

CEDAR RIVER WATERSHED EDUCATION CENTER

CEDAR FALLS, WASHINGTON

SEATTLE PUBLIC UTILITIES, WATERSHED MANAGEMENT DIVISION







Located at the edge of the pristine, 90,000-acre Cedar River Watershed preserve, this unique complex is dedicated to educating greater Seattle residents about the principal source of their drinking water—the Cedar River.

Jones & Jones master-planned the lake environs, sited the center on previously disturbed land and designed the Center to interpret the natural and cultural history of the forested watershed preserve. The Center's educational programs focus on local wildlife and plant communities, forest and timber resources, fisheries and related scientific research. A network of pedestrian trails connects the Center to the lakeshore recreation area and the water department's administrative headquarters.

The Center complex provides a living demonstration of the beauty and value of a healthy watershed.

FACTS

30,000 visitors per year

Learning labs for 100 students

Multipurpose space for 180

Conference rooms and resource library

Living roofs

21 rain drums pulsing to nature's rhythms

Water conservation and stormwater detention

Water quality wetland

BENEFITS

Model of stewardship Place-based education Civic link to rural and wild places Ecological restoration Demonstrated sustainability

Merit Award 2004—Design ASLA—National

Honor Award 2003—Design ASLA—Washington Chapter

What Makes it Green 2002—Built Category AIA Seattle

Honorable Mention Award 2001—Outstanding Public Project Northwest Construction JONES # JONES

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