



King Conservation District

2021 ANNUAL REPORT

Local Food • Healthy Forests • Clean Water • Better Ground



WHO WE ARE, HOW WE WORK

King Conservation District is a nonregulatory, special purpose district funded mostly through rates and charges with a mission to promote the sustainable use of natural resources through voluntary stewardship in King County. We provide education, technical assistance, and cost-sharing to private residents in forest management, farm conservation planning, wildfire preparedness, and streamside and shoreline enhancement. We also provide grants and work with cities and other organizations to support community gardens, urban forest canopy, and local food systems.

KCD provides direct assistance to private residents to manage their natural resources for the collective benefit. The cumulative effect of these efforts improves water quality, soil health, forest canopy, and local food systems that benefit all of us through healthier ecosystems, abundant wildlife, and access to healthy, local food.

KCD achieves natural resource improvements by providing outreach to connect with people ready to take action, education to train individuals to better steward their natural resources, technical assistance to provide access to natural resource technicians, and cost-share to overcome financial barriers. KCD also provides grants to cities and nonprofits.

KCD's work is guided by science-based standards and Best Management Practices (BMPs) set by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). Our operations are overseen by our board of supervisors and the Washington State Conservation Commission (WSCC). The KCD Advisory Committee brings together regional stakeholders to provide input and guidance on our programming and efforts.

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PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

Letter from the Executive Director and Board Chair

2021 was a big year for KCD. Rosa came on as our new executive director after more than a year of interim leadership, KCD underwent a significant restructuring to reduce overhead and streamline services, and KCD completed our 6-year, 2015-2021, strategic plan — all while successfully navigating the second year of COVID-19.

Like many organizations, KCD's second year of navigating COVID-19 saw us greatly improve how staff worked from home, completed site visits out in the field, and offered educational workshops online.

2021 also saw the launch of no less than three strategic initiatives. The Poverty Bay-Vashon Island Septic Maintenance Rebate Program is a partnership with Public Health Seattle & King County to incentivize septic maintenance to reduce fecal pollution. Shore Friendly King County was launched in collaboration with Mid Sound Fisheries Enhancement Group, King County, WRIA 8, and WRIA 9 to offer conservation resources to marine shoreline owners. Trees for Rail was launched in partnership with the City of Shoreline and Sound Transit to re-green the Lynnwood Link Lightrail corridor.

For the second year, KCD worked to expand participation in our Board Elections by offering online ballot

access and mailing out over 800,000 postcards to voting households. KCD also worked to bring a reform bill before the WA state legislature to modernize how conservation district elections are held. Unfortunately, no reform bill made it out of committee, but KCD is committed to continuing to push for election improvements.

KCD's 2015-2021 strategic plan set goals and guidelines for our work over the last 6 years. The plan focused on expanding KCD's programming and reach in response to essential regional priorities identified by the 2014 Conservation Panel, Task Force, and KCD Advisory Committee. Thanks to those guiding priorities, KCD expanded our programming adding four new programs and moving two additional programs to permanent funding. This expansion has seen a dramatic increase in services KCD offers to urban residents. We've grown our relationships, partnerships, and investments in equity-focused programming, urban programming, and local food systems.

We are proud of the hard work and dedication our staff have shown during the last year, and excited for the amazing work we get to plan and execute in the upcoming years.



Kirstin Haugen
2021-2022
Board Chair



Rosa Méndez-Perez
Executive Director

KCD 6-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN EXPANDED SERVICES + EQUITY

KCD's 2015-2021 Strategic Plan set guiding priorities for how KCD helped people steward natural resources over the last six years. The plan included growing KCD's services, outreach, and partnerships to respond to changing needs in King County while maintaining our core programming of education, technical assistance, and cost-share for riparian (shoreline) restoration, farm conservation planning, and forest health services.

As King County has developed, the natural resource needs of our region have shifted. In response, KCD launched four new programs in 2015. Community (Urban) Agriculture, Urban Forest Stewardship, and Urban Freshwater Shoreline Enhancement recognize the unique challenges of stewarding forest, water, and soil health in urban environments. The Regional Food System program was created in response to needs expressed by the King County Local Food Initiative and the Puget Sound Regional Food Policy Council. Two additional programs, Agriculture Drainage Assistance and Wildfire Preparedness, were moved to permanent funding in 2020 in response to strong community interest.

