



# Ballinger Neighborhood

## Our Neighborhood Creeks

With Guest Speakers

November 04, 2013

At LFP Montessori Gym at 19935 19th Ave NE, Shoreline

7:05 pm Welcome & Introduction

7:10 pm Tom Murdoch, Adopt A Stream Foundation, Executive Director

7:30 pm Tyson Greer, V.P. , Friends of the Cedar River Watershed

7:50 pm Judy Blanco, Project Manager, Forterra

8:10 pm – 8:30pm Open Discussion

## About the Speakers

### Tom Murdoch, from [www.streamkeeper.org](http://www.streamkeeper.org):

Tom has 32 years of experience as a stream ecologist and environmental educator. He has directed over 200 small-scale fish and wildlife habitat rehabilitation projects, and was the co-author of the Streamkeeper's Field Guide and the editor of *Adopting A Stream: A Northwest Handbook* and *Adopting A Wetland: A Northwest Guide*. Tom was also the principle scriptwriter for the Streamkeeper video featuring Bill Nye "the Science Guy." He has trained educators and community leaders from throughout the western States and BC Canada how to become Streamkeepers and established Streamkeeper Academy at the Northwest Stream Center.

Prior to establishing the Adopt-A-Stream Foundation in 1985, Tom was the Water Resource Supervisor for Snohomish County's Public Works and Planning Departments. He was the principal author of Snohomish County's first Drainage Ordinance and Storm Water Utility Rate Ordinance; organized Snohomish County's first Aquatic Resource Protection Program and directed the production of the County's Stream and Wetland Atlas. Tom has conducted surveys of the majority of the streams in western Snohomish County.

He is a certified diver (PADI) and, when not using an electro-shocker, he occasionally frees seines from logs and boulders in the middle of rivers during fish exclusion activities. He earned an M.A. in Human Relations from Pacific Lutheran University and an M.P.A. in Natural Resources from the University of Washington's Institute for Marine Studies; and currently serves as an adjunct professor in Stream and Wetland Ecology at Western Washington University. Tom is also a licensed pilot (FAA Certification #3322997) and accomplished in aerial photography focusing on stream and wetland ecology. He received the 2007 Cascade Land Conservancy Land Stewardship Award.

### Tyson Greer, Friends of the Cedar River Watershed

Tyson Greer is Vice President of the Board of Directors for the Friends of the Cedar River Watershed. She is a member of the Advisory Board for Lake Forest Park Stewardship Foundation, a Member of Lake Forest Park StreamKeepers – (who does water quality testing on our creeks). Previously Tyson was a member of the Urban Forest Task Force in Lake Forest Park, which worked to strengthen the tree ordinance in the city, which resulted in a canopy-approach designed to preserve the city's enviable 43% canopy coverage.

Earlier in her career, Tyson was environmental and energy analyst for Simpson Timber (on the side of the trees). Her analytical work resulted in a significant reduction of herbicide use across the company, development of co-generation facilities for efficient energy production / waste reduction, and full implementation of award-winning, company-wide environmental spill response plan.

### Judy Blanco, Forterra

Judy Blanco is the Project Manager for Forterra's Cedar River Restoration Program, which designs and manages the restoration of public properties along the lower Cedar River and partners with the Friends of the Cedar River Watershed, Seattle Public Utilities, and King County Noxious Weed Control Program on a landscape-scale habitat restoration program for the lower Cedar.

Prior to working at Forterra, Judy managed King County Noxious Weeds' Knotweed Control Projects on rivers throughout King County, as well as designing and installing habitat restoration projects along the Green River. She also worked with the King County Science and Technical Support team on several scientific monitoring projects, including the Benthic Macro invertebrate Monitoring Program, which introduced Judy to habitat conditions in wadeable streams throughout the Greater Lake Washington and Green-Duwamish watersheds.

She holds a Master's degree from UW in Landscape Architecture, specializing in integrated watershed management, and is very happy to be joining you tonight to talk about your watershed.