



King Conservation District

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Other Accomplishments



Farmers from south King County sell produce at the new Rainier Beach Farm Stand, supported by KCD and staffed by local youth.



KCD's support helped volunteers to restore two acres of previous parking lot in Seattle's Discovery Park.



KCD helped launch the Snoqualmie Valley Farmers Cooperative and in 2017 supported its growth to 20 farmers.

2018 FEATURE ACCOMPLISHMENT

Bothell Side Channel

Resource Challenge

The Sammamish River historically was deepened and widened to reduce flooding and to dewater agricultural lands. As stated in the Sammamish River Corridor Action Plan (2002), "Natural off-channel habitat has essentially been eliminated." This project addressed several key limiting factors identified by the WRIA 8 Chinook Conservation Plan (2005), including reduced habitat capacity and riparian areas, large wood recruitment, and off-channel habitats. The Sammamish River Corridor Action Plan (2002) identified this project as a priority.

Project Summary and Results

The Bothell Side Channel Project restores 1,100 feet of an old channel and floodplain of the Sammamish River. It increases Chinook salmon habitat in a critical stretch of the Sammamish River. It restores plant diversity on 6.5 acres, restores connectivity and function, and develops opportunities for education. King Conservation District (KCD) supported two new concrete box culverts. These culverts connect the Sammamish River to the channel, allowing continual flow to occur between the two bodies. This assures accessibility of the side channel by salmon and prevents the stranding of juvenile salmonids during lower flows.

Key Partners

City of Bothell; Water Resource Inventory Area (WRIA) 8



The Bothell Side Channel reconnects approximately 1,100 feet of habitat for salmon.

Priorities for 2019...

- ▶ Continue building on our collaboration with community stakeholders to develop our next five-year Program of Work.
- ▶ Finish tree canopy assessments for south King County cities.
- ▶ Develop robust pathways for regional institutions to purchase locally-produced food.