Engagement and Education

KCD has dramatically expanded our communications channels - updating our website and social media presence and releasing our educational offerings



Nature Stewards volunteer at the KCD Native Plant Nursery tending plants that will go into riparian restoration projects.

as online video to improve awareness and reduce barriers for our conservation programming. KCD's innovative outreach efforts have included co-building an award-winning show garden at the 2020 Northwest Flower and Garden Festival to educate the more than 60,000 attendees on native plants and practices and turning our education workshops into self-guided learning modules to allow people to learn to be better stewards on their own time and at their own pace.

Healthy Forests

KCD set out to increase the number of small forest landowners we engage, increase our investment in urban forests, and work to improve the health of our region's tree canopy. KCD expanded our reach by partnering with Washington State University Cooperative Extension to offer Coached Forest Stewardship courses each year in forest health management which educated over 1,000 people in 2021 alone.

Our Urban Forest Stewardship Program has invested \$150,000 each year into projects that improve tree canopy through partnership with member cities. In 2018, KCD was able to complete a tree canopy assessment for fifteen south King County cities to establish baselines of urban tree canopy, provide tools and resources for cities to take proactive steps for improvement, and increase tree canopy equity in King county.

Finally, in response to changes in climate and land use that have increased the risk of wildfire in King County, KCD secured funding to make our Wildfire Preparedness program permanent. Since 2019, this program has already worked with dozens of at-risk communities to prepare their homes to reduce the likelihood and severity of wildfire.

Clean Water

To increase the reach of our clean water efforts, KCD worked to grow our farm conservation planning and rural services while expanding our shoreline restoration work into urban areas. KCD's expansion

into cities through our urban shorelines program and urban shoreline education workshops has been incredibly well-received. Since 2015, KCD has doubled the annual number of shoreline restoration projects, completing roughly 10 urban shoreline projects each year on top of roughly 10 rural shoreline projects also being undertaken each year. This expansion has also helped KCD build deeper relationships with cities and their planners. In 2021, KCD collaborated with local partners to launch Shore Friendly King County – bringing this popular marine shoreline program to residents of King County.

KCD's rural services have always been focused heavily on helping farmers and rural properties develop farm conservation plans and install best management practices to improve water quality. Since 2015, KCD's Landowner Incentive Program invested over \$1 million in cost-sharing farm best management practices to reduce excessive nutrient runoff and improve water quality.

Local Food

KCD's commitment to local food over the last six years was to expand services to urban agriculture and invest in our local food system to improve its sustainability, equitability, and resilience.

In 2015, KCD started a Community Agriculture program to focus on urban agriculture in King County with an explicit focus on underserved communities in South King County. In the last six years, this program helped fledgling gardens get started and thrive by providing small seed grants and equipment. It has supplied dozens of gardens with over 1,000 yards of free compost, 500 pounds of cover crop seeds, and more than 3,000 culturally relevant seed starts for immigrant and refugee communities.

KCD's Regional Food System Program, also launched in 2015, has invested more than \$5.5 million dollars into our local food economy, leveraging \$2 million of matching funds, and \$1 million of in-kind contributions on projects that increase production, expand demand for local food products, and broaden access to locally grown foods by front-line communities. In the program's first year, none of the grant recipients were led by BIPOC communities, but by working with partners, and changing program marketing and selection criteria, 25% of grant recipients were led by



In 2019, KCD supported the Asian Counseling And Referral Service (ACRS) with a \$75,000 grant to revitalize Seattle Community Farm.

BIPOC communities in 2020.

Since 2014, KCD has partnered with King County's Department of Natural Resources and Parks to support the restoration and maintenance of agricultural drainage ditches in key areas of the county. These ditches are essential for the proper draining of working fields. In six years, the program has been able to improve or restore production on over 1,500 acres of farmland. In response to the popular demand, KCD moved the program to permanent funding in 2020.

Member Jurisdiction Grants

KCD has awarded more than \$7.5 million in member jurisdiction grants over the last six years to member cities and King County to improve natural resources. Starting in 2017, KCD proudly worked with the City of Seattle to incorporate Seattle's Equity and Environment Agenda Goals ensuring that their grants also support projects that are co-created by, led by, and benefit people most impacted by environmental and climate issues: Black, Indigenous, People of Color, immigrants, refugees, people with low incomes, youth and elders.

What's Next?

