



King Conservation District

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Other Accomplishments



Partnered with Rob Beresford, of the Carrie Lewith Home in Lake Forest Park, to restore 32,000 square feet of creek shoreline.

Photo: Melissa Tatro



Continued partnering with King County to bring 75 new acres into production and increase productivity on over 400 acres through improved drainage.

Photo: Mark Musick



Worked with six cities to provide technical assistance or launch programs to expand urban canopy cover.

2016 Feature Accomplishment

Launching the Regional Food System Program

RESOURCE CHALLENGE

Although King County residents spend \$6 billion per year on food, just two percent of those dollars go toward local farmers. Increasing that number to 10 percent would bring resources, jobs, and regional resilience to our county.

PROJECT SUMMARY AND RESULTS

The King Conservation District (KCD) Regional Food System Program is based on the King County Local Food Initiative and the Puget Sound Regional Food Policy Council.



The Van Erem family debuted KCD's new small-scaled poultry processor, part of the new Regional Food System Program. Photo: Melissa Tatro



KCD's Regional Food System Program supports local farmers through increased access to markets and other efforts. Photo: Mark Musick

The program funds food system projects with demonstrated public benefit and a link to improving working lands in King County. The program is designed to support projects that contribute to the economic viability of local farmers, encourage new farmers, expand acreage in food production, improve food access, and increase demand for King County farm products. Eligible applicants include farmers, producer networks, marketing co-ops, farmers markets, businesses, schools, non-governmental organizations, tribes, and others.

KEY PARTNERS: Cascadia Cooperative Farms; Seattle Office of Sustainability and Environment; Northwest Agriculture Business Center; Highline College; SnoValley Tilth; King County Agriculture

Program; Snoqualmie Valley Preservation Alliance; WSU Extension; HumanLinks Foundation / 21 Acres; Seattle Tilth; Public Health Seattle and King County; Washington State Department of Agriculture; Health Care Without Harm

More work to do!

- Continue expanding partnerships with King County and municipal partners to bring more food growing to the urban landscape.
- Increase canopy cover in dense urban areas and improve the forest stands in rural King County through innovative partnerships and approaches.
- Address the need for more local food by expanding work with farmers to improve drainage and bring more land into production.