



Margery Hite lives on a historic small farm just south of Blanchard where she raises dairy sheep. Using sheep's milk, she makes cheese, yogurt and ice cream for her family. She was appointed to serve on the Board of Supervisors of the Skagit Conservation District in May, 2017. Her interest in the SCD stems from classes she has taken (with Kristi Carpenter) and consultations on manure management (with John Schuh), as well as from the impressive conservation projects that SCD has sponsored.

Margery is a lawyer and spent 30 years on local government issues before retiring from public service. Margery

began her career working for the Criminal and Fraud Divisions of the King County Prosecutor's Office. From criminal cases, she moved on to handling civil cases for Snohomish County government. After a number of years as a lawyer for the county, she was invited to serve as the executive director for law and justice agencies, and human services in the County Executive's Office. In 2001-2 she took a year off to volunteer in the former Yugoslavia as part of the American Bar Association's legal reform project there. When she returned, the governor appointed her to the Growth Management Hearings Board for Western Washington. From the growth management board, she returned to representing local government as City Attorney for the City of Oak Harbor. She finished her career in public service working on affordable housing legal issues for the Snohomish County Housing Authority. Since retirement, she volunteers with the Northwest Justice Project (NJP) and the Northwest Immigrant Rights Project (NWIRP).

Margery moved to Skagit County in 1993 to be able to live in the country and so her daughter could have horses. At that time, her farm was home to many Pony Club lessons. After she returned to the U.S. from Eastern Europe, Margery began raising sheep. Her travels have taken her to Peru, Ecuador, Taiwan, Japan, Hong Kong, England, France, Spain, Portugal, Italy, Macedonia, Croatia, Montenegro, Serbia, Hungary and Austria. There are sheep everywhere, she reports.