KCD will build out our next strategic plan in 2022. With help from The Athena Group, we will be reaching out to partners and cooperators to gather feedback to inform our priorities for upcoming years. This work will be undertaken with an explicit focus on the diversity, equity, and inclusion of our programming to ensure that KCD is best serving the people of our district and addressing conservation priorities brought on by climate change and other changes to our region.

Learn more about the strategic planning at kingcd.org.

At King Conservation District, we're all about better ground. Better ground means taking important stewardship actions at home and in our communities to create healthy soil and water, to provide healthy food, and to conserve land, water, forests, wildlife and related natural resources. And you don't have to go it alone. You have a partner, your local conservation district.

2021 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

10,855

Native Trees and Shrubs Planted

67,000

Native Plants Distributed
Through Native Plant Sale

18.5 ACRES

Forest Stewarded

1+ MILES

Shorelines Habitat Improved

6 ACRES

Shoreline Stewarded

122

Volunteer Hours Donated

500+

Stewards Educated

\$400,000+

Cost-share to Help Individuals
Implement Conservation Practices

\$560,000

Awarded to Bolster Our
Regional Food System

\$638,000

Awarded to Member Jurisdictions for
Natural Resource Education, Outreach,
and Improvements

7 CITIES

Partnered With to Improve
Urban Tree Canopy

15

Communities Partnered with
to Reduce Wildfire Risks

211 ACRES

Covered by Wildfire Risk Assessments

60

Equipment Loans to Help Farmers

61

Farm Conservation Plans Written

297 ACRES

Farmland Production
Improved and Restored

KCD PROGRAM AREAS

KCD has eleven main program areas laid out in our 2020-2024 Interlocal Agreement with King County that establishes the majority of our work planning. Along with these main programs, KCD has support programs that facilitate successful conservation projects including Engagement, Education, Landowner Incentive Program, Operations, and Finance.

Member Jurisdiction Grants

Sets aside \$1.2 million of rates and charges each year to fund conservation projects selected by member jurisdictions and implemented by the jurisdiction or a partnering organization.

Riparian Land Stewardship

Provides education and technical assistance to residents with marine and freshwater resources to allow individuals to better steward their natural resources.

Rural Land Stewardship & Farm Conservation Planning

Provides education, natural resource technical assessments, recommendations, farm conservation planning services, farm equipment, and cost-sharing to farm and livestock owners to improve water quality, soil health, and wildlife habitat.

Riparian Restoration/Improvement

Provides technical assistance, cost share, and work crews to help landowners implement best management practices such as removal of invasive species, planting natives, and installing buffers.

Wildfire Preparedness

Provides workshops, wildfire risk assessments, fuels reduction assistance, home hardening, and fire-adapted community planning to residents and homeowners associations to mitigate the likelihood and impact of wildfires on forested properties.

Urban Forest Stewardship

Partners with cities to identify, develop, and fund projects that maintain and improve urban tree canopy on public and private property.

Small Lot Forest Stewardship

Partners with small acreage forested properties to improve forest health and increase canopy cover by providing education, technical assistance, stewardship planning assistance, and cost-share to implement best management practices.

Regional Food System

Provides competitive and strategic initiative grants to grow the local food economy and increase access to local food based on goals and strategies of the King County Local Food Initiative.

Agricultural Drainage Assistance

Assists farmers with maintaining and improving agricultural drainage systems to increase field drainage to improve and restore crop production.

Community Agriculture

Develops urban food production and conservation practices by providing seed grants, tools, compost, culturally relevant seed starts, and technical assistance to community gardens.



OUTREACH AND EDUCATION

KCD Outreach and Education Programs work to empower King County residents to become better stewards of their natural resources by building awareness of beneficial conservation practices and connecting people with KCD programs and resources. COVID-19 continued to disrupt planned Outreach and Education events in 2021. However, KCD staff were able to retool and refocus efforts to accommodate COVID-19 protocols. Education programs were offered as online workshops and a new virtual learning tool was implemented. Outdoor Farm Tours and volunteer opportunities were offered in the fall to connect King County residents to KCD programs and project sites. And, Orca Recovery Day volunteer event was successfully held with COVID-19 safety protocols.

2021 Accomplishments

15 Events

500+ Stewards Educated

31 Volunteers Contributed

122 Volunteer Hours

Orca Recovery Day

In 2021, Conservation Districts spearheaded the Fourth Annual Orca Recovery Day. KCD staff coordinated an amazing group of 24 volunteers that planted 417 native plants along a tributary to Covington Creek. Volunteers planted native trees and shrubs that will grow and help provide the stream with shade, reduce

erosion, and help protect water quality. Both the tributary and Covington Creek are historic salmon supporting streams. Improving water quality will help salmon. And more salmon means more food for our struggling Orca populations.

