

SNOHOMISH CONSERVATION DISTRICT

2024-25 Featured accomplishment



District staff work on chipping a wood pile in Darrington with Glacier Peak Institute.



A district staff member operates a mini excavator to move a pile of woody debris.

Resource concern

Communities in Snohomish County and Camano Island are increasingly at risk from wildfire. Many landowners lack the knowledge and resources needed to manage fuels and improve forest health to reduce wildfire risk. Rural areas often face the highest risk but have limited capacity for mitigation, and the lack of regional preparedness leaves communities vulnerable to rapid fire spread. Snohomish Conservation District leveraged our expertise to provide technical assistance and support community coordination to reduce risk.

Featured project

The District is addressing the challenge by collaborating with multiple partners on fuel reduction, technical assistance, home ignition assessments, forest stewardship plans, education and outreach, and a countywide wildfire plan. Results to date include technical assistance to 103 forest landowners, nine stewardship plans covering 450 acres, 77 site visits, 56 home wildfire risk assessments, one community-scale risk assessment, and chipping of 397 cubic yards of woody debris for 13 properties. The District engaged 100,000+ residents through events and social media.

Costs & partners

This project cost \$438,800. The District partnered with Puget Sound conservation districts, Washington State Department of Natural Resources, USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service, Washington State University Extension, University of Washington, Glacier Peak Institute, tribal partners, local fire districts, and county, municipal, and non-profit organizations.

Other accomplishments

- Planted 1,459 trees in neighborhoods throughout Everett, Marysville, and the Tulalip Tribes community. By the end of 2028, we will plant 7,000 urban trees.
- Snohomish Conservation District completed two fish passage barrier removals to restore fish access to over six miles of habitat for fish and other aquatic wildlife.
- Supported local farms in implementing five cost share projects to enhance operational efficiency and improve water quality.
- The District's Youth Education team provided engaging lessons about healthy watersheds and local agriculture for over 7,000 youth across more than 40 schools.