

2023 Accomplishments



Local Food
Healthy Forests
Clean Water
Better Ground



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.

2023 IMPACT + ACCOMPLISHMENTS

67,730

Plants Distributed via Native Plant Sale



782

Stewards Educated



42,686

Native Trees and Shrubs Planted



852

Volunteer Hours Served



47

Community Agriculture Projects Supported

\$984,162

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



53

Equipment Rentals to Help Farmers



11

Cities Partnered with to Improve Urban Tree Canopy



56

Farm Conservation Plans Written



\$562K+

Cost-share to Help Individuals Implement Conservation Practices



1,605

Acres Covered by Wildfire Risk Assessments



128

Acres of Farmland Production Improved & Restored



13

Communities Partnered with to Reduce Wildfire Risks



24

Acres of Forest Stewarded

3.5

Miles of Shoreline Habitat Improved



25

Acres of Shorelines Stewarded



ILA Benchmarks

Priority	Program	Annual Benchmarks	2020 Actual	2021 Actual	2022 Actual	2023 Actual	4-Year Avg
Local Food	Regional Food	\$900,000 Awarded	\$858,406	\$741,352	\$975,817	\$0	\$643,894
		20% Existing Awards Evaluated	20%	100%	100%	100%	80%
	Agricultural Drainage	2.5 Miles Drainage Ditches Cleared	1.88	3.68	3.8	2.6	2.99
		300 Acres Restored/Improved	95	297	301	193	221.5
		25% of Projects Evaluated	25%	66%	33%	58%	46%
	Community Agriculture	3 New Community Gardens Assisted	3	3	3	4	3.25
5-7 Existing Gardens Provided Support		7	5	7	8	6.75	
Clean Water	Riparian Land Stewardship	192 Landowners Engaged	166	281	123	198	192
		19 Engaged Landowners Take Action	6	5	21	14	11.5
	Rural Land Stewardship	144 Landowners Engaged	247	273	279	435	308.5
		38 New Farm Plans	44	63	62	56	56.25
		38 Farm Plans Reviewed & Evaluated	23	80	7	11	30.25
		\$243,750 LIP Cost Share Awarded	\$117,432	\$163,812	\$299,567	\$446,460	\$256,818
	Riparian Restoration/Improvement	18 Projects	22	16	13	15	16.5
		10 Acres Impacted	12.15	6.2	13	24.1	13.86
		or 1.5 Miles Impacted	2.02	1.07	1.34	3.35	1.95
		20 Projects Evaluated	39	31	38	29	34.25
	\$112,500 LIP Cost Share Awarded	\$104,376	\$161,337	\$134,370	\$136,377	\$134,115	
Healthy Forests	Wildfire Preparedness	3-4 Communities Receive Assistance	7	15	7	10	9.75
	Urban Forest Stewardship	3 Cities Receive Funding Support	0	7	3	5	3.75
		\$150,000 Awarded	0	\$285,833	\$150,000	\$161,072	\$149,226
	Small Lot Forest Stewardship	100 Landowners Engaged	966	1199	774	361	825
		80-100 Landowners Receive Assistance	116	219	153	91	145
		10 Existing Project Plans Evaluated	10	25	5	27	16.75
Member Jurisdiction Grants	35 Jurisdictions Engaged	35	13	35	35	29.5	
	25% Develop Grant Proposals	57%	60%	80%	34%	48%	
	25% Existing/Historic Projects Evaluated	25%	25%	25%	25%	31%	
Board Elections	Paper Ballots Received at Drop Boxes	Yes	Yes	No	No	-	
	Electronic Balloting System	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
	Interactive Online Voter Guide	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
	Promotion on King County Elections Website	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	



KCD Cooperator Outcomes

Forestry

79% reported improvement to their forest after working with KCD

Farm

78% reported improvements to their farm after working with KCD

Riparian

100% reported improvements to their property
87.5% wouldn't have taken action without KCD help