Long time KCD volunteer, Fong Li, brought out a group of her family and friends to the Orca Recovery Day volunteer planting event in October 2021. Fong Li has coordinated an annual volunteer event with KCD for the last 10+ years, starting after she attended a planting event with her child's school group. We appreciate the dedication of this wonderful group of family and friends in supporting KCD riparian restoration projects.



Native Plant Sale

The 2021 Bareroot Native Plant Sale provided over 65,000 native trees and shrubs to King County residents to improve habitat. KCD was able to hold the 2021 sale despite COVID-19 by adapting our distribution method to a socially-distanced drive-through model. Customers received their plants safely, and often in record time.

Education Workshops and Tours

KCD education programs include classes, workshops, tours and other field-based learning opportunities that focus on water quality protection, soil conservation, livestock management, shoreline habitat improvement, and fish and wildlife habitat enhancement. Audiences served by KCD education programs include livestock owners, agriculture operators, forested property residents, streamside and marine shoreline owners, and rural, urban, and suburban residents, as well as youth and children. KCD also funds educational offerings through WSU Extension for Coached Forest Stewardship planning.



Going Online

KCD's Education team launched our online learning tool in 2021 to help King County residents learn more about stewardship topics related to KCD's programs and services on their own time and at their own pace. Topics include marine shoreline management, freshwater shoreline enhancement, and native plants.

KCD also increased the number of our workshops recorded and put online.



2021 WA State Envirothon participants.

Envirothon

Envirothon is a nationwide environmental literacy competition for high school youth. KCD participates in the Washington State Envirothon program by recruiting high school teams from King County to participate in the Northwest regional, state, and national Envirothon competitions. Teams from across Washington State, including several King County teams, competed to test their knowledge on natural resource topics.

In 2021, KCD education team staff and AmeriCorps members participated in planning and facilitating the Washington State Envirothon competition. KCD is proud to share that Education AmeriCorps Member, Rosie McGoldrick, applied for and secured the NCF Envirothon Diversity Grant to benefit all Envirothon regions across Washington State. The grant included funding to build out inclusive recruitment materials to identify racially diverse schools and create study bins for students related to the natural resource topics covered in the competition.

Volunteer

KCD's Volunteer Program supports engagement activities as well as implementation of conservation efforts. It increases public awareness of all KCD programs and services and offers volunteers knowledge about local natural resource management, such as restoration of watershed functions, and hands-on experience implementing practices to address those concerns. Program goals focus on recruiting and connecting new volunteers to project-based learning opportunities and building partnerships with agencies and organizations to address mutual service-learning goals. KCD's volunteer program was on pause throughout spring and summer of 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic but was able to support the Orca Recovery Day event in October 2021.



MEMBER JURISDICTION GRANTS

KCD sets aside \$1.2 million each year of collected rates and charges funds for our 35 member jurisdictions. A portion of those funds are available for each jurisdiction based on the number of parcels collected from within that city. Jurisdictions may elect to apply for a grant to implement projects or to contract directly with KCD to deliver project services. Jurisdictions may also authorize a partnering nonprofit to apply for a grant from that city's funds. Jurisdictions may accrue funds from year-to-year in order to support larger projects, and they may also partner with each other to leverage resources to implement conservation projects. Activities eligible for funding through this program include the direct improvement of natural resource conditions, education and outreach, pilot and demonstration projects, and projects that build capacity. Seattle Grants have an explicit focus on funding projects that are led by, or in deep partnership with, communities disproportionately impacted by environmental injustice and systematic racism. The Seattle grant round was not held in 2021. Instead, the funds will be combined with the 2022 grant round. Also in 2022, the program will engage with the KCD Advisory Committee to update the member jurisdiction application form to include equity and evaluation considerations.

Program Accomplishments for 2021

In 2021, KCD awarded \$638,327 for 14 new projects in 12 jurisdictions. We continued to be a flexible funding partner with grantees, extending completion timelines and approving technology purchases to support new

methods of community engagement necessary due to ongoing COVID-19 challenges.

\$638,327 Awarded

14 New Projects

12 Jurisdictions

Program Outcomes for 2021

Grant program staff conduct a thorough review of every grant project to determine outcomes accomplished and challenges faced in the implementation of the projects. In 2021, KCD reviewed 11 closed grants (25% of total grants closed in 2020).

