

# KITSAP CONSERVATION DISTRICT

## 2024-25 Featured accomplishments



### Channon Fish Passage

The project restored two miles of stream in the Curly Creek watershed and benefited wild coho, chum, and steelhead habitat. Kitsap Conservation District was granted \$764,765 from the Washington State Department of Natural Resources Family Forest Fish Passage Program and the District contributed \$280,000 from its habitat program. Crew salvaged over 2,000 fish including 413 salmonids. Riparian planting of 4,000 native plants occurred in the fall of 2024.

*Photo Caption: Channon project funded by the Recreation and Conservation Office and Clean Water Kitsap Backyard Habitat Grant funding.*



### Saint Antony's Church demonstration project

A seasonal spring adjacent to the property flows to a culvert under the road. In 2025, the church contacted Kitsap Conservation District, interested in reducing the lawn on their property and replacing it with native plants. With a footprint of over 8,000 sq. ft., the project required hundreds of native plants to capture and filter stormwater.

*Photo Caption: St. Antony Church is in the Dyes Inlet Watershed. Kitsap Conservation District removed the sod, amended the soil and will be planted and cared for by members.*



### GRACE program

Kitsap Conservation District's GRACE Program educates beginning farmers in partnership with the Washington State University Extension and the Kitsap Farm Mentor Program. During the biennium, the District provided 208,608 lbs. of fresh vegetables to local foodbanks. Through the Local Food Purchase Assistance Cooperative Agreement Program and Farm to Food Pantry grants, \$303,441 was injected into foodbank and farmers for healthy, fresh food. This accounted for up to 35 percent of local farm sales.

*Photo Caption: Interns gather for training at the Kitsap Conservation District GRACE Farm.*

## Other accomplishments



Kitsap Conservation District was chosen as the Northwest Area District of the Year for 2024.



Diverted 30,000 lbs. of edible food from the landfill.



The District's planting team utilized Washington Conservation Corps crew to complete 17 plantings, installing 10,543 native trees and shrubs on streamside areas.