

# Community Planning Process for expansion of the Rainier Beach Learning Garden

**History:** The Rainier Beach Learning Garden was started in August 2009 through a partnership between Seattle Tilth, South Shore PreK-8, The New School Foundation, Seattle Parks and Recreation, Rainier Beach Community Center, and KidsCo. Seattle Tilth is currently providing garden education to students at South Shore School and KidsCo.



**Garden expansion:** The Advisory Committee for the Rainier Beach Learning Garden recently received funding through the Department of Neighborhoods to further develop the garden into an open and inclusive garden that is used by many Rainier Beach residents in addition to students at the school. The goals for the garden are to activate the space, recognize the richness of the Rainier Beach community and provide opportunities for hands-on learning, intergenerational partnerships, and positive youth development. Community planning meetings will take place in January and February, and garden construction will start once a community plan is finalized.

**Advisory Committee:** We are currently accepting applications for the advisory committee. Advisory committee members ensure that the planning process is open and inclusive of all voices in Rainier Beach and that the plan includes opportunities for hands-on learning, intergenerational partnerships, and positive youth development. Members attend bi-monthly meetings, assist in community meeting planning and outreach, and act as representatives of the Rainier Beach Learning Garden.

If you would like more information about the garden or are interested in joining the Advisory Committee, please contact Sharon Lerman at (206) 619-5196 or [sharonlerman@seattletilth.org](mailto:sharonlerman@seattletilth.org)