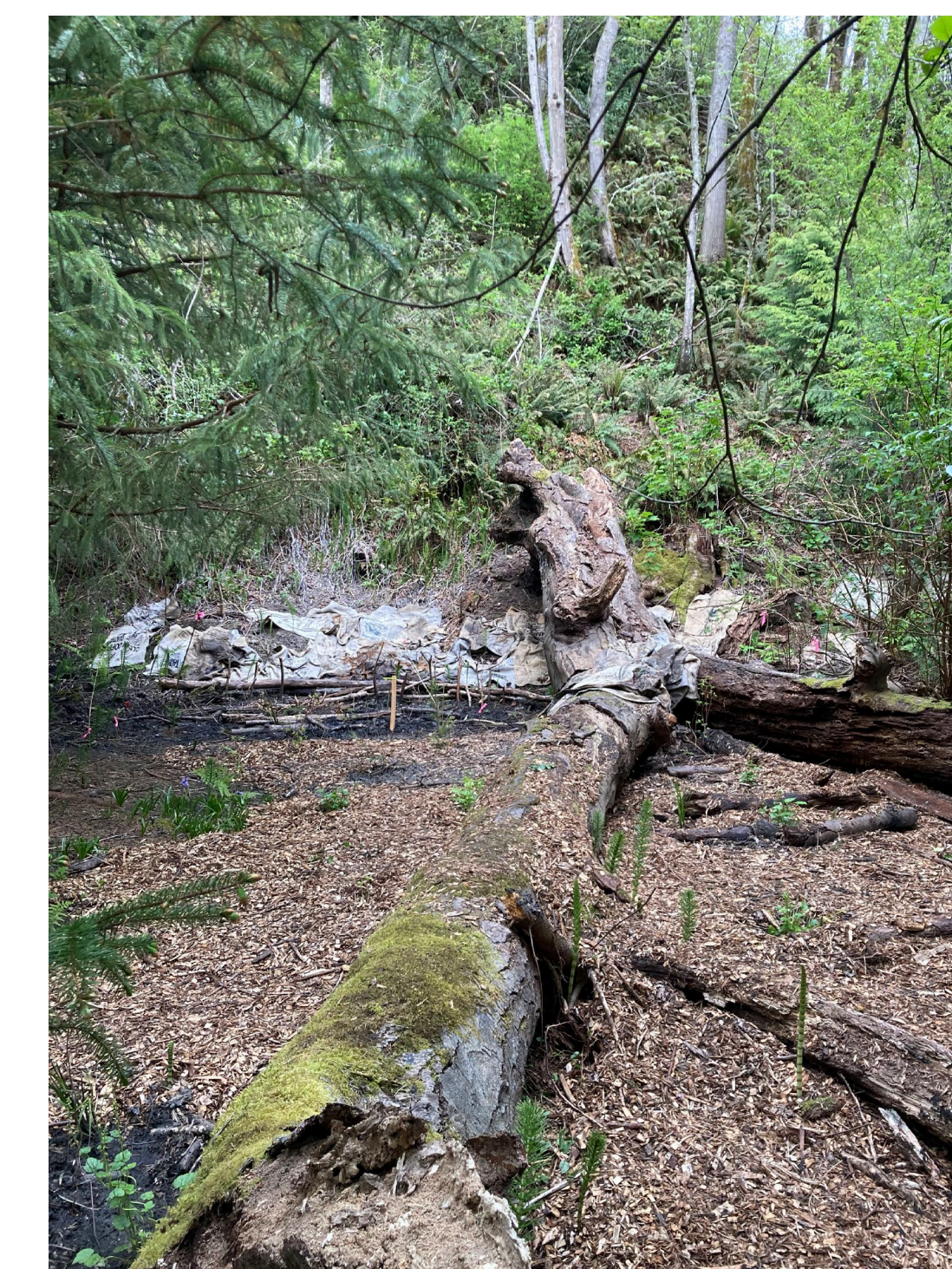
Before:



Restoration Work:

- Removed all invasive plants
- Pruned several native and non-native trees
- Mulched the site where necessary
- Planted 131 native plant species
- Held two volunteer work parties
- Contributed over 600 hours of volunteer labor

After:



Future of the Site:

The site will continue to be maintained and looked after by Metro Parks Tacoma. We created a plan to ensure that the site would be regularly assessed for invasive plant species that would be dealt with accordingly through the efforts of Metro Parks and volunteers.



Image of the Puget Park Team (left to right): Cameron Pauahilani Mendoza, Samuel Knoblich, Aiden Downey, Kyrstin Onaga, Benjamin Looney, Gibson Silagi

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