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Volunteer Spotlight:

JACK LOCKHART

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he Green Everett Partnership is the newest member of the Green Cities Network. A public-private partnership between the City of

Everett and Forterra, Green Everett is working to restore and steward forested parks in the city. As with all the Partnerships, Green Everett's work is accomplished by city and Forterra staff and, perhaps most important of all, leadership-level volunteers called Forest Stewards.

When Green Everett launched in 2012, Jack Lockhart was one of the very first volunteers to sign on as a Forest Steward. Jack brings 20 years of native habitat restoration experience to the Partnership having worked with EarthCorps, the Sammamish River Stewards, Mountains to Sound Greenway, Sound Salmon Solutions and

People for Puget Sound over the years.

In addition to his wealth of knowledge, Jack always shows up with a big smile, enthusiastic and ready to help lead other volunteers and share his passion for restoration, nature and Everett Parks. He has been one of Green Everett Partnership's most dedicated and supportive volunteers and has attended almost every Green Everett Partnership event thus far.

Jack is the Forest Steward at Madison-Morgan Park, one of the city's newest parks. It's so new in fact that it doesn't have an official name! Nonetheless, Jack and his neighbors are forging ahead with the restoration work it needs.

"We are trying to help get a new park off the ground, so to speak," says Jack. "Thankfully Forterra made its commitment with the City of Everett and that gives us the framework for what and how we can restore and care for the forested areas of this

site. There is a lot of work to be done, but there are some great folks involved with this in the Everett Parks department, Forterra, and in both the Evergreen and Madison/View Ridge neighborhoods."

Jack's goal is to create a quiet, comfortable place for people of all ages to take a walk away from the street, while still being close to home. If you want to help Jack make that goal a reality, you can join him for an upcoming volunteer work party. Check the event listings on Green Everett Partnership's webpage at greeneverett.org or contact us at greeneverett@forterra.org.

Like many people involved with Green City Partnerships, working in the parks is a way for Jack to connect with nature right at home, something he captures eloquently.

"We may live in a city, but we don't have to lose total touch with nature.

And we shouldn't in my opinion, not in this great area that we live in."

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