



Skagit Conservation District

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Other Accomplishments



Constructed Bay View Methodist Church rain garden and compost sock terrace, and hosted volunteer planting.



Completed invasive Scotch broom removal, fuels reduction, and replanting.



Presented stormwater lessons at 35 classrooms and five events with over 1,500 participants.

2018 FEATURE ACCOMPLISHMENT

Wildland Urban Interface Wildfire Preparedness



Resource Challenge

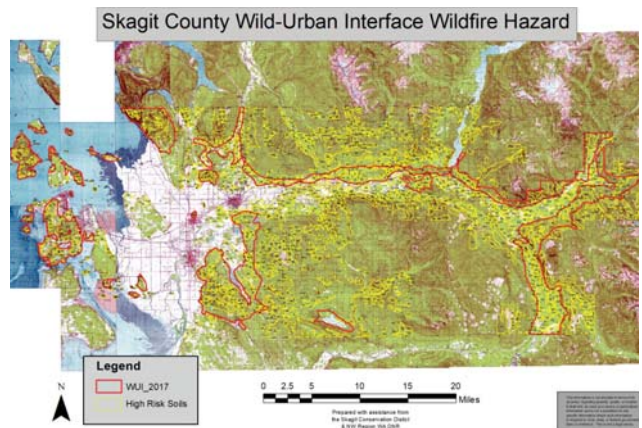
The challenge of preparing for wildfire prevention and response is not new. But there's limited capacity to address growing needs. The Skagit Conservation District (CD) used GIS to integrate geology, soil, topography, vegetation, land use, and population density to prioritize areas at highest risk. Then the challenge was to find a way to integrate this scientific approach for wildfire preparedness into the existing local emergency response planning and implementation network.

Project Summary and Results

The Skagit CD was successful with integrating the use of this prioritization tool. Staff worked diligently to engage partners and have the tool adopted as an element of the local Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan. The true success of the project is the use of the tool. The Skagit County Department of Emergency Management used the tool to prioritize the location of a county-wide wildfire emergency response drill. This opened the door for the neighboring fire districts and local government to recognize the CD as an entity using a scientific basis to prepare for and respond to future wildfire conditions.

Key Partners

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service; Washington Department of Natural Resources; Skagit County Department of Emergency Management; Skagit County Forest Advisory Board; Skagit County Commissioners; local fire districts; local Firewise Communities



Priorities for 2019...

- ▶ Coordinate with Skagit County and Voluntary Stewardship Program Advisory Board to write implementation guidance for field staff.
- ▶ Seek funding to expand farm plans, best management practices, and education programs that address water pollution and improve shellfish bed classifications.
- ▶ Identify sub-basins where super gauge installation will give live web-based water availability to help manage water resources.