KCD staff contacted some grantees with follow-up questions about the short-term impacts of their projects. The program evaluation team found that:

- Due to the COVID pandemic, grantees conducting outreach and education had to convert their activities from in-person to virtual. Grantees were able to deliver their programming in creative new ways, and they appreciated KCD's flexibility with revisions and timeline extensions as well as funding technology purchases that enabled grantees to reach their community audiences.
- Most grantees report anecdotal evidence that project participants had positive learning experiences. However, most grantees did not have systems to track quantifiable data.

2021 Grants Awarded

Auburn - \$15,113

White River Valley Museum - 2021 Farm Program and Project Support of Mary Olson Farm

Auburn - \$15,000

Auburn International Farmers Market - Marketing and Demonstrations

Beaux Arts Village - \$2,210

Academy Path and Adjacent Woods Restoration

Bellevue - \$30,000

Bellevue City Tree Giveaway

Bellevue - \$35,000

Overlake Blueberry Farm Spiraea douglasii (Hardhack) Treatment

Burien - \$40,266

Anchor QEA – Seahurst Park Phase II
Post-Construction Eelgrass Survey 2021

Clyde Hill - \$1,774

2019 Arbor Day Celebration

Des Moines - \$14,000

Des Moines Waterfront Farmers Market - Low Income Senior Healthy Eating Initiative

Maple Valley - \$93,641

Jenkins Creek Fish Passage Culvert Monitoring

Mercer Island - \$90,000

Luther Burbank Park South Shoreline Restoration

Newcastle - \$4,534

Adopt a Drain City Program

Normandy Park - \$38,000

Restoration Analytics and Design - Normandy Park Community Forester Stewardship Program

Shoreline - \$58,100

Green Shoreline Partnership

Sammamish - \$30,600

Triangle Associates - 2021-2022 Stormwater Outreach

King County - \$172,300

King County Agriculture Program - 2021 Keeping Farmers Farming



2021 RAINIER BEACH ACTION COALITION FARM STAND FELLOW

“Personally, the farm stand project has impacted me in a multitude of ways. It has deepened my connection with the neighborhood I was raised in, improved my communication and problem-solving skills, and broadened my understanding of how large of an issue food-insecurity really is.

From seeing dedicated community members lined up 2 hours before we open, to having to coordinate up to 8 produce deliveries in one week, I realized how many people benefit from our program and the work required behind the scenes to make it all happen.”



RIPARIAN LAND STEWARDSHIP

The Riparian Land Stewardship program works to educate and empower residents through workshops, one-on-one education, and technical assistance to better steward streams, lakes, and marine shorelines. KCD's education prioritizes residents across King County whose properties include or abut water bodies that are important to the health of Puget Sound and salmon. Workshops are structured to empower farmers, marine shoreline, streamside and lakeside residents in both urban and rural areas to take actions that create cooler, cleaner streams and thriving shorelines. These individual actions lead to collective impacts that benefit all of us through improved habitats for fish and other wildlife. In 2021, KCD continued to provide freshwater and marine shoreline workshops online due to COVID-19. While KCD was new at administering online courses, we were thrilled

with the turnout, and saw an increase in attendance from 2020.

Program Accomplishments for 2021

91 People Provided Technical Assistance

86 Marine Shoreline Residents Educated

104 Stream and Lakeside Residents Educated

ONLINE LEARNING MODULES

As KCD continued to navigate COVID-19 pandemic, we developed online, self-guided learning modules to allow residents to learn at their own pace when it's convenient for them. Each course allows you to start, stop, and pick up where you left off whenever you like. Courses include our popular marine shoreline workshop *Where the Water Begins*, stream and lakeside workshop *Beautify and Care for Your Streamside Property*, and KCD's *Guide to Native Planting* to understand the valuable role native plants play in promoting healthy ecosystems.

RURAL LAND STEWARDSHIP

KCD's Rural Land Stewardship Program provides natural resource technical assessments, recommendations, and farm conservation services to farmers, livestock owners, and other rural residents. Resource planners look at changes that can be made to improve farm productivity and reduce impacts on natural resources through implementing best management practices (BMPs). Farm best management practices funded in 2021 include buffer fencing, roof runoff structures, stream crossings, and waste storage facilities. These BMPs are developed by the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS), based on scientific field research. Resource planners also offer technical assistance on questions such as what grasses to plant, how to design heavy use areas to manage mud in the winter, and even how to plan and implement waste storage facilities for manure composting. In addition to farm conservation planning, the program offers free soil testing, equipment rentals, dairy nutrient planning, and farm tours.

