

MERCER SLOUGH ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER

Bellevue, Washington

a project of
**The City of Bellevue Parks and Recreation
and
The Pacific Science Center**



Bellevue





Sited with minimal disturbance to the landscape, the Center has two classroom buildings, a multipurpose building, a visitors' center, and two wetlabs. Located on a sloping site, the buildings are elevated into the tree canopy, as much as 30 feet above ground. Here, children of all ages and backgrounds can get a hands-on experience of the wetland environment and the forest that protects it.

Opened in the summer of 2008, this will be a premier regional facility for the teaching and study of wetland ecosystems in an urban setting.

- Low-impact development, natural ventilation system, certified wood
- Onsite stormwater management
- Integrated landscape and buildings
- Preservation of the majority of mature trees on site
- Anticipated LEED™ Gold certification
- 10,000 square feet
- \$10.8 million construction cost



“Because of its location in a sensitive area, the project presented many challenges. Through excellent problem-solving skills and artful design, many of the challenges became opportunities, creating a truly unique and memorable experience for our future visitors.”

*Patrick Foran, Director
City of Bellevue, Parks and Community Services*



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FRONT



BACK



CENTER SPREAD

Sited with minimal disturbance to the landscape, the Center has two classroom buildings, a multipurpose building, a visitors' center, and two restrooms. Located on a sloping site, the buildings are elevated into the tree canopy, as much as 30 feet above ground. Here, children of all ages and backgrounds can get a hands-on experience of the wetland environment and the forest that protects it.

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