KCD Partnerships

King County

WRIAs

Puget Sound CD Caucus

Cities

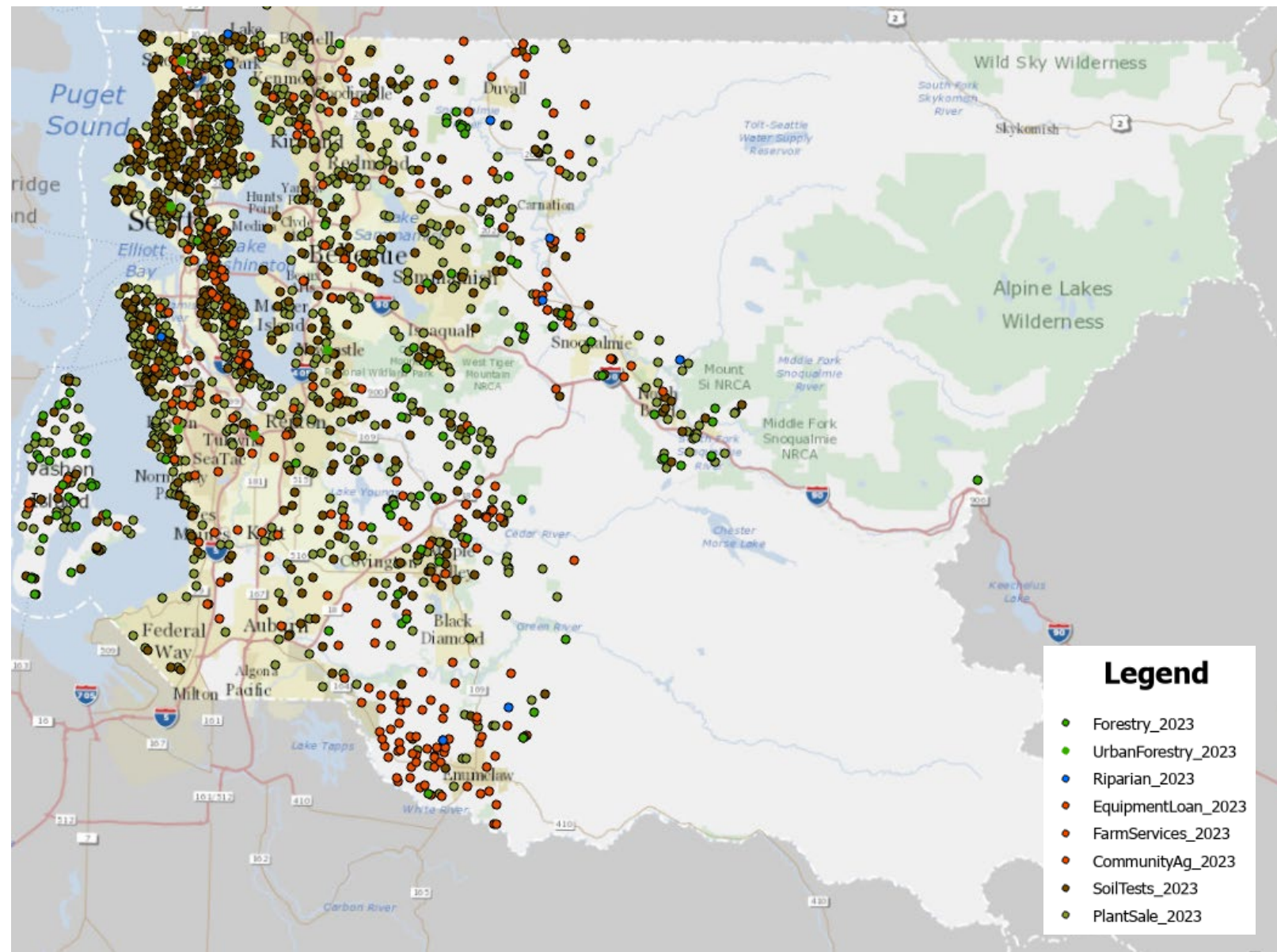
Natural Resource Conservation Service

Sound Transit

And more!



