

ASOTIN COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

2024-25 Featured accomplishment



A certified arborist standing on a felled hazard tree next to a home. This Community Wildfire Resiliency project created linked defensible space between homes to improve public safety and reduce wildfire risks. Photo by: Kevin Bott, KAGEY Forestry, 2025

Resource concern

Homes in Asotin County have a greater risk of wildfire than 91 percent of counties in the United States. Forest health is deteriorating as we endure repeated droughts, bark-beetle outbreaks, and a dangerous buildup of wildfire fuels. As our communities, wildlife, and watersheds face the seasonal threat of sudden destruction by wildfire, Asotin County Conservation District collaborated with residents of the Tranquil Lane community, Clearwater Power, Washington State Department of Natural Resources, and Asotin County to implement a community wildfire hazard reduction project serving 17 landowners.

Featured project

The forested Tranquil Lane community removed wildfire hazards, improved community safety, and created linked defensible space. The District partnered with local agencies, contractors, and stakeholders to remove 214 hazard trees from 17 home ignition zones, reduce wildfire fuels on six acres, improve primary evacuation routes, and provide assessments and mitigation items to landowners. Promoting resiliency, public education, and sustainable land management is a long-term strategy benefitting communities, economy, watersheds, fish, and wildlife.

Costs & partners

Funding for this project was provided by the Washington State Conservation Commission with \$141,201 from Forest Health and Community Wildfire Resiliency program, and the Washington State Department of Natural Resources \$18,980.

Other accomplishments



Funded 375 acres of on-the-ground forest health and fuel reduction treatments, serving 55 private forestland owners in five salmon bearing watersheds.



Completed community linked-defensible space projects, 25 home ignition zone assessments, provided mitigation items for 57 homes, and facilitated public education.



Led a comprehensive update to the Asotin County Community Wildfire Protection Plan, involving 15 agency partners and engaging 486 community members in the process.