



## City of Edmonds Media Release

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### **EARTH DAY 2020: EDMONDS UNVEILS NEW CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

***Committee to focus on clean air, clean water, clean land***

**(Edmonds, WA)** - Mayor Mike Nelson announced the formation of the Mayor's Conservation Advisory Committee today to help fulfill his commitment to preserving our environment and enhancing the quality of life in Edmonds.

The all-volunteer committee, made up of local residents, will advise the Mayor on community stewardship actions in Edmonds that conserve and enhance healthy air, land and water resources, as well as wildlife habitat, for the benefit of the environment, residents, visitors, and future generations.

"It's viewing what we do as a city and what we do as residents through a green lens to make Edmonds a healthier place now and in the future," said Mayor Mike Nelson.

Conservation Advisory Committee members are: Marjie Fields, Lora Hein, Deborah Hopkins, Alan Mearns, Denise Miller, Joe Scordino, Kathleen Sears, Mike Shaw, Erin Zackey, and Councilmember Susan Paine.

Mayor Nelson wants the group to advise the City and residents on a wide-range of work, actions and activities from sustainable gardening to sustainable practices for City projects to increase wildlife habitat, protect open spaces, wetlands and streams.

#### **Earth Day 2020**

Committee members are already at work suggesting ways to observe the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Earth Day safely within the current stay-at-home guidelines, including the following:

- Do a bird count in your own backyard, patio, or at a nearby park - check out [Bird Web](#) if you want to identify what you are seeing.
- Pull out some invasive plants in your own backyard, such as English ivy, holly, Himalayan blackberry, or spurge laurel. Check out the [WA State Noxious Weed Control Board](#) to identify them.
- Plant something new in your garden or yard! Plant a tree! Consider planting natives as they are beneficial to our local wildlife, [Go Natives Nursery](#), [Swansons Nursery](#) and [Sky Nursery](#) are all local and currently open for purchases of native plant material.
- Check out [Edmonds Demonstration Garden Facebook Page](#) for ideas and inspiration as well.
- Don some gloves and go on a litter hunt! Make it a math activity and see which family member can find more. Stay safe, stay near your home, and watch out for cars and dangerous litter.
- Commit to decreasing, avoiding or stopping use of chemical fertilizers, weed killers, and pesticides.
- Reduce, reuse, and recycle. Cut down on what you throw away.
- Go for a walk or bike ride and just connect with this beautiful planet.

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