

PIERCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

2024-25 Featured accomplishments



Prioritizing pollinators

Through funding from Western Sustainable Agriculture and Research and in collaboration with local crop farmers, Pierce Conservation District developed twelve new pollinator-friendly hedgerow planting guides. The District also helped install 800 feet of demonstration hedgerows and hosted a hands-on hedgerow installation workshop for farmers.

Photo Caption: Farm Planner Ali Nichols at Wild Hare Farm in Pierce County, assisting with plant placement for implementing a 75-foot long pollinator hedgerow.



Removing pavement in urban spaces

Neighbors in Tacoma, Washington came together to depave and plant a large concrete area as part of the District's Green Stormwater program. District staff provided technical assistance and volunteer coordination to remove the concrete, plant, and mulch the space.

Photo Caption: Volunteers at the District planting native plants over a newly depaved space in Tacoma as part of Orca Recovery Day 2024.



Bolstering beginning farmers

Pierce Conservation District's Farm Foundations program had its largest cohort to-date. Farm Foundations gives participants a full season farm internship experience without a full-time commitment. Participants learned through classes, field work, and farm tours. 21 beginning farmers spent a total of 142 program hours per participant and are now ready to farm sustainably.

Photo Caption: Farm Foundations graduates, their family, and District staff huddled in a large barn for a photo to commemorate their accomplishments.

Other accomplishments



The District engaged 4,903 students in environmental education programming, with ~2,200 raising and releasing salmon across two school districts.



The District harvested 42,026 pounds of excess produce to give to local hunger-relief organizations like food banks and small businesses like cideries.



60 community members had their home assessed for wildfire preparedness as part of the District's newly launched Wildfire Preparedness program.