

# BC HYDRO GRANT- NATIVE HABITAT RESTORATION EVENT

## KINGS COMMUNITY NATURE SPACE

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### NATIVE SPECIES RESTORATION PROJECT

On Feb 1st, Lansdowne School's Eco-Ed class gathered at King's to participate in the native plant restoration project. Thanks to all who made the event a success!

We are thrilled to begin restoration projects like this to increase biodiversity and enhance the ecological health of Bowker Creek for current and future generations.

The children planted a total of 233 plants including: Yarrow, Salal, Red-Flowering currant, Ocean Spray, Dull Oregon-Grape, Hedge-Nettle, California Brome, Columbia Brome, Nootka Rose, Snowberry, Sword Fern and Sea Blush



Thanks to Saanich for supplying 40 plants and offering to provide some suitable trees in the near future. A great start to the restoration!

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## WHY PLANT NATIVE PLANTS?

Native plants have evolved in this climate for generations, they support songbirds and attract a diversity of pollinators. Natural areas support wildlife that depend on certain plants for food, or other biological functions.

Thanks to a Victoria Seed Library donation of Red Columbine seeds and Borden Mercantile for supplies, the class will have an opportunity to learn how to grow native plants in class for transplanting in Kings at a later date.

Restoring habitat by planting native species such Red Columbine and Sea Blush will support numerous native butterflies known to be severely threatened by extinction as well as many other beneficial insects and wildlife.



Red Columbine (*Aquilegia formosa*)

## THANKS!

Special thanks to BC Hydro for the grant that made this all possible! Big shout out to Saanich Parks staff for your ongoing support and guidance. Thanks to John Harris (Elders & Indigenous Knowledge Facilitator with SD61) for sharing indigenous knowledge and culture with us and for Lansdowne School teacher, Lorraine, and her amazing Eco Ed Class!



## WANT TO HELP OR RECEIVE UPDATES?

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