KCD Project Map For 2023



Legend	
●	Forestry_2023
●	UrbanForestry_2023
●	Riparian_2023
●	EquipmentLoan_2023
●	FarmServices_2023
●	CommunityAg_2023
●	SoilTests_2023
●	PlantSale_2023

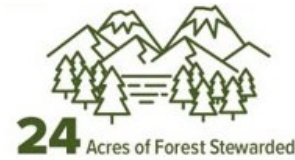
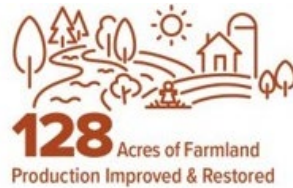
Making King County more

RESILIENT, SUSTAINABLE & EQUITABLE

2020 Strategic Climate Action Plan

Section: Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Focus Area - Forests and Agriculture

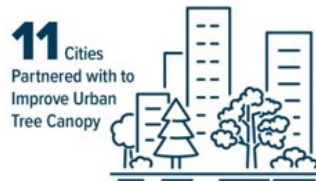


Section: Sustainable & Resilient Frontline Communities

Focus Area: Food Systems and Food Security



Focus Area: Community Health and Emergency Preparedness



Section: Preparing for Climate Change



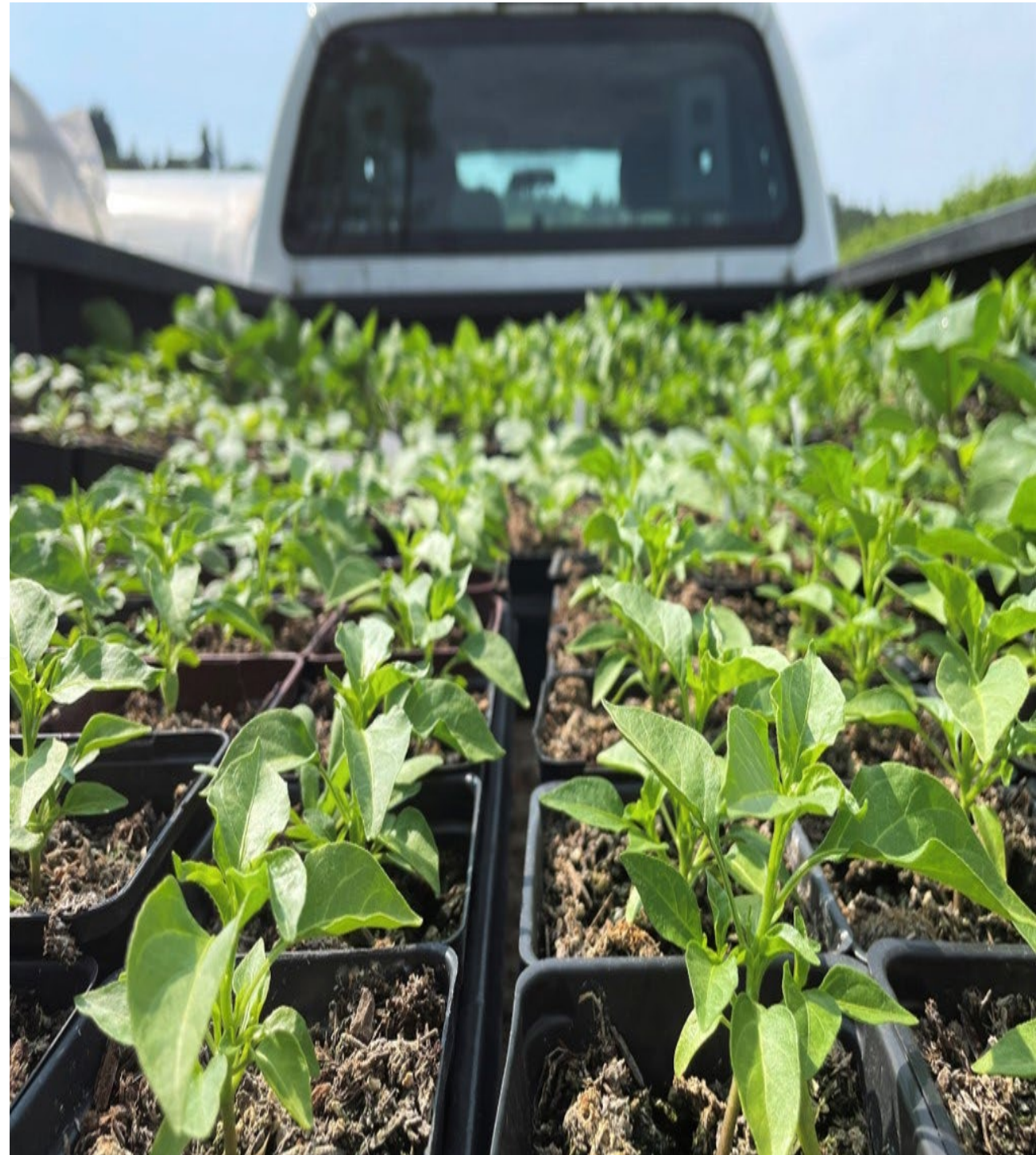


Increasing Conservation Impact - 2023

Grants & Contracts

\$1,247,287

- Examples
 - Artificial Light at Night Initiative
 - WA DNR Urban Forestry Grant
 - Burien and SeaTac Forest Restoration





Trees For Rail (District 1)

- 342 Trees
- 2,322 Native Plants
- 201 Households





YouthGrow (District 2)

- Education and job readiness
- Engages at-risk youth
- Builds job readiness skills
- Improves soil health and a sustainable food system





Wildfire Buffer Near Redmond (District 3)

- 2.2 Acres of Fuels Reduction
- KCD Provided technical and financial support
- Reduces likelihood of fire in community
- Reduces fire risk to Redmond Watershed Preserve





Snoqualmie Valley – New Water Supply from Foster Pond (District 3)

