

## Whidbey Island Conservation District Welcomes You

### • Events & Workshops

WICD offers workshops and participates in events throughout Whidbey Island on a wide range of natural resource topics related to farms large and small, forest stewardship, Firewise, water resources, and backyard conservation. We have adult and youth-focused events and can tailor a workshop to meet your group's needs upon request.



### • Native Plant Sale

Native trees and shrubs are sold annually online through pre-orders beginning November 1st through January 31st. Pre-ordered bare-root and potted plants are then available for pick up in late February. We often host several native plant workshops in conjunction with the sale, too. To be added to our Plant Sale email list, call the office at (888) 678-4922 or email: [wicd@whidbeycd.org](mailto:wicd@whidbeycd.org).



### • Volunteer Opportunities



Each year, we seek over 50 volunteers to assist with our native plant sale pre-packing days in late February. To learn more about this and other possible WICD projects that may need volunteer assistance, call the office at (888) 678-4922, or email [Kelsi](mailto:kelsi@whidbeycd.org) at [kelsi@whidbeycd.org](mailto:kelsi@whidbeycd.org).

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## GUIDE TO DISTRICT SERVICES



## WHO WE ARE

The mission of **Whidbey Island Conservation District (WICD)** is 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, and through technical and financial costshare assistance.

WICD is a political subdivision of state government, with no regulatory authority, that has been working with farmers, rural landowners, and residents since 1967. District boundaries include all of Whidbey Island. Camano Island is serviced by Snohomish Conservation District.

There are 45 conservation districts in Washington State. A local board of supervisors, three elected and two appointed, governs the Whidbey Island Conservation District. In addition to working with landowners, WICD works collaboratively with local cities and towns, Island County, non-profit entities and other partners.

### • Funding

Whidbey Island Conservation District has several sources of funding including The Washington State Conservation Commission and State grant funding, an Island County assessment, as well as other grants and interlocal agreements.

### WICD Staff and Board



For more info, check out:

[www.whidbeycd.org](http://www.whidbeycd.org)

## OUR SERVICES

### • Farms & Rural Landowners

WICD staff can assist in developing farm plans and nutrient management plans, and guidance with livestock and equine health and management issues, pasture grazing, manure management, vegetative buffer strips, and more. WICD works with commercial and small farms, as well as rural property owners of all sizes, linking you with locally-tailored assistance to help meet your land use goals.

### • Beginning & Transitioning Farmers

If you are a new farmer seeking access to land for farming on Whidbey, or a farmland owner seeking new farmers to lease your land, or are planning transfer of your land to another generation, please contact us. WICD has access to farmland resources and local connections within the agricultural community.

### • Cost-Share Funding

After a landowner works with WICD planning staff to develop a conservation plan for their property, they may become eligible for cost-share funding opportunities to assist in implementing certain conservation practices on their property. Potential cost-shared projects are scored and then ranked by WICD using a cost-share matrix developed by staff aligned with District priorities.

### • Forest Landowners

WICD forest planners can provide forest health assessment, ideas for improving wildlife habitat on your forest property, timber stand management, and forest stewardship plan development. WICD works with forestland owners of all sizes to provide educational, technical, and financial resources that incentivize forest stewardship. If you own 5 or more acres of contiguous forestland, we can help you develop a forest plan to apply for or stay in compliance with the Island County Assessor's Designated Forest Tax Program.

## OTHER PROGRAMS

### • Firewise

WICD provides education and technical support to neighborhoods and individuals interested in protecting their homes and properties from wild-fire through the national Firewise Program.

### • Water Resource Management

WICD natural resource planners can assist you in understanding the hydrology of your property, as well as to share ideas on alternative stormwater management (ASM) techniques that may be useful to your property and neighborhood. ASM emphasizes the on-site treatment and infiltration of stormwater as an alternative to traditional water controls, and includes rain gardens, bioswales, green streets, permeable pavement, and more.

### • Backyard Conservation

WICD staff can provide guidance and resources on topics including soil building, horticulture, and the use of native plants for goals such as slope stabilization, erosion control, stormwater management, restoration of critical areas, and for site enhancement to promote pollinators, wildlife habitat, and improved aesthetics.

### • Engineering Services

WICD provides select engineering services for farms, restoration projects, partner agencies, and rural landowners. This can include surveying, designs, construction inspection, and general consulting.

### • Publications & Resources

We have digital and print "Resource Packets" available on topics including farm & agriculture, horses & pastures, water management, bluff & shoreline management, native plants, and soil conservation. Don't miss our bimonthly e-newsletter or seasonal Noxious Weed Bulletin. Check out our website or stop by our office to pick up some handouts.