**Excerpts from Service Learning Project Student Reflections:**

“The most significant thing I learned by participating in the service learning project with Earth Corps is that each job, no matter how small or how big, makes a difference in the community. I know that what my group and I worked on made a difference to many people. The area cleaned up will actually be opened into a park accessible to all visitors once all the native species are re-introduced into the riparian habitat.”

This experience will definitely affect my personal actions. It really helped me give back to my community and also to the earth which is a very important cause. I’m actually very excited about volunteering again with Earth Corps to help with their mission. Also, I learned a lot from the Earth Corps organization and I will follow some of their suggestions such as carpooling and changing light bulbs to nature-friendly ones.”

“I made things a little easier for the people who are at Sarvey Wildlife Care Center every day. I think now I’ll volunteer with the thought of the benefit for all. Maybe I’ll try volunteering with some of the organizations that other students have talked about. As far as making “greener” choices, I’m already trying to encourage my family. They have been a little resistant because they think the benefit doesn’t match the cost. With what I’ve learned from this class, I could be a little more persuasive with more reasons why.”

“Honestly, one of the greatest things I learned could be considered Respect for the Environment. My mind set has changed dramatically about the way I feel toward nature and its ecosystems. I feel like I’ve given back to the community by helping out these two organizations. I look forward to volunteering in the future.”

“Yes, this experience will affect my personal actions because I plan on doing more activities with the PSBO (Puget Sound Bird Observatory), which if I didn’t do this project I would know nothing about. I also really like the Adopt-a-Stream presentation today in class. I’ll be looking for volunteer opportunities through that organization as well. I try to do my green part as much as possible.

“I learned how so few people can make such a big difference. Maybe the public doesn’t notice a difference or change in the restored part of the land, but the organisms that call it their home are happy. “

“I definitely pay closer attention to my actions. I finally got my roommate to recycle and I now walk to the grocery store instead of driving. I pay closer attention to nature than I ever have before. I think this is because I have so much more knowledge now.”

“Now, I ask myself, “Is this blackberry palmate or some other representation of a compound-type leaf?” I recycle my garbage after eating. This is in response to taking the class. I would never have recycled the brown tube of toilet paper before. I also believe that any on-site work that correlates with course material integrates the class studies better. I feel doing a service learning project, a final lab report, the seminar papers and the reading responses were all very beneficial in the scope of learning about Biology and writing. “

“I’ll recycle more frequently, apply course concepts at home and very likely end up volunteering in organizations doing similar work in the future. The experience in the class and on this project have only been positive and the environment for learning that Holly and Hans provided has been inviting.”