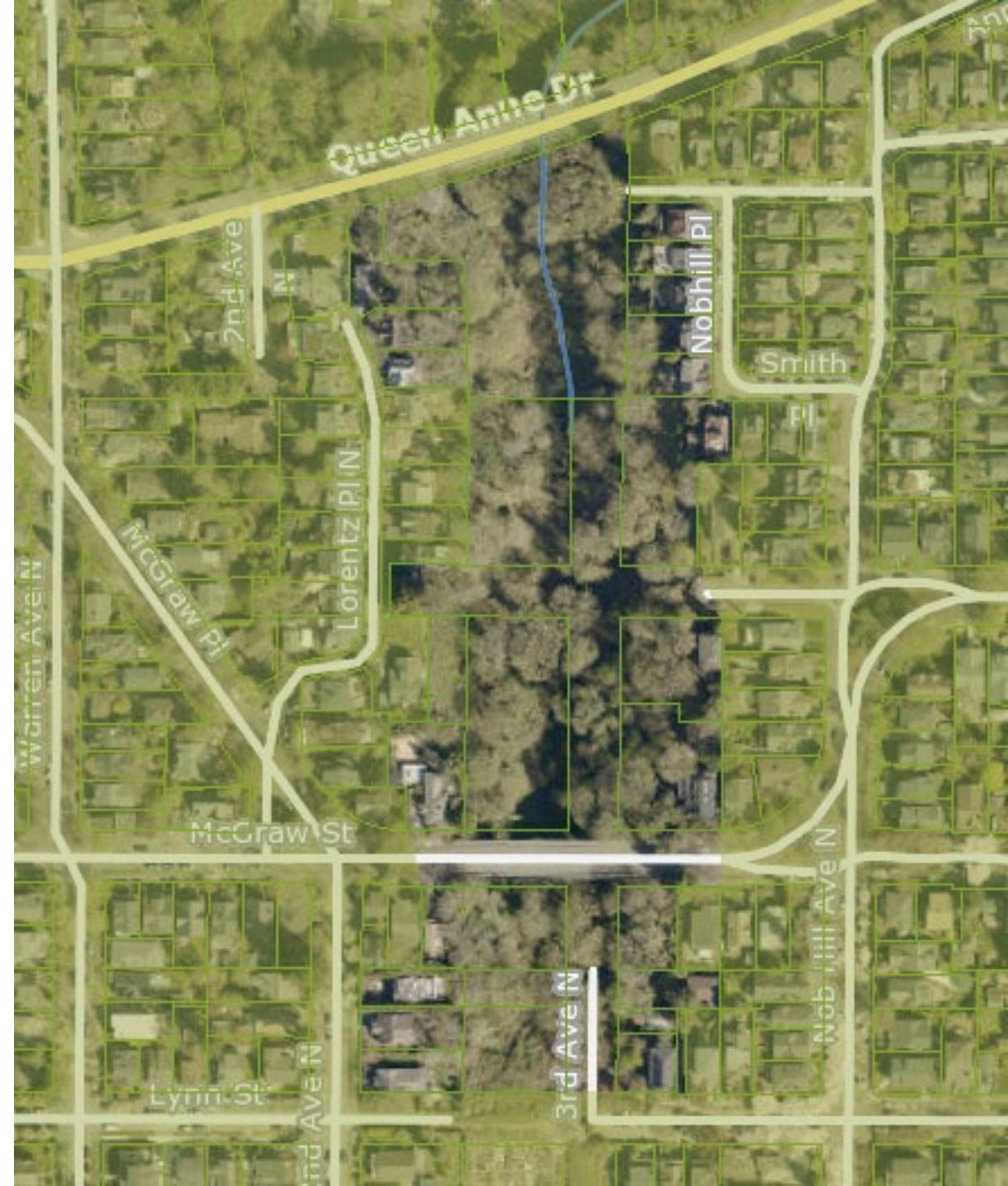
- **KCD Funding**
- **Converted pond into irrigation source**
- **Will serve 6-10 farms**





Wolf Creek Ravine Urban Forest Management Plan (District 4)

- **Community Outreach**
- **Neighborhood Driven**
- **Forest Stewardship Planning**





North SeaTac Park Restoration (District 5)

- MJ Grant Funded
- 2 Acres Restored/Maintained
- 683 Native Plants Planted
- Work Guided by KCD Forest Stewardship Plan





Senior Healthy Eating Des Moines (District 5)

- 1,000 Low-Income Seniors





Mercer Slough Blueberry Farm (District 6)

- **Treated Encroaching Hardhack**
- **Farm provides local, fresh produce**





Senior Healthy Eating Des Moines (District 7)

- 1,000 Low-Income Seniors





Hilltop Park Restoration (District 8)

- 60,000 Sq Ft Restored
- Paid and Volunteer Opportunities
- Job-Training





Enumclaw Farm Drainage (District 9)

- **Maintained 3000ft of agricultural ditch**
- **Replaced 2 farm crossings**
- **Reduced flooding on 30 acres**





Rate Renewal

- 2025-2029
- DEI-Focused Strategic Planning
- Collaborative Planning





Ayeko Farm Riparian Buffer (District 9)

- **3.5 Acre Riparian Buffer**
- **Half Mile of Newaukum Creek**
- **Chinook, coho, sockeye, and chum habitat**
- **5,000 Native Trees and Shrubs**





Vashon Cover Crop (District 8)

- 16 Farms





Ayeko Farm Riparian Buffer (District 3)

- **37 Acre Forest Renewal**

