

The Conservation CONNECTION



KING CONSERVATION DISTRICT

SUMMER 2006

Promoting sustainable uses of natural resources through responsible stewardship.

KCD Annual Meeting

Come join the Staff and Board of the King Conservation District on Sunday afternoon Aug 13th at the Frog Frolic. The District will have door prizes, conservation information and don't forget to meet Violet the KCD mascot and noxious weed eating goat. The event will begin at noon and plan to stay around for the Frog Frolic activities.

**Shadow Lake Bog
Richter Interpretive Center
21818 - 184th Avenue SE
Renton, WA 98058-9719**

**August 13th, 2006
Noon**



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John Beal 1950 - 2006

Farewell

The King Conservation District and the community lost a good friend with the passing of John Beal in July. His tireless efforts to reach out to people and restore the environment of the lower Duwamish River will never be forgotten. We dedicate this issue of the Conservation Connection to John and

encourage everyone to carry on his tireless and courageous work for wildlife, ecology and all living things in need of a helping hand. His 'can do' attitude and approach to challenges inspired a countless number of people that he touched in his too-short life.

Change Service Requested

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Volunteer Opportunities



The staff of the King Conservation District invites you to **participate in a variety of environmental restoration projects** where you will learn about restoring streams and wetlands, using native plants to restore native plant communities, and engineering techniques to enhance fish and wildlife habitat. These projects are both fun and educational! *Contact Roseanne at 425-277-5581 ext 125, roseanne.campagna@kingcd.org for directions and to register.*

Summer 2006

Garden of Goo

Native plants grown from locally collected seed are the corner stone of conservation and ecological restoration. Learn hands-on about growing native plants for stream and wetland restoration projects. Activities include starting plants from seed and cuttings, and transplanting and maintaining nursery stock. Events will occur at the KCD Wetland Plant Cooperative Nursery facility in Renton from **9am – 12 noon.**

Scheduled volunteer dates include:

July: 14th, 15th, 28th and 29th

August: 11th, 12th, 25th and 26th

September: 8th, 9th, 22nd and 23rd



Stewardship Week

Have fun in the sun and explore nature with the King Conservation District this summer. Our stream and wetland restoration program has many successful projects that require ongoing maintenance and monitoring. Learn about fish and wildlife habitat enhancement techniques and restoring streams and wetlands while weeding and watering native plants. Refreshments provided. Events occur from **9am— 3pm**, with a noon-time break and snack provided. Spend a whole day or half day and enjoy a rare look at some urban habitat treasures!

July: 5th and 6th, Totem Lake Wetland, Kirkland

July: 7th, Black River Riparian Forest, Renton

Look for project updates and new announcements by visiting <http://www.kingcd.org>

Please take a moment to fill out the following form if you would like to be added to our mailing list, receive notice of upcoming issues to view on-line, or if your address is changing.

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Organization: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

E-mail _____

Mail to King Conservation District, 935 Powell Avenue. S.W., Renton, WA 98055 or call (425) 277-5581.

Thanks for participating! Your reply will ensure that the **Conservation Connection** will be delivered promptly.

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King Conservation District is a subdivision of state government created to promote the wise use of natural resources. A five-member board of supervisors, representing local interests, hold meetings on the second Wednesday of each month at our office in Renton. The public is encouraged to attend.



Tahoma High School WINS! 2006 WA State Envirothon

Tahoma High School took first place honors at the Washington State Envirothon, hosted by the King Conservation District on behalf of the Washington State Envirothon Committee. This natural resource event was held at Camp Sealth – Vashon Island, WA May 23rd and 24th, 2006. The Envirothon is a problem-solving, natural resource competition for high school students (grades 9 through 12). This year's environmental issue is "Water Stewardship in a Changing Climate", a particularly relevant topic with so much focus on global warming issues and our challenges for Puget Sound. The next step is attending the North American event in Winnipeg, Manitoba Canada in July - 2006 where significant scholarship funds will be awarded to the top five teams from the United States and Canada.

