



Pierce Conservation District

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Other Accomplishments



86 volunteers helped remove 10,000 square feet of pavement at Holy Rosary School in Tacoma as part of our Depave program. Photo by Camila Matamala-Ost



The Farm Foundations program is a partnership with Franklin Pierce Schools to train and inspire the next generation of farmers. Photo by Camila Matamala-Ost



We opened the doors to our new Conservation Center in Puyallup, which will be a demonstration site of our conservation practices. Photo by Allan Warren

2018 FEATURE ACCOMPLISHMENT

No-Till Drill Cost Share Rental Program

Resource Challenge

No-till drills help reduce runoff from farms, improving both soil quality and water quality. By building soil structure over time, this practice helps with drainage in wet conditions, water retention when things are dry, and putting carbon into the soil to help with climate change. The District worked with the Puyallup Watershed Initiative to purchase the drill, then received a grant from the Department of Ecology's Centennial Clean Water Program to fund a three-year cost share program.

Project Summary and Results

Pierce Conservation District (PCD) will conduct a series of eight demonstration workshops hosted by local cooperators over the next three years. The first workshop was held in April 2018 and was attended by over 60 local producers. For those interested in implementing the practice, PCD will be able to offer \$28 dollars per acre in cost share. Farmers will be able to receive that incentive up to three times. The target is to implement the practices on 140 acres, but based on early landowner response, the district will most likely shoot past that. PCD staff will also develop outreach materials to help promote the practices throughout the state.

Key Partners

Washington State Department of Ecology; Puyallup Watershed Initiative; Washington State Conservation Commission; USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service.



Deke Adams, from Land Pride, came out in April 2018 to lead our No-Till Drill Training Workshop, which was attended by over 60 farmers.

Photo by CaravanLab

Priorities for 2019...

- ▶ Secure first agricultural easements under our Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP).
- ▶ Prioritize green stormwater infrastructure.
- ▶ Break ground on South Prairie Creek Preserve Floodplain Reconnection Project.