

WHATCOM CONSERVATION DISTRICT

2024-25 Featured accomplishments



Forest Stewardship Program launched

This new program, funded through the Climate Commitment Act, provided technical assistance to 57 clients. Whatcom Conservation District foresters wrote eight forest management plans, helped one forest landowner implement a two-acre reforestation project, and assisted one landowner with applying for current use tax status under the Designated Forest Land category.

Photo Caption: The District's Forest Stewardship Program partnered with the Fanucci's to plan, fund, and implement a reforestation project. Photo Credit: Alexi Guddal, Whatcom Conservation District.



Sustainable Farm and Fields Program builds resilience

The carbon planning technical assistance initiative achieved success providing financial assistance for projects that enhance climate resilience and operational efficiency on farms. Two waste separation projects reduced CO₂ emissions by 469 tons/year. Free cover crop seed covered 408 acres sequestering 66 metric tons of CO₂.

Photo Caption: District staff worked with dairy farms to enhance climate resilience through planning, improvement projects, and free cover crop seed. Photo Credit: Alexi Guddal, Whatcom Conservation District.



Conservation career connection

Building on its reputation for delivering exceptional place-based youth education, Whatcom Conservation District expanded its collaboration with the Nooksack Valley School District, using Recreation and Conservation Office and county funding. The District now serve 5th, 6th, and 7th grade students through outdoor experiential education focused on water conservation, watershed health, and farm stewardship.

Photo Caption: District staff guide students through macro invertebrate identification for pollution tolerance on Bertrand Creek. Photo Credit: Alexi Guddal, Whatcom Conservation District.

Other Accomplishments



Increased the number of wildfire risk assessments from 70 to 117, implemented a feedback mechanism, and organized 22 fuels reduction projects, 1.5 times more than the prior biennium.



Planted 88,961 native trees and shrubs along 10.9 miles of salmon bearing streams, establishing 125 acres of riparian buffer.



Received a Natural Resources Conservation Service Conservation Innovation Grant On Farm Trial award of \$1,213,060 to promote widespread adoption of weather-driven precision irrigation management in Northwestern Washington.

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