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WWU STUDENTS TO PRESENT RECOMMENDATIONS ON EDMONDS MARSH RESTORATION EFFORTS AT PUBLIC MEETING ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 13TH

Student Research Project Part of Sustainable Cities Partnership Between Edmonds, Western Washington University, and Association of Washington Cities

(Edmonds, WA) – The public is invited to attend a presentation from Western Washington University students who have been studying restoration efforts and issues at Edmonds Marsh as part of the 2016-2017 Sustainable Cities Partnership (SCP) between the City of Edmonds, WWU and the Association of Washington Cities (AWC). Students from WWU’s Restoration Ecology course will present their research on **Friday, January 13th, from 2-4pm in the Brackett Room at City Hall** and make recommendations to address current challenges affecting Edmonds Marsh.

WWU students will present recommendations about both short and long term actions to address storm water entering the marsh and to manage the on-going spread of certain invasive plants in the marsh, as well as present a conceptual idea for a public boardwalk into the marsh that would improve access while protecting marsh habitat and wildlife.

“Edmonds is thrilled to be working with this group of talented and dedicated students to help protect and preserve our beloved Edmonds Marsh,” says City of Edmonds Parks and Recreation

Director Carrie Hite. “We look forward to hearing their recommendations and hope that some will be useful in our efforts to restore the Marsh”.

The Sustainable Cities Partnership (SCP) is a yearlong partnership between Western Washington University’s Office of Sustainability, the Association of Washington Cities (AWC), and one partner city chosen through a competitive application process. 2016-2017 is the inaugural year of the Partnership, and the City of Edmonds was chosen as the first Washington city to participate in the program. The collaboration is designed to focus students’ energy and ideas towards real-life challenges that address sustainability in our community. The SCP faculty and students work through a variety of studio and service learning courses, thus providing students with experience tackling the city’s real-world projects. More information on the Sustainable Cities Partnership can be found on the City’s website here:

<http://www.edmondswa.gov/sustainable-cities-partnership.html>

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