



KITSAP CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Legislative District: 23, 26, 35 Congressional District: 6

Other accomplishments:



Cisterns have become popular for suburban landowners as part of the Low Impact Development (LID) program.



Kitsap Conservation District maintains a rain garden demonstration site at their office.



'Fish Out' at Kitsap Conservation District stream restoration project.

2017 FEATURE ACCOMPLISHMENT

COST-SHARE PROGRAM IS WIN-WIN FOR FARMERS AND SHELLFISH



BMPs include large waste storage structures that reduce nutrient runoff.

Resource challenge

Constructing best management practices (BMPs) that protect water quality can be a challenge for some small farm operators. Often close to suburban areas, streams, and shorelines, many Kitsap County farmers need financial and technical assistance to build BMPs that meet local and state regulations.

Project summary and results

With careful planning by Kitsap Conservation District, designs and farm plans were made to assist farmers. The district coordinated funding from grants, Kitsap County's Clean Water Kitsap program, and the Washington State Conservation Commission (SCC) Livestock Technical Assistance fund to pay for technical expertise leading up to the construction of BMPs. Major assistance for project construction came from the SCC Shellfish Program, which provided Kitsap Conservation District and farmers the ability to build 87 BMPs by awarding \$826,437 in cost-share assistance.



Farmers tour Kitsap Conservation District office to see demonstration of stormwater infiltration.

This amazing effort by all will protect creeks and shorelines from farming pollution for many years to come.

Key partners: Washington State Conservation Commission; Clean Water Kitsap

MORE WORK TO DO

- ▶ Reach out to urban agriculture with a grant from National Association of Conservation Districts. The GRACE project (Gardening for Restoration and Conservation Education) trains new small farm operators in gardening skills and provides opportunities for restorative justice for criminal offenders.
- ▶ Expand effort in the Backyard Habitat Program for stream restoration.
- ▶ Expand conservation district general capacity.