King County has roughly 42,000 acres of farmland and 3,200 producers. Of those farms, 94% are under 50 acres. Farmers in King County face a variety of economic, resource, and regulatory hurdles. Through education, technical assistance, and cost-share, KCD helps rural land stewards improve water quality, reduce negative environmental impacts, and achieve their land use goals. Collectively, this has a significant, positive impact on soil health and water quality, and on our local food economy.



KCD Senior Farm Planner Jay Mirro leads a Farm Tour on a horse property outside Enumclaw.

Program Accomplishments for 2021

79 People Educated on Agricultural Topics

194 People Provided Technical Assistance

61 Farm Conservation Plans Written

\$163,812 Cost-share Awarded to Support 24 BMPs

60 Farm Equipment Loans

Program Outcomes for 2021

Program outcomes look at the long-term impacts our work has creating behavior changes in our cooperators and leaving a lasting benefit for the environment. In 2021, KCD received 80 surveys from cooperators who have received farm plans from 2015-2020.

- 84% of respondents reported that they implemented at least one Best Management Practice (BMP) prescribed in their farm plan.
- Cooperators cited time and cost of materials/contractors as the most common reasons for not implementing any or additional BMPs.
- 36% of respondents utilized the Landowner Incentive Program cost-share assistance to help implement BMPs.
- 70% of respondents reported improvements to their farm

RIPARIAN RESTORATION/IMPROVEMENT

Rivers, creeks, lakes, wetlands, and the marine shoreline are critical features of King County's landscape. These aquatic areas and their vegetated riparian corridors provide cool, clean water for fish and other aquatic wildlife and habitat for insects, birds, and other animals. Throughout King County, these areas are impacted by a variety of land uses and increasing development, and the ever-increasing threat of invasive species.

KCD's Riparian Restoration Program offers aquatic area enhancement services to help protect and improve the health of our watersheds by restoring natural shorelines and riparian buffers on privately held land. KCD's services include education, technical and financial assistance, and project design and implementation services. Our riparian habitat enhancement projects are funded through a combination of State and Federal grants and KCD cost-share. These funds provide for labor and materials associated with controlling invasive and noxious weeds and replacing them with beneficial native trees and shrubs. Riparian Restoration best management practice funds awarded in 2021 were allocated towards aquatic area hedgerows, riparian forest buffers, and a bulkhead removal/soft shoreline enhancement project. In addition to project installation, KCD also provides three to five years of maintenance and monitoring for each project installed to ensure project success standards are achieved.

In 2021, the Riparian Restoration Program installed projects in unincorporated areas of King County (including around Covington, Enumclaw, Fall City, Maple Valley, and Snoqualmie) and within urban areas



WCC Crews installing a riparian buffer.

(including the cities of Auburn, Kent, Lake Forest Park, Medina, Redmond, Sammamish, and Normandy Park). KCD's Urban Riparian Program launched in 2015 and maintains a steady backlog of projects due in part to successful community engagement, word-of-mouth, and a high level of interest from streamside residents.

Program Accomplishments for 2021

17 Projects Implemented

9 Projects Planned For Future

1+ Miles of Shoreline Improved

6+ Acres of Shoreline Improved

9,837 Native Plants Planted

\$161,337 LIP Cost-share Awarded

to Implement 14 BMPs

\$109,735 Additional Cost-share to Implement BMPs

Program Outcomes for 2021

Program outcomes look at the long-term impacts our work has creating behavior changes in our cooperators leading to lasting benefits for the environment. A 2021 survey of 16 past project owners showed:

- 63% of respondents said they were unlikely or very unlikely to implement a riparian restoration project on their own.
- 81% of respondents reported conservation improvements to their property.
- For 5th year projects, 89% met Native Cover Benchmark, 83% met Invasive Cover Benchmark, and 89% met Density Benchmark. Projects not meeting benchmarks will continue to receive maintenance and adaptive management until they reach program benchmarks.



