

2022 Fall Council of Governors Committee Report

Multiple District 19 Environment Committee

Environment

The earth sustains human life. We've seen how our stewardship of natural resources can improve quality of life and increase engagement in our local communities. Our environment is more than a background: it's our home. And we're committed to caring for it.



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Environment Facts

- >3 trillion trees in the world
- 30% of the world's land area is covered by forest
- >15 billion trees are cut down every year
- 46% Estimated global decrease in tree count since the start of human civilization



DISCOVER

We Have a Plan

Lions and Leos serve to strengthen the relationship between the community and its environment. We've seen how our stewardship of natural resources can improve quality of life and increase engagement in our local communities.

Our Strategic Objective

Sustainably protect and restore our environment to improve the well-being of all communities.



Lions Clubs International

District Environment Chairs

A-Kitty Chiu & Alvina Seid, B-PCC Enoch Rowland, C-PZC Bob Johnson, D-PZC Angus Benedict, E-PDG Kim DiRienz, F-PZC Judy Riggers, G-VDG Leslie Chasse, H-Lion Leo Wang, I-Lion David Haynes

Team Building. Representing all 9 districts, one or two District Environment Chairs work closely with five Lions serving as MD 19 Environment Co-Chairs. We are an Environment Team that meets monthly on Zoom, hosted by CC Lyndon Harriman, PCC John Moralek or PCC Al Hedstrom. We meet on the first Tuesday of each month at noon and invite interested Lions to join us. Our team increases in size and scope as we are joined by Lions from throughout our MD and from across the continent.

Environment Team Facebook Page. District G Environment Chair, VDG Leslie Chasse, hosts a Facebook page to connect Lions as an active environment team. Active helpful Facebook pages require lots of participation. **Join us at <https://www.facebook.com/Lions-MD19-Environmental-Committee-103269998770756>.**

LIONS—PLASTICS?
Multiple District 19 Environment Team Presents
Environment Evening Talk
Tuesday, July 12
7-8 pm ZOOM/Dial-in
Presentations Focused On Plastic "Actions"
Lions Share "How-To" Information
Bags to Benches: Recycling Sheet Plastic
POG Kim DiRienz explains the basics.
Many Lions Clubs fill in the details in each community.
"Beyond Plastics"
Conduct "Plastic Audits" and "Take Back Days".
Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3385309841>

How do I collect plastic bags?

- Talk to your local merchants about setting up a collection bin (free from Truist)
- Partner with other service clubs in your area to help spread the word
- Talk to your local food bank, pet stores, hardware stores, etc. to see if you can help direct their waste to a useful purpose like a bench!
- Add how-to information to your website, Facebook page or other methods of communication (see our website at environment19.org)
- Provide collection groups with plastic film bags (civitas, 16 gallon, thin, clear bags \$24.99 per 100)
- Make a pick-up schedule and stick to it
- Share the load between members, friends, partner groups

Backyard Solutions to Stormwater Pollution
Presentation and Discussion with Adrienne Ross Scanlon
Author of Turning Homeward
Co-hosted by Lions 19C and MD19 Environment Committees
Tuesday September 20, 6:30 - 7:30 pm
Speaker will address efforts that work in urban and more rural areas as well as in both the U.S. and in Canada.
Zoom link accompanies flyer
Contact Sarah at sarahpatt@gmail.com with questions
"Backyard Solutions to Stormwater Pollution," a 60-minute Powerpoint presentation (including discussion) focusing on stormwater's fair impact on cities address the research-demonstrated effectiveness of rain gardens in preventing stormwater runoff, and practical first steps (including resources and financial assistance) for homeowners and community leaders seeking small scale "green infrastructure" changes that lead to big regional impacts in reducing Puget Sound "Backyard Solutions to Stormwater Pollution" is modeled after presentations and meetings given to Skagitzi, Ringo, and other community organizations.
By: Adrienne Ross Scanlon is the author of Turning Homeward - Restoring Hope and Nature in the Urban West (2017 Washington State Book Award Finalist), which inspired dozens of local, state and national groups to address the Puget Sound region's urban stormwater runoff problem. She is a former Puget Sound Park Ranger and a former urban watershed and former urban watershed in NOAA's Longshore Creek (Seattle) stormwater studies. Adrienne also founded the community "rain" in developing cities like. Her current restoration project is to plant 1,000 trees on the Puget Sound region.

July Talk-Plastics-Three "Bags-to-Benches" How-to's. September-Stormwater/ Rain Gardens

Evening Environment Presentations. The MD 19 Environment Team and the District C Environment Team are hosting mid-monthly Evening Talks on Zoom. Our goal is to reach Lions and other community members with a variety of presentations that feature Lions At Work for the environment, or information about specific environment issues. The District C Environment Team is offering Climate Summits every other month. The MD 19 Team is filling in the calendar with Evening Environment Talks. Watch the MD 19 website for monthly information about date and times. <https://lionsmd19.org>

As the Environment Chairs circulate through our districts, speaking to Lions, scanning Facebook pages and websites, these are some of the projects we see.



EatWell Camas Community Garden supported by Camas Lions. Notice ADA compliant Planter Station



Lakewood First Lions at Work with Cleanups in Community. Note Lions Hats & Photos of Lions At Work

MD 19 Environment Chairs. Call or email. We can assist you with ideas & resources.

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