## Plant a tree and watch it grow Seattle Youth CAN hosts tree planting event

WHAT:

Seattle Youth Climate Action Network (CAN), along with Forterra's Evergreen Carbon Capture program and Friends of the Burke Gilman, invite climate-focused teens to take hands-on action planting, protecting, and learning about carbon-storing trees during a tree planting event on the Burke Gilman Trail on Saturday, February 11, between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Participants will help plant trees as well as remove ivy and other invasive species from trees and bushes along the Burke Gilman Trail at Sand Point.

WHO:

A group of teens from the Seattle area who are involved in Seattle Youth CAN and members of the community and the partnering organizations: Forterra's Evergreen Carbon Capture program and Friends of the Burke Gilman. All teens living in the greater Seattle area are encouraged to participate.

WHEN: Saturday, February 11, between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

WHERE: Metropolitan Market, 5250 40th Ave. NE, Seattle, WA 98105

Meet in the small park just south of the Metropolitan Market parking

INFO: Take climate action by planting trees on the Burke Gilman Trail with

> Seattle Youth CAN. Community members of all ages are encouraged to attend. For more information and to sign up for the event, visit the Green City Partnerships website. This is a private event; registration

is required.

Seattle Youth CAN empowers teens to address climate change in their communities through education, leadership and action. Seattle Youth CAN was launched in January 2015 with initial funding from The Ocean Project, and represents a new partnership between teen programs at Woodland Park Zoo, Seattle Aquarium and Pacific

Science Center.

Through Seattle Youth CAN, more than 450 teens have participated in climate-focused trainings and action campaigns in the last two years: and attended reputable events including climate action workshops, climate career panels at the University of Washington, the Adirondack Youth Climate Summit and the Climate Leadership Conference.



In July and August 2016, Seattle Youth CAN led its second consecutive Summer Transportation Challenge which aims to raise awareness about the connection between CO2 emissions from vehicles and climate change by encouraging participants to make more sustainable transportation choices. The challenge resulted in teens logging more than 7,500 miles not driven alone (that's more than 3,200 pounds of carbon dioxide saved!). In October 2016, 100 teens and 20 community leaders participated in the second annual Youth Climate Action Summit at Woodland Park Zoo. The full-day event centers on taking action to combat climate change.

Teens living in the Seattle area who are interested in joining the program can submit a <u>form</u> to receive information about upcoming events and activities. To learn more about Seattle Youth CAN, visit <u>seattleyouthcan.org</u> and view their featured video projects on <u>Climate.gov</u> and <u>Seattle Channel</u>. Follow Seattle Youth CAN via <u>Twitter</u> and <u>Instagram</u>.

Accredited by the Association of Zoos & Aquariums, award-winning Woodland Park Zoo is famed for pioneering naturalistic exhibits and setting international standards for zoos in animal care, conservation and education programs. Woodland Park Zoo is helping to save animals and their habitats through more than 40 field projects in the Pacific Northwest and around the world. By inspiring people to care and act, Woodland Park Zoo is making a difference in our planet's future ecological health and sustainability. Free Wi-Fi is available for zoo guests, made possible through products donated by Cisco. For more information, visit <a href="https://www.zoo.org">www.zoo.org</a>.

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