

Skagit Conservation District

Other Accomplishments

CREP (to date)

- 581 acres enrolled
- 184,331 stream feet planted
- 35 miles of buffer created
- 60,610 feet of fencing installed
- 261,656 native trees planted

Engineering

- 800 feet of channel reactivation
- 150 feet of stream bank stabilized
- 3 BMPs implemented

Farm Planning

- 255 livestock owners received TA
- 22 new plans written
- 2052.7 acres protected, improved, or enhanced through BMP implementation

Forestry

- 17 forest plans written
- 32 landowners received TA

Public Outreach and Education

- 3,200+ hours reported by volunteers
- 400+ individuals participated in adult workshops/classes
- 3,000+ visited event display booths
- 1,800+ students participated in youth education programs
- 4 newsletters distributed reaching 12,000+ readers



Underground Outlet Project

2013 Feature Accomplishment

Skagit CD Grows the Firewise Program

Resource Challenge – Our ever increasing population throughout Washington is resulting in more and more development in the wildland-urban interface (where the trees meet the eaves). Because of this, the potential for a wildland fire to become a disaster continues to increase as well. With more people and structures, heavy fuel loads, unhealthy forests, and limited fire suppression resources, personal responsibility becomes essential.



Fuels reduction

Skagit Conservation District is providing landowners in Skagit County the tools and resources they need to make their communities more resilient to wildfire, such as risk assessments, educational workshops & materials, forest health information, fuels reduction demonstration projects, & guidance on becoming nationally recognized Firewise Communities/USA. There are currently 7 recognized Firewise Communities/USA in Skagit County and more in progress.

Over the past year in Skagit County, Skagit CD has accomplished the following:

- 8 Firewise/Forestry plans written
- 15 BMPs implemented, such as fuel breaks, tree/shrub pruning, forest stand improvement
- 235 individuals participated in Firewise related activities
- 327 acres improved/protected by Firewise BMPs



Skagit CD staff and partners attend the 100th Firewise Community/USA® award ceremony

Skagit CD has also provided leadership to other Districts around the state in developing and growing their Firewise Programs by facilitating funding opportunities & partnership development, and providing training and technical assistance. In the last year, Districts around the state have developed 9 new Firewise Communities.

This spring, Washington State celebrated its 100th Firewise Community/USA®. Washington has the 2nd highest number of Firewise Communities in the nation.

Key project partners: Skagit County Board of County Commissioners, Skagit County Fire Marshal's Office, WA State Dept. of Natural Resources, local Fire Districts, WA State Conservation Commission, WA State Conservation Districts, USFS

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More Work To Do

SCD will continue to work with landowners and partners to address current and emerging natural resources issues. Our goals are to assist in the development of policy and to implement programs and projects concerning our natural resources in a holistic, collaborative manner.



Buffers and Beavers Farm Tour