

## Whidbey Island Conservation District

welcomes you...

to take advantage of and participate  
in one of the many programs that  
the District provides including:

Farm Planning  
Forest Stewardship  
Alternative Stormwater Management  
Firewise  
Technical Assistance  
Engineering and Financial Assistance  
Restoration Activities  
Water Quality Improvements  
Annual Native Plant Sale  
Workshops and Tours  
Volunteer Opportunities



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Our office is located at 1 NE 4th Street in Coupeville, on the corner of 4th and Main Street. We are across 4th Street from Whidbey Island Bank.



## GUIDE TO DISTRICT SERVICES



## WHO WE ARE

The mission of the **Whidbey Island Conservation District (WICD)** is to assist 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 cost share 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.



For more information, check out our website:

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

## AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMS

### • COMMERCIAL FARMS

Whidbey Island Conservation District has been working with commercial farms since its inception to provide Nutrient Management plans and to implement required water quality improvements. WICD planners work to ensure that nutrient balances are optimum and resources are being protected while meeting the farmer's objectives.

### • SMALL FARMS

The number of small farms on Whidbey Island keeps growing. Whidbey Island Conservation District is dedicated to assisting landowners on small and large acreages to effectively manage their resources, meet their goals for a productive and visually appealing farm, and prevent water quality problems.

### • NATURAL RESOURCES

WICD staff are available to assist with fencing livestock away from critical areas, creating vegetative buffers, providing alternative watering sources and livestock crossings, and resolving erosion problems.

### • FOREST STEWARDSHIP

Landowners can receive assistance with a wide range of forestry questions. Technical assistance is available free of charge to family forest owners and small wood lot owners. WICD can help wood lot owners to find cost share for forestry best management practices (BMPs).

### • ALTERNATIVE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT (ASM)

WICD provides engineering and technical assistance, as well as suggestions for preserving and protecting natural systems for new development. Some examples of ASM are rain gardens and permeable pavements, which reduce impacts to water resources from new and existing properties.

## OTHER PROGRAMS

### • ENGINEERING SERVICES

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

### • FIREWISE

WICD provides education and support to communities interested in preparing their homes and properties from wildfire through the Firewise Program. WICD can provide free, one hour Firewise Home Assessments, as well as help mobilize communities who wish to pursue Firewise Communities USA recognition status.

### • PUBLICATIONS

Homeowner's Guide to Protecting Water Resources, Best Management Practices (BMPs) Fact Sheets, Small Farm Tips Guide, Rain Garden Handbooks, Island County resources, and other publications are available at the WICD office and on our website.

### • WORKSHOPS/TOURS

WICD offers classes and tours on farm-related topics, Alternative Stormwater Management (ASM), and Backyard Conservation. Check our website for upcoming WICD courses, meetings, and events.

### • NATIVE PLANT SALE

Native trees and shrubs are sold annually through pre-orders November through January. Bare-root plants are available for pick up in late February or early March. To be added to our email list, call the office or email: [becki@whidbeycd.org](mailto:becki@whidbeycd.org).

### • VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Contact Kelsi to ask about our current volunteer opportunities: [kelsi@whidbeycd.org](mailto:kelsi@whidbeycd.org) or 888-678-4922.