



# SEEKING ASSOCIATE SUPERVISORS

Whidbey Island Conservation District (WICD) has been a leader for over 50 years in natural resource conservation education and technical assistance to Whidbey Island residents. We provide localized knowledge, educational resources, and financial assistance to our community.

A board of five Supervisors, three elected and two appointed, directs the programs and policies of WICD. The board meets once a month to discuss district business, oversee district finances and provide guidance on district activities. The meetings are open to the public.

There is a tremendous diversity of land users and residents in the WICD with varied interests, objectives and needs. It is impractical for a five-member Board of Supervisors to adequately represent such diversity and thoroughly understand the variety of needs and concerns that exist. Therefore, the Board relies on **Associate Supervisors** to inform their decisions.

We are seeking individuals that can:

- Advise the Board on various subjects for which individual Associate Supervisors have experience or special expertise
- Represent the interests of underrepresented sectors of the community
- Serve on committees organized by the Board
- Assist with District administrative functions, such as the conducting of annual elections and audits
- Assist with the development and distribution of annual plans of work and reports and long-range plans
- Collect information and feedback from citizens and recipients of District services and programs
- Participate in monthly board meetings

Associate Supervisors are appointed by the Board to renewable one-year terms. They serve on Board committees and act as a liaison with other committees, commissions, councils, work groups, associations, and other organizations. Associate Supervisors serve the District in a similar capacity as a member of the Board of Supervisors; the primary differences being that Associate Supervisors do not have authority to speak for the District publicly, assert a position on behalf of the District, or vote on official actions of the Board.

Serving as an Associate Supervisor is an ideal way to engage in natural resource management on Whidbey Island and to gauge your interest in serving as an appointed or elected board supervisor.

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