



Snohomish Conservation District

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Other Accomplishments



Incorporated horse experts like farriers and veterinarians into Sound Horsekeeping workshops and spread best practices to Whatcom Conservation District. Photo by Kathryn Wells



Our Veteran Stormwater Crew installed 60+ rain gardens. Future awarded funds will cover a 'Regional Stormwater Action Team.' Photo by Derek Hann



Provided workshops with engineering curriculum tools and local stormwater research so K-12 teachers can confidently cover these topics. Photo by Lily Cason

Priorities for 2019...

- ▶ Adapt and improve our programs to address diversity, equity, and inclusion for those we serve.
- ▶ Encourage partners to establish multi-functional "working buffers" that increase and protect habitat and water quality while producing marketable crops.
- ▶ Provide climate science education and training to teachers that will focus on local impacts including resiliency planning and agriculture.

2018 FEATURE ACCOMPLISHMENT

From Lawns to Lettuce, and Farms to Food Banks

Resource Challenge

We had two concerns: negative impacts of lawns and serving diverse communities within food deserts. Our Lawns to Lettuce program encourages landowners to convert some of their lawn to grow edibles to provide food for themselves, while positively impacting soil health, reducing runoff, and conserving water. One in five Washingtonians rely on a food bank. Many people do not have access to or the ability to grow fresh produce. Our program aimed to raise awareness of the importance of local food.



Laurie collects some veggie starts to plant at home on her visit to the Lake Stevens Food Bank. Photo by Kari Quaas

Project Summary and Results

In partnership with Volunteers of America's Project Harvest, we encourage residents to plant a row of extra food for local food banks. Over 90 people pledged. Through Housing Hope, we installed or refurbished raised beds at apartment complexes and homes. Local farmers and a high school FFA club grew vegetable starts to share. We created a food bank mapping tool with locations and times when fresh produce is accepted. And, we built a Facebook community where generous gardeners share their harvests. "Isn't it an amazing feeling to give something to others which you have grown yourself?" said Colleen Schaffhauser, member of the Lawns to Lettuce / Project Harvest group.

Key Partners

National Association of Conservation Districts; Volunteers of America



Monroe High School FFA students load the veggie starts they planted from seeds for distribution at local food banks. Photo by Cameron Coronado