FUNDING PARTNERSHIP WILL RESTORE CRITICAL HABITAT

In 2021, KCD received Natural Resources Investment (NRI) funding from the Washington State Conservation Commission for the establishment of a 50-foot wide, 4.5 acre, riparian forest buffer along a half mile of the Snoqualmie River on a farm near Duvall. This project will protect critical fish habitat through restoration efforts by creating shade, reducing erosion through stream bank stabilization, protecting water quality, and creating general habitat and refuge for fish and wildlife.

This project is located next to the King County Tolt Pipeline Protection Project and the connectivity of the two projects will result in almost 1 mile of shoreline buffer enhancement. In addition, this project is also located directly across the river from a KCD implemented Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) project which restored 8 acres, and over half a mile of shoreline.

The NRI funding for this project will be matched with cost-share funding from KCD's Landowner Incentive Program, creating a unique state, local and private partnership.



PARTNERING FOR WILDFIRE AWARENESS

As part of Wildfire Resiliency services, KCD coordinates closely with partners such as East Side Fire and Rescue, King County Department of Emergency Management, WA Department of Natural Resources, and city governments throughout the wildland-urban interface. In 2021, KCD had a unique opportunity to assist in the development of King County's Wildfire Strategy. Strategy meetings were kicked off with a well-publicized press event where our Wildfire Resiliency Coordinator was filmed offering a wildfire home assessment. KCD participated in a series of strategy development discussions as part of the forest health and wildfire preparedness working groups. The county-wide groups reviewed the overarching goals for the strategy, developed a working list of potential actions, and identified draft criteria for evaluating and prioritizing those actions. Key partners and timelines for each action item were also determined. The full strategy will be released by King County in July 2022 and KCD looks forward to taking on our part to advise and fund home hardening and forest health management projects.

WILDFIRE PREPAREDNESS

As climate change and population growth pressures mount, Pacific Northwest forests are threatened. KCD is able to support individual jurisdictions and agencies by mobilizing private landowners to protect our forests. Meeting the demand to train and support owners of small forest properties to safeguard our regional forest resources is critical.

Collectively, small properties comprise over 40,000 forested acres in King County. KCD provides wildfire safety evaluations and fire-adapted planning services to small residential forest landowners and neighborhoods or HOA communities. After the risk planning evaluation, cooperators can engage with KCD to develop a Community Wildfire Action Plan to implement wildfire risk reduction projects focused on reducing ground and ladder fuels in home ignition zones and around other infrastructure assets.

Program Accomplishments for 2021

**12 Wildfire Workshops Educating
363 Residents**

62 Home Safety Evaluations

**211 Acres covered by Wildfire
Safety Evaluations**

**15 Communities Partnered With
to Reduce Wildfire Risks**

URBAN FOREST STEWARDSHIP

Urban forests' contribution to health, economic and social well-being is now well-documented. Healthy urban forests also provide resilience and mitigate the impacts of severe weather in the face of climate change. A regional approach to expanding tree canopy across King County's urban landscapes is critical, especially in south King County where a dramatic lack of canopy coincides with the county's highest levels of pollution and illness. KCD's Urban Forest Health Program partners with member jurisdictions to fund and provide technical support to projects in backyards, public easements, parks and open spaces in incorporated King County.

2021 New Urban Forestry Projects

Beaux Arts – Street Tree Inventory

Develop a tree inventory with work-tracking system. Individual street trees will be tagged, mapped, and assessed for health and potential hazards.

Burien – Volunteer Program Coordinator and Crew Stipends

Expanding Burien's park stewardship program to three additional parks through hiring a consultant to manage the City's volunteer stewardship program and providing stipends to volunteer work crews.

Kenmore and Kirkland – Yard Tree Giveaways

KCD will purchase roughly 400 trees, develop educational and promotional materials (in English, Spanish, and Chinese) and provide event support.

Tukwila - Urban Forest Carbon Credit and Impact Certification Pilot Program

Advance canopy coverage targets and Equity Policy goals by utilizing City Forest Credits, a nonprofit carbon registry and impact certification organization that certifies and markets urban forest projects to potential funders.

Kenmore, Kirkland, North Bend, Tukwila– PlanIt Geo Tree Canopy Assessment

Map current tree canopy and possible planting areas, quantify changes in canopy in Kenmore and Tukwila, and prioritize planting areas based on diversity and equity concerns in Kirkland.

