



Local Food
Healthy Forests
Clean Water
Better Ground

2024 Report to King County Council



King Conservation District is a nonregulatory, special purpose district, funded by rates and charges, with a mission to promote the sustainable use of natural resources through voluntary stewardship in King County.

We provide education, technical assistance, and cost-sharing to private residents in forest management, farm conservation planning, wildfire preparedness, and streamside and shoreline enhancement.

We also provide grants, and work with cities and other organizations to support community gardens, urban forest canopy, and local food systems.

2024 Impacts and Accomplishments

69,000

Plants Distributed via
Native Plant Sale



500+

Stewards Educated



13,250

Native Trees and
Shrubs Planted



542

Volunteer Hours Served



Awarded to Bolster Our
Regional Food System

\$802K

Awarded to Member Jurisdictions for Natural
Resource Education, Outreach, & Improvements



9

Cities
Partnered
with to
Improve
Urban Tree
Canopy



59

Equipment Rentals to Help Farmers



50

Farm
Conservation
Plans Written



\$682K+

Cost-share to Help
Individuals Implement
Conservation Practices

70

Acres of Forest Stewarded



98

Acres of Farmland
Production Improved & Restored



Communities Partnered with
to Reduce Wildfire Risks

1

Mile of
Shoreline
Habitat
Improved



6

Acres of
Shorelines
Stewarded



52

Acres Covered by
Wildfire Risk Assessments



ILA Benchmarks 2020-2024

Priority	Program	Annual Benchmarks	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	5-Year Avg
Local Food	Regional Food	\$900,000 Awarded	\$506,650	\$462,352	\$1,127,545	\$538,000	\$912,721	\$709,454
		20% Existing Awards Evaluated	20%	100%	100%	100%	100%	80%
	Agricultural Drainage	2.5 Miles Drainage Ditches Cleared	1.88	3.68	3.8	2.6	1.9	2.77
		300 Acres Restored/Improved	95	297	301	193	98	196.8
		25% of Projects Evaluated	25%	66%	33%	58%	14%	39%
	Community Agriculture	3 New Community Gardens Assisted	3	3	3	4	5	3.6
5-7 Existing Gardens Provided Support		7	5	7	8	5	6.4	
Clean Water	Riparian Land Stewardship	192 Landowners Engaged	166	281	123	198	255	205
		19 Engaged Landowners Take Action	6	5	21	14	5	10
	Rural Land Stewardship	144 Landowners Engaged	247	273	279	435	725	392
		38 New Farm Plans	44	63	62	56	50	55
		38 Farm Plans Reviewed & Evaluated	23	80	7	11	6	25
		\$243,750 LIP Cost Share Awarded	\$117,432	\$163,812	\$299,567	\$446,460	\$448,942	\$295,243
	Riparian Restoration/Improvement	18 Projects	22	16	13	15	9	15
		10 Acres Impacted	12.15	6.2	13	24.1	6.1	12.31
		or 1.5 Miles Impacted	2.02	1.07	1.34	3.35	1	1.75
		20 Projects Evaluated	39	31	38	29	29	33
		\$112,500 LIP Cost Share Awarded	\$104,376	\$161,337	\$134,370	\$136,377	\$128,886	\$133,069
Healthy Forests	Wildfire Preparedness	3-4 Communities Receive Assistance	7	15	7	10	5	9
	Urban Forest Stewardship	3 Cities Receive Funding Support	0	7	3	5	3	4
		\$150,000 Awarded	0	\$285,833	\$150,000	\$161,072	\$257,385	\$170,858
	Small Lot Forest Stewardship	100 Landowners Engaged	966	1199	774	361	238	708
		80-100 Landowners Receive Assistance	116	219	153	91	95	135
		10 Existing Project Plans Evaluated	10	25	5	27	6	15
	Member Jurisdiction Grants	35 Jurisdictions Engaged	35	13	35	35	35	31
		25% Develop Grant Proposals	57%	60%	80%	34%	40%	48%
		25% Existing/Historic Projects Evaluated	25%	25%	25%	25%	25%	25%
	Board Elections	Paper Ballots Received at Drop Boxes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	-
		Electronic Balloting System	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
		Interactive Online Voter Guide	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
		Promotion on King County Elections Website	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes



Forestry

- 71% of respondents reported improvement to their forest after working with KCD.

Farm

- 83% of respondents said they implemented a practice recommended in their farm conservation plan.
- 77% reported improvements to their farm one year out.

Riparian

- 89% of respondents reported improvements to their property.
- 81% of respondents said they were unlikely or very unlikely to implement a streamside restoration project on their own.
- 84% likely or very likely to recommend service to a neighbor



KCD Cooperator Outcomes 2021-2024



Increasing Conservation Impact- 2024

Grants & Contracts
\$1,282,919





CommuniTreeSupport (District 1)

- City of Shoreline annual tree giveaway/planting program
- KCD Forestry staff provided site visits, recommendations, and installation
- 170 site visits provided
- 243 trees given to 169 participants

GET A FREE TREE!

Shoreline residents can get a FREE tree through Communi-trees, the City's tree giveaway and planting program.



