



# Clark Conservation District

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## Other Accomplishments



Replaced a previous fish passage barrier with a fish-friendly bridge. Photo by Doug Fenwick



Removed an undersized culvert and restored the natural open stream channel. Photo by Doug Fenwick



Installed new high tunnel on a Salmon-Safe farm. Photo by Zorah Oppenheimer

### 2018 FEATURE ACCOMPLISHMENT

## Bringing Salmon-Safe to Clark County



A new Salmon-Safe certified farmer shakes hands with a Salmon-Safe evaluator. Photo by Zorah Oppenheimer

### Resource Challenge

Clark County is located just minutes from the Portland, Oregon metropolitan area, making it one of the fastest-growing communities in the Pacific Northwest. The rapid population growth puts development pressures on farms. Land becomes fragmented, and agricultural support systems disappear. In an effort to conserve and protect agricultural soils, Clark Conservation District provides technical and financial assistance for these smaller, nontraditional urban farming operations.

### Project Summary and Results

Clark Conservation District is assisting Clark County farmers in becoming Salmon-Safe certified. Salmon-Safe certification identifies those farms committed to ecologically sustainable agricultural practices that protect water quality and fish and wildlife habitat. Farms certified as Salmon-Safe are promoted with the Salmon-Safe label and can gain competitive advantage in the marketplace. Clark Conservation District has certified five farms and is installing best management practices on several farms.



Salmon-Safe certified baby vegetables. Photo by Zorah Oppenheimer

### Key Partners

Washington State Conservation Commission; Clark County Clean Water Restoration Fund; Salmon-Safe; Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board

## Priorities for 2019...

- ▶ Secure a long-term, stable funding source of rates and charges.
- ▶ Assist in the development of a county-wide agricultural preservation program.
- ▶ Provide stormwater management assistance to homeowners and neighborhoods.