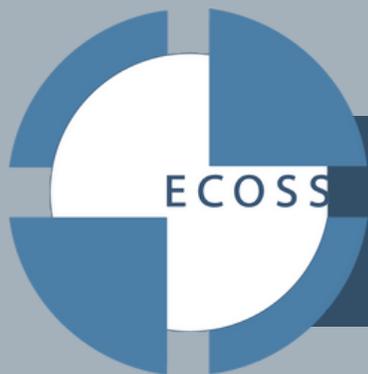


# Our Impact in 2021



Due to the pandemic, several projects were put on hold in 2020. ECOSS started to reintroduce in-person outreach in 2021 as public health restrictions loosened. Here are the year's highlights.

ECOSS served

**429**

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**422**

**COMMUNITY MEMBERS**

**BUSINESSES**

Languages spoken:

**Spanish**

**Bhutanese**

**Vietnamese**

**Burmese**

**Mandarin**

**Amharic**

**Cantonese**

**Swahili**

**Tagalog**

**Oromo**

## Our Partnerships



LivingWell  
**Kent**



**VIETNAMESE CULTURAL CENTER**



Na'ah Illahee Fund



Urban League of  
Metropolitan Seattle



Villa  
Comunitaria



**INTERIM CDA**

**DANNY WOO**

**COMMUNITY GARDEN**

## ECOSS in 2021

2021 served as a growth period for ECOSS in many ways:

- Search for a new Executive Director
- More women in leadership positions
- BIPOC staff in senior management
- Increased staff wages

In order to foster this growth and elevate the voices of our staff who serve and are members of their own communities, ECOSS hosted an all-staff Diversity, Equity & Inclusion retreat. The important conversations between staff carried on into our fundraiser, Sustainable Futures Fest 2021.

Learn more by scanning this QR code!





# SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

In 2021, ECOSS staff conducted in-language recycling and composting outreach with small businesses and residents within Seattle and Shoreline to help them become compliant with recycling and composting regulations, divert waste away from landfills and avoid extra fees. ECOSS used John A. Powell's Targeted Universalism approach to promote equitable business outreach across different business types with a shared goal.

## Learn more about Targeted Universalism:

<https://belonging.berkeley.edu/targeted-universalism>.



# CLEAN ENERGY

In partnership with Seattle City Light and The Vida Agency, ECOSS is conducting outreach and gathering input with BIPOC communities around the electrification of Seattle transportation:

- Completed several training sessions, grounding sessions and planning meetings.
- The team underwent a project proposal exercise to co-create work plans for community outreach projects.

Since the West Seattle bridge closure in 2020, ECOSS has been conducting outreach with residents and more than 120 small businesses in the surrounding area to learn how the closure has impacted them.



# ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

ECOSS connected with Bhutanese, Burmese, East African, Latinx, Filipino, Chinese and Vietnamese communities via stewardship:

- Provided interpreted tours to 30 people at the Cedar River Watershed - the source of Seattle's drinking water.
- Recruited eight community leaders for focus groups to assess community needs and interests around urban environmental stewardship with Seattle Parks & Recreation.
- Led 21 community members on several hikes to raise awareness about King County's Trailhead program.



# CLEAN WATER



Promoting the health of local water bodies remains one of ECOSS' largest impact areas. Here are some of 2021's highlights:

- 27 new residential cistern and rain garden installations, which will manage 8,000 gallons of stormwater annually!
- Hosted Seattle's first-ever Vietnamese, Spanish and Chinese webinars on stormwater pollution and flood prevention education. 15 community members attended.
- A re-envisioning of ECOSS' Puget Sound Spill Kit Incentive Program around equity to better serve 400 businesses in nine cities with in-language outreach.
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- Led connections among community-based organizations and BIPOC communities across King County to promote racial equity in regional clean water initiatives.

