



# SNOHOMISH CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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## Other accomplishments:



Completed our fourth rain garden-cluster project with six homes in Lynnwood. Volunteers are ready to plant. Photo by Taylor Pesce



Puget Sound Starts at My School projects with K-12 students help divert and filter an estimated 435,767 gallons of stormwater. Photo by Kathryn Wells



Worked with partners to create and plant a new stream channel to prevent salmon stranding and improve habitat on this farm. Photo by Ryan Williams

## 2017 FEATURE ACCOMPLISHMENT

### MOGA PROJECT SUPPORTS FISH, WILDLIFE, AND FARMING



The new channel, bottom center, flows into the Snohomish River. Photo by Kari Quaas

#### Resource challenge

The 98-acre Moga Farm is in the floodplain of the Snohomish River, the second largest producer of chinook salmon in Puget Sound. In the 1930s, the farm was diked to protect farmland from flooding, and the river has barely moved in 70 years. The dike and farm access road cut valuable side-channel fish habitat off from the river. The project in this reach was an exciting opportunity to restore off-channel habitat and improve farm access for the landowner.

#### Project summary and results

This story shows how multiple benefits — salmon habitat, flood capacity, and improved access to farmland — can be incorporated into one project in the floodplain of a large river. Three remnant barriers were removed, and channels were excavated to re-engage the river with this habitat. Two 12-foot culverts and large wood were installed, 0.55 mile of relic channel was excavated, and six acres were planted. This restored 0.71 miles of off-channel habitat by re-connecting wetlands in the historic side-channel. The landowner is excited and has better access to fields, prime wildlife viewing, and more flood storage. The Moga project is the largest habitat project to-date for the Snohomish Conservation District.

**Key partners:** State Salmon Recovery Funding Board; Washington State Conservation Commission; Moga family; Cardno; McClung Construction

District habitat specialist Kristin Marshall checks on the new channel with a volunteer. Photo by Kari Quaas



## MORE WORK TO DO

- ▶ Continue to work with agricultural, environmental, and tribal communities, as well as partners, on the development of the Agriculture Resilience Plan, and increase engagement with agriculture producers.
- ▶ Work with partners to expand implementation of the Better Ground brand and website, and increase use of electronic and social media.
- ▶ Continue implementation of the Regional Conservation Partnership Program.