



Cascadia Conservation District

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Other Accomplishments



Under-tree irrigation to save water while protecting tree health and crop yield.



Forest ecology, wildfire, and management in a changing climate with the Kids in the Forest education program.



Chipping as part of a countywide wildfire fuels reduction program, emphasizing defensible space and Firewise landscape management.

2018 FEATURE ACCOMPLISHMENT

Urban Agriculture

Resource Challenge

What is a food desert? It's an area where residents do not have consistent, convenient access to fresh, healthy food. Even in a largely agricultural region, the workers who support the agriculture industry often live in urban or suburban settings with little access to fresh produce, grocery stores, or transportation. Cascadia Conservation District is helping people gain food independence as well as teaching adults and students about soil health, insects, and water conservation for both food and landscape plants.

Project Summary and Results

Cascadia's Urban Agriculture program includes developing community and school gardens; organizing after-school programs, workshops, and food events; and offering individual advice at farmers' markets and in backyards around the area. Information about soils, plants, and water is woven into hands-on activities and art projects that cover planting seeds, caring for the garden, and enjoying the harvest. With the help of multiple partners, the program has blossomed. The kids even made kale pesto and arugula pasta salad with recipes from local nutritionists. The results are in - success is tasty!

Key Partners

National Association of Conservation Districts; City of Wenatchee; Stemilt Growers; Rent Me Storage; ProBuild; Cashmere Valley Bank; Lowe's; WA State University Master Gardeners; Wenatchee Valley College; Team Naturaleza



Tending the crops at Lewis and Clark Elementary School Garden.



Growing food is fun!

Priorities for 2019...

- ▶ Provide cost share to dozens of landowners currently seeking assistance for irrigation upgrades, forest health and upland habitat projects.
- ▶ Assist irrigation groups and other landowners in priority salmon habitat areas with water conservation and irrigation upgrade projects.
- ▶ Fund a K-12 Educator to develop and implement education and outreach programs.