



Free the Fern

Highlights from 2025-2026



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Share a memory/highlight from the past year with Free the Fern



By the numbers

2025-2026

Events: 49

Volunteers: 329*

*including: 220 children/youth

Volunteer hours: 1097

Invasives removed: 36,430 L (36.43 m3)

Native plants: 641



Invasive Removal

During our **10 invasive pulls** we removed invasive lamium, ivy, Himalayan blackberry.

We also hosted **8 private events** with children and youth who helped remove invasive species.

We succeeded on clearing the South West side of the Red Alder Trail, in advance of our fall planting.





Walks & Workshops

We hosted **10 walks and workshops**, sharing knowledge in partnership with local knowledge-sharers.

Topics included: native pollinators, trees, songwriting in nature, weaving, lantern making, Winter plant ID, and more!



Special Events

Forest & Feast

Pollinator walk w/ Kristen Penhall, invasive pull, and feast by Alicia & Jill of V6A Gardens

Light up the Night

Hosted the 5th Light up the Night in Champlain Heights festival



Native Plant Fundraiser

Raised **\$2,924** at our
annual Native Plant Sale!





Special Projects

Community Mural

Collaborated with Joshua Ralph (Invasive Art Initiative) and the community to create a mural.

Recononconciliation Library

Collaborated with Kiki Nombrado & Nova Wolf to create a reconciliation library for the community.





Advocacy

At our Free the Fern events we welcomed **4 City Councillors** and **3 nominees for City Council or Park Board**.

Grace met with City Councillors and spoke at city hall, advocating for operational funding for environmental stewardship.

Outreach

We participated in **6 outreach events** in partnership with:

Wildbird Trust

Everett Crowley Park Committee

Vancouver Heritage Foundation

Britannia Community Centre

City of Vancouver

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Thank you to all our staff, board directors,
volunteers, partners, and participants who
made this past year such a success!