

Snohomish Conservation District

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2014 Feature Accomplishment: Washington Conservation Corps: Boots on the ground



Department of Ecology Director Maia Bellon stopped in to a City of Everett Downspout Disconnect project site to meet the WCC crew.

RESOURCE CHALLENGE Snohomish Conservation District sponsored a Washington Conservation Corps (WCC) crew to boost on-the-ground conservation efforts. WCC is an AmeriCorps program for 18-25 year olds to serve for one year in natural resource fields. The District has three grants from Department of Ecology in priority salmon recovery areas—Woods Creek, Church Creek, and Skagit Flats. Given the ambitious goal to plant 45 acres in Woods Creek alone, the addition of an enthusiastic and hard-working crew was needed to help the District to keep pace.

PROJECT SUMMARY AND RESULTS The WCC crew worked on streamside plantings, the annual plant sale, installing rain gardens, assisting with Everett's Downspout Disconnect project, and at the District's Plant Nursery. Streamside restoration projects included improving water quality and habitat by planting 11.6 acres of streamside buffer with over 9,300 native trees and shrubs. The crew has also worked on a variety of other projects and contributed to emergency response efforts throughout the state including the Carlton Complex fire and two weeks assisting with the Oso Slide Response, where they worked 16 hour days on the slide site digging drainage ditches.

KEY PARTNERS: WA Department of Ecology; WA State Conservation Commission; Snohomish County Surface Water Management



The WCC crew helped Stillaguamish Tribe biologists collect salmon and steelhead for their brood stocking program on the North Fork Stillaguamish.

Other Accomplishments



Snohomish Conservation District commissioned 18 videos in 2013-14 to help landowners with a host of topics. Here, farm planner Alan Shank takes a break from filming.



Snohomish Conservation District staff worked with a youth camp to learn about and then plant a pollinator garden on camp property.



The WCC helped with Oso slide recovery efforts after a devastating landslide, digging trenches to help drain impacted areas and sorting supplies.

More Work to Do!

- Continue promoting Better Ground with other conservation districts, WA State Conservation Commission, and others.
- Work with local, state, and federal agencies and other partners to develop and implement Floodplains by Design projects.
- Further develop partnership with RCO, DNR and WDFW on Family Forest Fish Passage Program.
- Work with partners to grow Low Impact Development cost share program for private landowners.