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## Cedar Grove and Stewardship Partners to Host Compost Days™ River Restoration Project at Carnation Farm March 18 Locally manufactured, recycled compost to be used to protect salmon habitat and restore riverbank

January 31, 2016 – Seattle, Wash. - Cedar Grove, Stewardship Partners and Carnation Farms are teaming up for a river restoration event in celebration of Compost Days. Cedar Grove and Stewardship Partners staff, along with volunteers, will work to restore the riparian habitat along the Snoqualmie River at historic Carnation Farms in the scenic Snoqualmie Valley.

"Compost Days, taking place March 6 – April 9, 2017, is an annual celebration of our region's tremendous organics recycling efforts; residents, schools and businesses that diligently recycle their yard and food scraps year 'round in order to divert those materials from the landfill and ensure they are manufactured locally into nutritious soils," said Karen Dawson, director of marketing and community relations, Cedar Grove. "Compost plays a significant role in erosion control and salmon protection and we are excited to put our compost and employees to work on the banks of the Snoqualmie River, a river that runs through some of the most gorgeous farmland in the Pacific Northwest."

Volunteers will apply compost, plant native trees and shrubs and maintain previous plantings. These efforts will enhance salmon habitat and restore the riverbank. Additional tasks include invasive plant removal and maintenance on past planting sites. Volunteers will also learn about the importance of composting and will be offered a free bag of compost from Cedar Grove Composting.

"Stewardship Partners relies on collaborations such as this one with Cedar Grove to help partners like Carnation Farms make a positive impact and improve fish and wildlife habitat on their land," said Snoqualmie Stewardship Program Manager Chris LaPointe, of Stewardship Partners. "Getting the public involved is a great way to articulate all of our missions while connecting folks to some of the most amazing resources and history the Snoqualmie Valley has to offer."

To learn more, please visit: <u>https://cedar-grove.com/about-us/composting/compost-days-event-w-stewardship-partners</u>

To learn more about Cedar Grove's Compost Days please visit: www.compostdays.com



## **About Cedar Grove**

Cedar Grove Composting is a local, family-owned business with deep roots in the Seattle area dating back to 1938. Cedar Grove plays a critical role in the Puget Sound's recycling infrastructure and sustainability efforts, diverting more than 350,000 tons of yard waste and food scraps from landfills annually. With two processing facilities in Maple Valley and Everett, Cedar Grove is a local manufacturer providing green jobs in King and Snohomish Counties. Cedar Grove produces wholesome, nutrient-rich compost that is sold to businesses, governments and residents, ensuring consumers have access to locally produced, recycled products. For more information, please visit www.cedar-grove.com.

## **About Stewardship Partners**

Stewardship Partners is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that helps private landowners restore and preserve the natural landscapes of Washington state. The organization collaborates with diverse interest groups to build bridges and find solutions that achieve mutual goals of environmental protection, economic health and community well-being. Stewardship Partners projects restore fish and wildlife habitat, improve water quality, protect open space and "green up" the built environment — while maintaining working landscapes of farms, forestland and livable communities throughout the state.

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