

# Windermere School Greening

**location:** Windermere Secondary School 3155 East 27th Avenue, Vancouver

**year:** 2006

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**volunteers:** Liz Nguyen, Greg Rouleau, Amanda Ziegert, Farzaneh Ghassemi, Jen Nichols, Lisa Parker, Jone Belausteguioitia and Jon Laurenz

**partners:** Windermere Environmental Club, the Environmental Youth Alliance, and the City of Vancouver

## summary:

The Windermere Environmental Club and the Environmental Youth Alliance teamed up to work on a greening project for the front of Windermere School and required help with the design of the space. The Community Studio team proposed four different designs based on unique planting schemes called: "Modern Vancouver", "Sunrise Sunset", "Xeriscape", and "Bioregional". A workshop was held with the students to explore the merits of these four alternatives. During the workshop the design intent and plant selections were presented using a variety of media.

The students chose their preferred design - Bioregional - and the Community Studio group reworked the design to address some concerns that were brought up during the workshop. The students chose a design that incorporated mostly native plants as they felt it was important to relate to the greater regional landscape and were very interested in being part of a project that increased biodiversity in an urban environment. The design also fit with some other plantings on the school grounds. The design was installed in May 2006.

