

# Finn Hill Neighborhood Alliance

**Cohesive community  
Connected by woodlands and waterways  
Committed to neighborhood stewardship**

## WELCOME

**The Finn Hill  
Neighborhood Alliance  
is your Neighborhood  
Association.**

We invite you to enjoy the energizing sense of community that comes of gathering on common ground for common cause.

## Legacy

With annexation of Finn Hill in 2011, the Denny Creek Neighborhood Alliance expanded its mission and changed its name to include all of Finn Hill.

DCNA was founded by neighbors in 1994 to care for Finn Hill's west side watersheds.

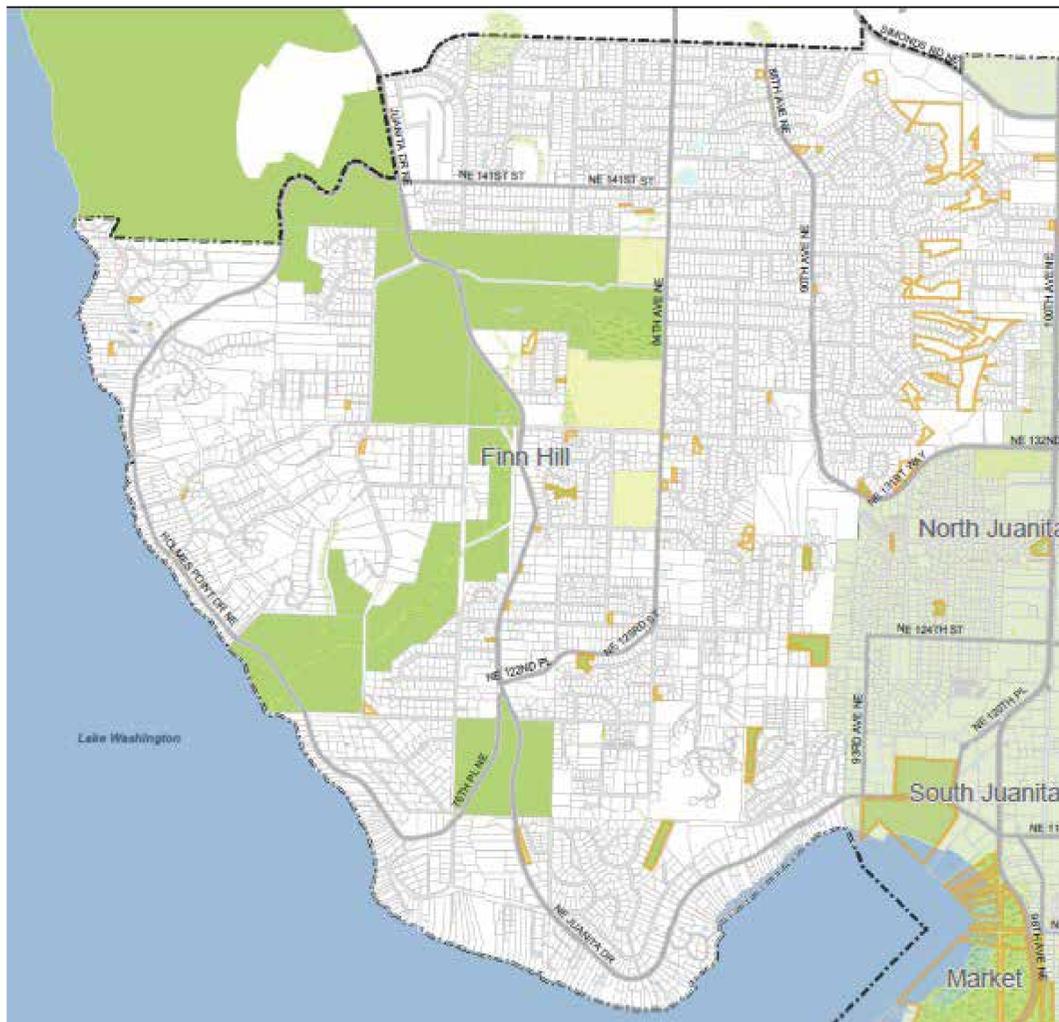
DCNA's style sprouted from the grassroots and bloomed into a positive, respectful, & effective network of neighbors who became friends.



## Finn Hill's Potential

Finn Hill is Kirkland's biggest neighborhood – in land and in people. It is also Kirkland's greenest by far. Our landscape and the residents it has attracted are remarkable. We have potential to become a regional model of intelligent urban green community planning.

**Let's cultivate our garden. Let's dream what Finn Hill could look like in 2050. Let's create a preserved, protected, restored, engaged, and thriving neighborhood!**



## GET INVOLVED

**Participate or just stay informed.**

**Sign up for our mailing list.**

**Join our events.**

**Volunteer for a project.**

**Organize your block.**

**Engage with Kirkland City Hall.**

**Donate to support FHNA.**

## MISSION

“To coordinate our active community of residents and regional partners to preserve, protect, and restore Finn Hill's extraordinary natural environment.

