



Spread the word: We have two in-person FOG abatement trainings coming up in July! On the 11th, we'll be in Bedford Heights, Ohio, and on the 13th, we'll be setting up shop in Moundsville, West Virginia.

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New FOG Educational Videos!

We're teaming up with the creative folks at Goldstreet Design to bring you a short series of FOG educational videos! The first video is focused on issues related to residential FOG, and shares some simple tips to keep pipes clean and FOG-free at home. Check it out!



PPRC teams up with Duwamish Valley Youth Corp!

In 2021, PPRC worked with the [Duwamish Valley Youth Corp \(DVYC\)](#) to develop an outreach program to food trucks in the South Park neighborhood of Seattle, which is adjacent to the Duwamish River. The goal was to prevent storm sewer

pollution from food truck waste and wastewater.

The team consisted of PPRC, ten high school youth plus staff from the DVYC, and Seattle Public Utilities. The group learned a lot about stormwater pollution and how it can affect the Duwamish river.

A field trip to a local commissary used by several Seattle food trucks helped the team learn the purpose of commissary kitchens and how food truck waste and wastewater are dealt with. Needless to say, the smell of the grease and the grease traps was memorable to all!

The team then developed two outreach decals for food trucks with help from graphics designers at Cascadia Consulting Group. The first decal was for the exterior, asking them to pledge to always protect the Duwamish River, and the second was a decal for their wastewater container, reminding staff to always dump their wastewater and greasy food at their commissary, and never down a storm drain.

The team then visited food trucks in the Duwamish Valley area and handed out the stickers along with drain strainers, waste receptacle stickers (waste, recycle, compost), a permanent marker (to write their name on the decal for the exterior), and information about safe sanitizing for food trucks from **CleanSHiFt**.



Many of the food trucks offer Mexican cuisine, and speak mostly Spanish, but several of the youth on the team speak Spanish at home, which was incredibly helpful during outreach. At the first stop, the youth watched and listened as the team leader talked with the food truck staff, who was fairly skeptical at first, even though we were offering a packet of free, cool stuff for them. They eventually warmed up and the students were encouraged to keep going! Community outreach can be tough but the students did an amazing job, visiting eight trucks in total. One food truck owner became very engaged with the youth, and even gave them all a scoop of gourmet ice cream, "on the truck"!

Lessons Learned & Key Takeaways...

The youth learned a lot about food waste management, preventing stormwater pollution, and community outreach techniques. Having youth do outreach breaks down barriers and demonstrates their passion for the local river and community, adding to the overall success. By giving youth ownership to engage with their community, they can feel more involved, gain valuable environmental knowledge, and grow their interpersonal skills! It's a win win!

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