



KING CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Legislative District: 1, 5, 11, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 36, 37, 39, 41, 43, 45, 46, 47, 48 Congressional District: 1, 7, 8, 9

Other accomplishments:



Partnering with the City of Redmond to improve the health of forested natural areas in housing developments. Photo by Michael Sladek



Contracting with the cities of Newcastle and Renton to deliver water quality and watershed education to over 400 students. Photo by Kristen Reichardt



Continuing to partner with King County Flood Control District to improve drainage and bring more acres into food production. Photo by Mark Musick

2017 FEATURE ACCOMPLISHMENT

BUILDING COMMUNITY AROUND CONSERVATION AND FOOD ACCESS

Resource challenge

Many of King County’s newest residents are immigrants and refugees from far away, often war-torn countries. Many of these community members have no direct access to the foods they traditionally have grown and eaten. We’re challenged to find opportunities for dense, urban food production in ways that enhance our neighborhoods, expand natural resource conservation in our cities, and connect people with each other and the natural world.



Turner Construction donated staff and equipment to de-pave nearly an acre to turn into food production. Photo by Melissa Tatro

Project summary and results

Hillside Church is located in the heart of Kent — King County’s third largest city and the 10th most diverse in the country. The church donated one acre of their parking lot for King Conservation District to de-pave and turn into a community garden. The garden is open to the public and helps provide food security and micro-enterprise opportunities to over 1,000 immigrants and refugees settled by World Relief within one mile of the church. A planting party brought over 90 supporters out to plant, socialize, and hear testimonials from future Hillside gardeners. This demonstrates what can happen when a community builds a vision together.



A community Planting Party brought over 90 people out to plant, socialize, and hear testimonials from future gardeners. Photo by Ash Knepper Photography

Key partners: World Relief; Hillside Church; Construction 4 Change; Home Depot; City of Kent; Turner Construction; Living Well Kent; King County Councilmember Dave Uptegrove; The Nature Conservancy; 30/30 Project; Kent faith community

MORE WORK TO DO

- ▶ Embark on rigorous Theory of Change analysis to understand and improve the outcomes of King Conservation District’s programs and services.
- ▶ Expand urban agricultural, forestry, and shoreline work to additional municipal and private sector partners.
- ▶ Begin work on four working lands initiatives to: Expand availability of Firewise; initiate a discovery farms pilot project; begin building an agriculture strategic plan, and; address agricultural drainage.