To promote the welfare of the Finn Hill community by engaging in civic issues.”  
--Bylaws, 2011

## Next Steps

Now, we aim to release local potential, uncover networks of neighbors, listen to everyone's concerns, focus on constructive solutions, and leverage the power of partnerships.

We want to work and play, plan and produce, ponder and party, for the goal of enhancing our neighborhood.

## JOIN IN!!



## Policy

**Finn Hill 2050 - Create Finn Hill as a model of visionary urban green planning and vibrant, engaged community.**

**Preservation** - Preserve Finn Hill's open land via planning with Kirkland, acquisitions and tax breaks.

**Land Use** - Work with City & County on zoning and land use policy.

**Roads** - Plan for traffic, road safety, road repair, sidewalks, and bike lanes.

**Safety** - Plan for fire, police and emergency services.



Arborist, Olaf Reberia, envisions restoration of diversity of all forms of life in the Finn Hill woodlands and waterways.



Policy starts at the grass roots. We love to work with and befriend on-the-ground staff, like Mike Crandell of King County Parks,



Through neighbor's contributions and partnerships with city, county, state, and conservancy organizations, the 40 acre Juanita Woodlands is saved as open space along Juanita Dr.



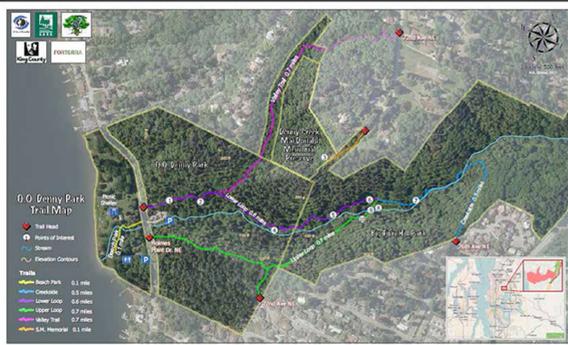
FHNA Board and FHPRD Commissioners stand for YES! on Great Kirkland Park. FHNA's President leads the campaign.



Workparties are play! Rain, mud, thorns, grownups with kids, experts with novices, curious eagles, improper tools, ivy pulling, root-atacking, new tree planting -- make it all a lot of fun and very satisfying.



Bringing salmon back to O. O. Denny Creek entails fixing the creek, hatching eggs, and fertilizing banks with big stinky salmon carcasses.



## Stewardship

**Restoration** - Volunteer in parks to remove invasives, plant natives, and restore hillside stability, plant diversity, and salmon viability.

**Trails** - Identify, map, develop, restore, maintain, and create signage for trails in all of Finn Hill's parks.

**Wildlife** - Cultivate habitat restoration, certify backyards, monitor wildlife.

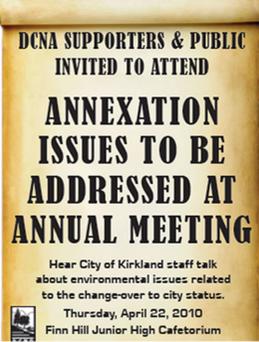
**Litter** - Volunteer with Adopt-a-Road to collect litter throughout the Hill.

## Communication

**Marketing** - Launch membership, public information, and marketing drives.

**Networking** - Spread the word through social media and personal contacts.

**Graphics** - Design art, graphics, and photography, for marketing materials.



Students at the local Environmental and Adventure School offer annual community service days to help out at the Sue MacDonald Memorial Forest. Juanita High, Finn Hill Middle School, Sandburg and Thoreau Elementary students, Scouts, church groups, and families learn from volunteer projects -- and leave a legacy as well.



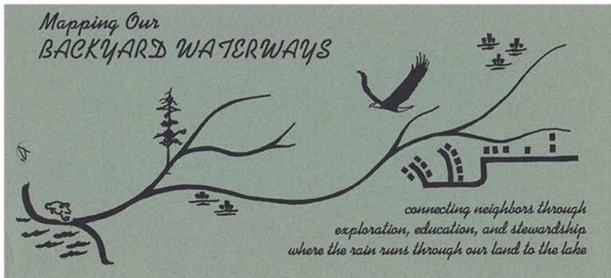
## Community

**Outreach** - Engage neighbors, east and west, young and old, outdoors and in.

**Block Organizing** - Organize block parties, garage sales, community connections.

**Exploring** - Initiate outdoor adventures, family nature outings, camps in parks.

**Educating** - Join with schools and scouts to create outdoor learning and service projects.



DennyFest in September has become a tradition that celebrates the year's many successes and attracts people from all over with music, good food, showy dogs. Coming together as neighbors who share a love of our landscape -- to ponder, plan, produce, and then party -- is the magic of a Neighborhood Alliance.



## Events

**Quarterly Meetings** - Join us at Finn Hill Middle School. Suggest or request topics.

**Annual Celebrations** - DennyFest and Christmas Ships, at Denny Park.

