

# KING CONSERVATION DISTRICT

## 2024-25 Featured accomplishments



### Big Soos Creek restored for salmon

Big Soos Creek is core salmon habitat. Degraded streamsides lack shade, leaf litter, and soil protection - functions critical to maintaining habitat quality for salmon and other wildlife. King Conservation District's Riparian Stewardship team provided education, technical assistance, and implementation to restore 1.25 acres along a 500 foot stretch of the stream on private property in Kent, Washington.

*Photo Caption: A photo of Big Soos Creek after invasive weed removal and planting of native plants.*



### Improving salmon passage

At Growing Things Farm in Carnation a damaged culvert cut off aquatic access to a Snoqualmie River tributary, blocked access to 30 acres of hay fields, and caused flooding. The District relocated aquatic animals in the project area, removed beaver dam debris and invasive vegetation, replaced the culvert, and designed a bridge that provides ample space for fish passage and discourages beaver damming.

*Photo Caption: A photo of the newly constructed bridge that replaced a damage culvert and provides access to 30 acres of hay fields and discourages beaver damming.*



### Wildland Urban Interface residents educate neighbors

Residential areas in the Wildland Urban Interface are especially prone to wildfire due to dense tree stands and forest debris surrounding homes. After updating their property based on the District wildfire mitigation recommendations, Susan and Tony opened their home in unincorporated Redmond to educate their neighbors about safe practices and working with the District.

*Photo Caption: Residents of the Wildland Urban Interface learn about wildfire mitigation best practices from District Project Coordinator Natalia Williams.*

## Other accomplishments

- King Conservation District grants have allowed Restaurant 2 Garden in Seattle's Chinatown International District to turn restaurant food scraps into valuable compost for local community gardens.
- The District funded 553 acres of cover crop for farmers across King County to improve soil health and held a peer-to-peer farm tour at one of the farms to promote the regenerative practice.
- District grants helped 21 Acres launch a farm business incubator food production and education space for farmers and packaged food business who source local ingredients.
- The District provided 64 free soil contaminant tests for lead and arsenic to 11 at-risk community gardens and hosted three safe soil workshops.