The top 3 teams at 2006 Washington State Envirothon:

First Place: **Tahoma High School** – Maple Valley, WA
Second Place: **Gar-Pal High School** – Palouse, WA
Third Place: **Cascade High School** – Leavenworth, WA

For more information on the Envirothon, visit the Canon Envirothon website at www.envirothon.org. You may also contact Roseanne Campagna 425-277-5581 x 125 or roseanne.campagna@kingcd.org



*Kelsi Hurley, Ashley Maxwell, Everett Sullivan,
Stacy Breland, and Tim Kuzan*

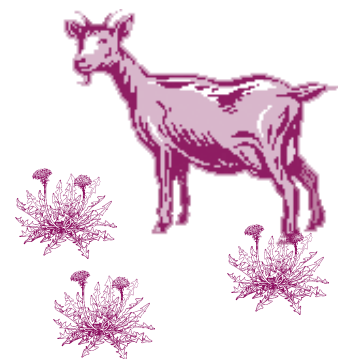


Local Producers Receive Cost share from USDA NRCS:

Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) have funded 3 contracts in King CO with 2006 Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) funds. A total of \$263,275 was obligated to landowners in King County, practices funded will help protect water quality, improve irrigation water management and improve manure transfer systems. The contract recipients, a beef farmer in Duvall, a crop farmer in Carnation and a dairy producer in Enumclaw represent the diversity of agriculture in King County. This year's contracts range from 3 to 5 years but can be up to 10 years.



EQIP is a federal incentive program that provides agricultural producers with financial assistance (cost-share) to implement practices beneficial to the environment. A conservation plan, recording your management decisions and subsequent contract will be developed from your operation. Signup for EQIP is ongoing and if you wish to submit an application or learn more about the program for 2007 funding contact Clare Flanagan at the NRCS Field Office in Renton at (425) 277 5580 ext 124 or by email clare.flanagan@wa.usda.gov. All applications considered for 2007 funding must be received in the NRCS Renton Field Office by **November 15th 2006**.



Features



Radical Salmon Grant

The District was one of 4 award winners in a grant contest sponsored by King county and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to develop and pilot innovatiave salmon recovery practices. The District was awarded for development of a 'fish and flood friendly' livestock bridge design submitted by Pete Landry District engineer.. Because of state regulations for flood passage and safety, bridge designs for even smaller streams have required large bridges with prohibitive costs sometimes approaching \$100,000. By utilizing a light-weight steel/wood design which can be removed or give way during extreme flood events, a smaller bridge can be placed allowing farmers to move livestock across a stream at 10% to 20% the cost of a standard fixed bridge. This design will eliminate the need to move animals through stream fords, which can damage stream banks and beds used by salmon.



Good Nature Hedgerow Poster Is Here!

Don't forget to stop by the district office and pick up your free "Puget Sound Hedgerows Poster" created by KCD and Good Nature Publishing Company. Additional posters can be purchased from Good Nature Publishing . www.goodnaturepublishing.com One free poster per resident of the District (almost all of King county).

Call Brandy Reed here at the District for more information 425-277-5581 ext 120 or brandy.reed@kingcd.org

Conservation Voices – *Your story is needed!*

The district is beginning work on a new publication featuring local property owners implementing best management practices on their property to conserve natural resources. If you would like to be considered for inclusion in this booklet please let us know. It would require a short interview and picture featuring the conservation practices you installed and how they helped improve management of your farm, forestland or other rural property. Contact Geoff Reed at 425 277 5581 or geoff.reed@kingcd.org

What is the VCC?

In the 2005 the Washington State legislature passed senate bill 5539, sponsored by Senator Jacobsen (D) representing North Seattle, creating the Veterans Conservation Corps. The VCC is a statewide program and the King CD is helping to implement this program locally. Eligible military veterans diagnosed with PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome) will be enlisted to work on local salmon recovery, wildlife habitat and other conservation projects. Many experts on PTSD stress the importance of outdoor work especially in environmental restoration as part of the treatment process. For more information contact Geoff Reed at King Conservation District or the statewide coordinator Mark Fisher at 360-586-1073 or markf@dva.wa.gov



*Stink Current
(Ribes Brateosum)*

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