

SKAGIT CONSERVATION DISTRICT

2024-25 Featured accomplishment



Teachers at the Forestry Workshop hosted by SCD.

Resource concern

Forest management practices address several resource concerns, including various types of soil erosion, to prevent soil organism habitat degradation, aggregate instability, and sediment transported to surface water. Maintaining healthy forests also leads to reduced greenhouse gases, plant pest control, wildfire mitigation, cooler water temperatures, and prevention of terrestrial and aquatic habitat loss. Forestry work is especially important in Washington, the Evergreen State!

Featured project

For the last three years, Skagit Conservation District's forestry program has co-developed and facilitated a "Teacher Tour" workshop for 6th-12th grade teachers, covering many aspects of forest management in Skagit county. The workshop educates teachers regarding complex forest ecosystems and demonstrates the importance of stewardship practices so that this knowledge can be shared with students across the state, leading

to generations of responsible resource management. The training provides 15 Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math hours toward continuing education requirements for credentialing.

Costs & partners

The Forestry Teacher Tour is co-facilitated by Washington State Department of Natural Resources' Youth Education and Outreach Program, Hampton Lumber, and Sierra Pacific Inc., and funded by these and the Sustainable Forestry Initiative of Washington.



"I learned so much about forests and fire ecology.... I now feel like I can make more connections [between this field] and our current curriculum." - Workshop Participant

Other accomplishments



Completed 57 home wildfire risk assessments over the last biennium!



Implemented 77 water quality-related practices in the last biennium, including cover crop plantings (29!), roof runoff structures, manure bins, heavy use area protections, and more.



Also related to water quality and waste storage, the District recently facilitated the construction of an 87'x19' above ground manure storage tank that holds 806,809 gallons.

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