SIGN UP BY
AUGUST 15



Contaminant Soil Test for Community Gardens (District 2)

- 64 free soil tests to 11 higher risk urban gardens
- Tested for lead and arsenic
- Held 3 workshops educating 75 International Rescue Committee gardeners and staff about safe soil





Business Impact NW (District 3)

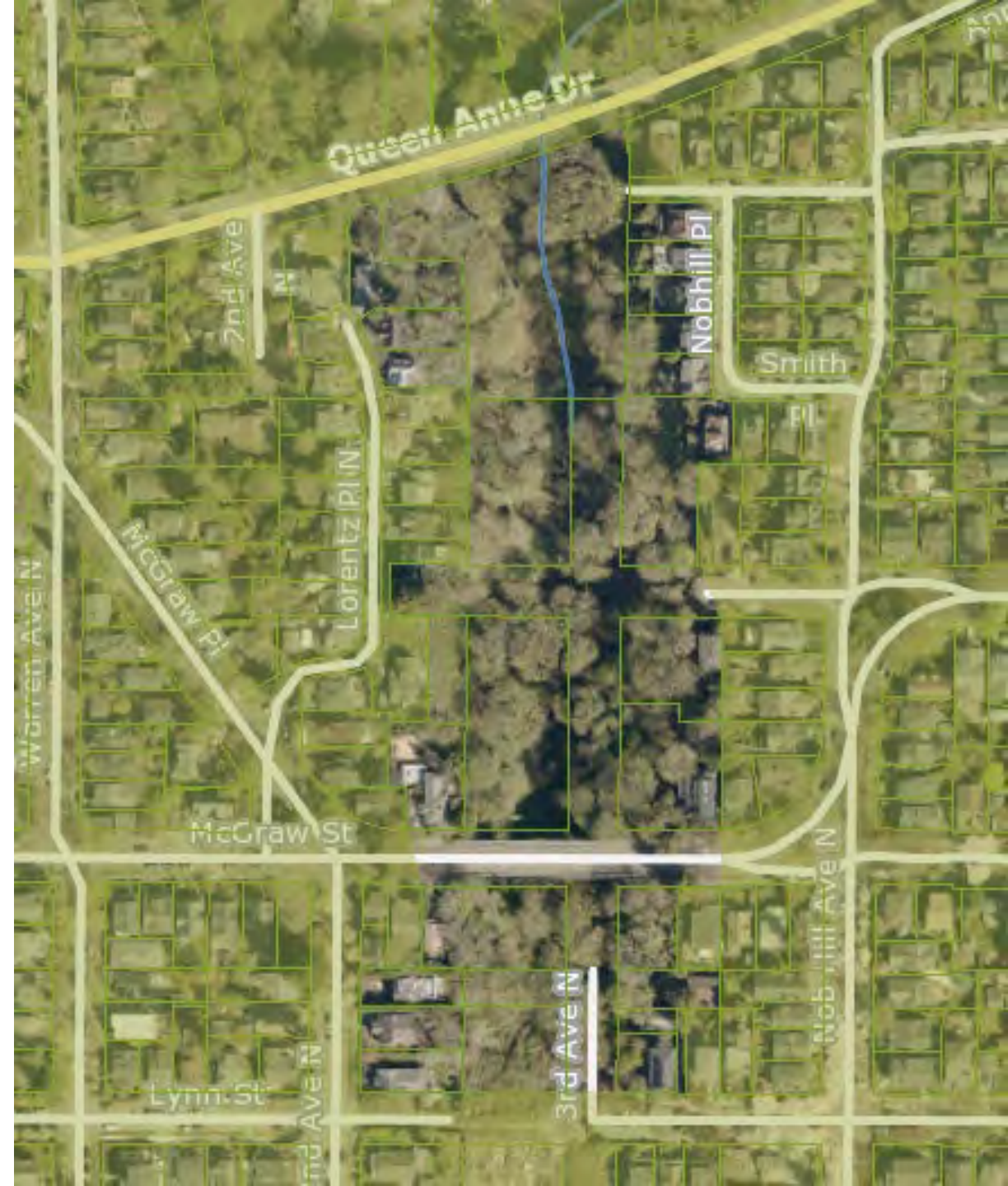
- Supported by KCD Regional Food System Funding
- Provides training, technical assistance, one-on-one coaching, and food production space to growers
- Aash Farms in Woodinville was able to expand their no-till, regenerative farm and launch value-added products
- 762 hours of coaching and training to 233 clients in 2024





Wolf Creek Ravine Urban Forest Management Plan (District 4)

- Developed forest management plan with community input
- 20 actively participating households
- Currently drafting scope of work





3rd Annual Tukwila Tree Giveaway (District 5)

- 285 trees distributed
- 663 trees since 2022





Big Soos Creek Riparian Restoration (District 5)

- 500 ft streamside
- 1.25 acre riparian area enhanced
- Supports spawning migration of Chinook, pink, coho, chum, and sockeye salmon





Eastside Prep Student-led Campus Restoration (District 6)

- 430 Native Trees and Shrubs Planted
- Led by school's Green Club
- Restores riparian area along salmon-bearing Cochran Springs Creek





Green Kent Urban Natural Resource Management Program Phase 2 (District 7)

- KCD Member Jurisdiction Grant funded
- Previous funds assisted with natural areas and urban forest assessments
- 2024 Funds support increased site management, environmental education, and community engagement at Green Kent sites





Restaurant 2 Garden (District 8)

- Chinatown International District community-driven project
- Diverts restaurant food waste to community gardens





Cover Crop Support (District 9)

- 553 Acres of cover crops across King County funded
- Supports farm resilience and regenerative farming
- Peer-to-peer tours educated farmers new to the practice





Looking Forward

- Collaborative partnerships
- Climate resilience and regenerative agriculture

