WICD worked one-on-one with 200 cooperators, representing 2,958 acres. Conservation planning and technical assistance were provided recommending 327 Best Management Practices (BMP’s), 16 implemented in FY2019.

**OUR MISSION:** To assist in the management of natural resources on and around Whidbey Island for present and future generations, inspiring voluntary conservation practices through education, outreach, as well as technical and financial assistance.

**TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE Highlights**

WICD delivered 59 workshops and events and coordinated 85 collaborative meetings reaching 3,087 direct contacts and exposing 21,416 members of the public to WICD resources. Additionally, WICD staff is seen as the “go-to resource” for community partners on natural resource education materials and satisfied 19 community partner requests.

**EVENTS & EDUCATION Highlights**

WICD staff developed 15 forest management plans in FY19 and assisted 35 forest landowners with technical assistance for improving stewardship of their forest stands. 34 landowners covering 158 acres received Firewise™ home assessments and 110 Firewise™ BMPs were recommended.
In WICD’s biggest outreach event of the year, the **Annual Native Plant Sale** distributed **10,134 native trees and shrubs** to more than **300 customers**. Over **50 volunteers** assisted with the sale. While the goal of the sale is to promote native planting, WICD collected over **$26,000** in revenues and netted **$1,700** to return to District services. Throughout the year, **7,645 pieces** of conservation educational material were handed out at WICD workshops, collaborative events, to community partners, and through one-on-one assistance to landowners.

WICD created and distributed **3 “Conservation Connection” e-newsletters** and partnered with Whidbey Weekly, local residents, and partner organizations to publish **4 quarterly “Noxious Weed Bulletins” and 12 monthly “Make a Difference” articles**. A new user-friendly website was launched with a wide array of conservation resources, attracting **34,663 unique visitors** with a total of **96,333 page views** in just one year! WICD's Facebook presence grew, generating **987 “Likes”** and reaching **52,819 people** with content through **181 posts** that shared resources pertinent to voluntary conservation.

WICD directly assisted **35 landowners** with water related issues, including wetland maintenance/protection; bluff/shoreline assistance; permeable pavement for new parking lots; rain garden consultations; farm field drainage; drainage issues following development; and drip irrigation and rain water collection systems. Additionally, WICD leveraged funding through the WA State Dept of Ecology to develop a management plan for Lone Lake focused on reducing the frequency and duration of toxic algae blooms, restoring recreational use, and maintaining a high-quality fishery. WICD continues to provide technical assistance to other water resource projects aimed at improving water quality and restoring habitat, including for Phase 2 of the Greenbank Marsh Restoration Design project, and conservation planning assistance to residents in Maxwelton Creek and Penn Cove watersheds.

WICD participated in the first **Puget Sound Orca Recovery Day**, a collaborative event led by **10 Puget Sound conservation districts** and numerous partner organizations. Under the theme of “Better Ground for Islands and Sound,” WICD hosted **4 thematic events** drawing over **105 attendees** and involving **6 local partner organizations**: Orca Network, Island County Marine Resources Committee, National Oceanographic & Atmospheric Administration, and WA State University Extension’s Shore Stewards, Master Gardeners, and Waste Wise Programs. These four events included the planting of over **50 native plants** in **2 demonstration rain gardens**, a native plant workshop, and an Open House, Awards Ceremony, and Keynote Speaker on Orca Recovery.