

# MASON CONSERVATION DISTRICT

## 2024-25 Featured accomplishments



### Indigenous Agroforestry Fair

Mason Conservation District and Salish Roots Farm welcomed 150+ visitors to the Indigenous Agroforestry Fair, celebrating culture, food, & land stewardship together.

*Photo Caption: Patricia Green of Salish Roots Farm and Nick Schneider of Mason Conservation District at the Indigenous Agroforestry Fair, celebrating partnership and shared stewardship. Photo by J. Thurman-Williams.*



### Connecting community members

Mason Conservation District distributed 22,221 lbs of fresh produce and 4,766 plant starts; connecting local farms, food pantries, & gardeners in Mason County.

*Photo Caption: Contract grown vegetable starts by local farmers, ready for pick up at a Mason County food pantry, helping families grow their own fresh, healthy food. Photo by Nick Schneider.*



### Shore Friendly Mason restoration

Mason Conservation District's Shore Friendly program removed 21 pilings, 110 ft of hard armor, and nourished 180 ft of shoreline with sand and gravel to restore beach habitat for forage fish and salmon. A tenth of an acre was replanted with native marine vegetation.

*Photo Caption: An excavator removes shoreline armor and adds gravel and sand to restore natural beach habitat and support salmon recovery. Photo by Matt Phillips.*

## Other accomplishments



Wildlife in the Forest Workshop at Still Waters Farm showcased habitat-friendly forestry with experts and landowner Mark Biser.



The updated Water Resource Inventory Area 14 Salmon Plan outlines long-term, multispecies strategies to restore habitat, improve fish passage, and protect streams, shorelines, and floodplains.



Mason Conservation District joined Pacific, Whatcom and San Juan Island conservation districts to draft a report on supporting aquaculture in Washington, recommending new best management practices and practice updates to guide future conservation funding.