

SAN JUAN ISLANDS CONSERVATION DISTRICT

2024-25 Featured accomplishments



Wildfire readiness

The Wildfire Ready Neighbors program, in partnership with Department of Natural Resources and local fire districts, provided free risk assessments to hundreds of local homeowners eager to do something to reduce wildfire risk around their homes and in their neighborhoods. Learn more at www.sanjuanislandscd.org/wildfire-preparedness.

Photo Caption: A homeowner learns how to harden their home against wildfire risk on San Juan Island.



Riparian buffer enhancements

In 2024, San Juan Islands Conservation District used Riparian Grant Program funding to plant nearly 10,000 trees and shrubs, restoring ten acres of vegetative riparian buffer in five priority watersheds with public and private landowners. Learn more at www.sanjuanislandscd.org/riparian-restoration.

Photo Caption: Islands Conservation Corps crew members plant trees and shrubs to restore a riparian buffer in one of San Juan County's priority watersheds.



Youth leadership

The Youth Conservation Corps program provides no-cost outdoor experiences and early career training for youth throughout the San Juan Islands, ages 12-18. For eight weeks each summer, three Youth Conservation Corps crews of roughly 15 members each contribute over 5,000 service hours toward ecological restoration projects across many islands. Learn more at www.sanjuanislandscd.org/ycc.

Photo Caption: The Orcas Island YCC crew hard at work on a Scotch broom removal project at Cedar Rock Preserve on Shaw Island.

Other accomplishments



Increased local project funding by four times and tripled the number of projects implemented in the 23-25 biennium over the 21-23 biennium, completing 31 unique projects.



Completed 29 farm management plans and conducted nearly 400 unique site visits to provide technical assistance and project support to landowners.



Completed an updated of the 2012 Community Wildfire Protection Plan in partnership with over fifteen community partners and government agencies.

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