



Kitsap Conservation District

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Legislative District: 23, 26, 35 Congressional District: 6

Other Accomplishments



Our Gardening for Restoration and Conservation Education Program sent 33,234 lbs of fresh veggies to food banks.



Our Rain Garden Program installed 75 gardens/stormwater projects and 7,245 feet of underground outlets.



Our Backyard Habitat Planting Program installed 14,603 plants on 22 projects.

2020-21 Feature Accomplishment

Backyard Habitat Project Revives Salmon in Kitsap

Resource Challenge

In January 2019, Kitsap Conservation District (KCD) landowners Laneer-Gertsch received a Backyard Habitat Grant funded by local government and the State Conservation Commission for design and construction of a stream restoration project on Olalla Creek. Chum, Coho, and Chinook utilized this stream section. Additionally, the small farm was problematic. Manure, mud, and runoff from paddocks were draining to the creek. Horses had access to the riparian area, and it was overgrazed. In 2020, KCD began work on the livestock aspects of the property.

Project Summary and Results

In the summer of 2019, approximately eight tons of concrete and bank armoring were removed from the stream, and 20 habitat logs were placed. This provided shelter for the fish that utilize this stream section. Construction included a facility for composting manure, drainage systems for routing water away from livestock areas, gravel footing, and mud-free paddocks. Horses were excluded from two acres of the riparian area, which was then planted with 1,950 native trees. Working in tandem, these two programs were successful in creating healthier habitat for both salmon and horses!

Key Partners

Washington State Conservation Commission, Kitsap County Clean Water Kitsap Program



Left: Waste storage in this new facility will keep nutrients from traveling to Olalla Creek. (photo by Helen Jones) Right: After placement of logs in the streambank, fish responded to the improved habitat for spawning and rearing. (photo by Carin Anderson)

Priorities moving forward...

- ▶ Research and begin transition to solar power and electric vehicles.
- ▶ Educate Kitsap County landowners on Firewise practices.