

THURSTON CONSERVATION DISTRICT

2024-25 Featured accomplishments



Discovering the magic of hedgerows

Our Discovering Hedgerows project, in partnership with Native Plant Salvage Foundation, planted 2,350+ plants to make up 21,250+ square feet of hedgerows on working farms. Demonstration workshops empowered 50+ people to make pollinator and wildlife friendly choices at home.

Photo Caption: Workshop participants installed a pollinator hedgerow on a local farm while learning about correct planting techniques, irrigation, and hedgerow functions.



Voluntary conservation supports local farms

We implemented six projects to support both farms and natural resources. These included manure composting facilities, fencing to limit access to waterways and increase grazing, concrete pads for livestock, and livestock watering pipelines. These kinds of projects allow farms to function better and support our local ag economy.

Photo Caption: This completed composting structure includes a forced air system to speed up the composting process in order to better support this small farm.



Urban residents get increased access to gardens

In partnership with the City of Olympia, three community gardens were built to support food access for people experiencing homelessness. Additional support for local community gardens also increased the success of those sites. Regular workshops and community dinners helped build engagement and community.

Photo Caption: Creative solutions supported community garden spaces in Olympia's Tiny House Villages. This included creating shade for residents with plantings and ensuring pets couldn't get into beds.

Other accomplishments

- Installed 47,093+ plants to support restoration projects, including riparian planting, hedgerows, agroforestry, pollinator plantings and more.
- 8,638 youth, aged K-12, were engaged in hands-on field trip and classroom education opportunities.
- Gave 34 homeowners customized wildfire prevention plans. Two communities chose to work more in-depth to create neighborhood wildfire preparedness plans.
- Conducted 250 soil tests for community members.
- 162 rentals of TCD's available farm equipment occurred, 75 of which were for poultry processing equipment. The value of locally grown meat processed with TCD's equipment was over \$104,000.
- Hosted 4,000+ attendees at over 60 annual events, workshops, and programs. This included a mini-conference, harvest festival, and annual plant sale.