Program Accomplishments for 2021

8 Acres Urban Forest Invasive Species Removed

1137 Trees Planted

5 Projects Continued

11 Cities Partnered With



TREES FOR RAIL

In 2021, KCD launched Trees for Rail in collaboration with Sound Transit and the City of Shoreline. This unique program is working to re-green portions of the Lynnwood Link Light Rail corridor with native trees and shrubs as it passes through the City of Shoreline. Leveraging Sound Transit Resources and KCD's Urban Forest Stewardship Program, the effort works to establish native vegetation and tree canopy to reduce the impact on corridor-adjacent homeowners. Roughly 275 properties have been engaged with the program thus far and 47 households signed up to receive services. In 2022, the program will continue, and looks to expand to additional affected properties in the area.



MATSUDA HEIRS CONTINUE CONSERVATION PARTNERSHIP

The Matsuda Family have been stewarding property on Vashon Island since they acquired an apple orchard there in the 1930s and have been partnering with KCD since at least 1957 when Yoneichi Matsuda was recognized as KCD's Conservation Farmer of the Year. Since then, the Matsuda legacy has included a KCD grant to support redevelopment of 12 acres of the original farm to establish a now-flourishing farm-to-school program and a 35-foot native plant buffer around the farm's irrigation pond.

In 2007, reforestation efforts were undertaken on five acres of land stewarded by Ray Gruenewald, a Matsuda heir, through community planting efforts. More than 2000 native trees were planted, including western red cedar, shore pine, madrone, Sitka spruce, western white pine, western hemlock, and Douglas-fir. By 2020, the trees grew dense enough that Ray reached out to KCD to help with thinning and maintenance of the now flourishing forest. By working with KCD forest health technicians, Ray was able to develop and implement a plan, funded by KCD's Landowner Incentive Program, that will keep the forest healthy and resilient for years to come.

SMALL LOT FOREST STEWARDSHIP

KCD's Small Lot Forest Stewardship program partners with small-acreage private forest landowners to improve forest health and increase canopy cover. Through education, technical assistance, and cost-share assistance, the program empowers landowners to become knowledgeable and successful stewards of their forests. Forest Stewardship best management practice cost-share awarded in 2021 includes forest health management to remove invasive weeds, thin understories, and plant native plants. Over 42,000 forested acres in King County are held by owners of woods smaller than five acres. Collectively, these acres represent a vast resource that, through forest stewardship programming, contributes to the overall health of our community and offers a timely opportunity to proactively engage private landowners in stewardship.

Program Accomplishments for 2021

980 Educated Through WSU Extension Partnership

219 People Provided Technical Assistance

97 Forestry Assessments Completed

7 Forest Stewardship Plans

10.5 Acres of Forest Treated

1,018 Native Plants Planted

\$98,275 Cost-share Awarded to Implement 7 BMPs

Program Outcomes for 2021

Program outcomes look at the long-term impacts our work has creating behavior changes in our cooperators and leaving a lasting benefit for the environment.

- After receiving technical assistance from KCD forestry staff, 88% of survey respondents took an action, like controlling for invasive plants, improving wildlife habitat, thinning trees, and planting native trees.



REGIONAL FOOD SYSTEM

KCD's Regional Food Systems (RFS) Program works to strengthen our local food economy by bridging the gap between producers and consumers and serving as a catalyst in making local food production both environmentally and economically sustainable.

RFS grants are based on goals and strategies of the King County Local Food Initiative and input from regional food system participants. The program funds projects with demonstrated public benefit that contribute to the economic viability of local farmers, encourage new farmers, expand acreage in food production, improve food access, or increase demand for, and sales of, King County farm products.

Strategic initiative grants provide longer-term, sustained investments in areas of key food system concerns. Currently, these include working farmland access, farm business support and technical assistance, institutional purchasing, and infrastructure support.

In 2021, KCD awarded \$741,352 in competitive grants and strategic initiatives to innovative and diverse projects across King County.

Increasing Equity

KCD's Regional Food Systems Program launched in 2015. From 2015 to 2020, the program invested \$4.7 million into our local food system, leveraging an additional \$3.7 million in cash and in-kind support through 81 competitive and strategic initiative grants.

In 2015, none of the grant recipients were led by BIPOC communities. KCD made changes to program marketing and selection criteria and in 2020 25% of grant recipients were led by BIPOC communities. By 2021, 50% of grant applicants were led by BIPOC communities. We look forward to continuing to improve the program through our next strategic planning process.

2021 Competitive Grants Awarded

21 Acres - \$20,000

Sammamish Valley Sustainable Ag Tool Library

African Community Housing & Development - \$20,000

Delridge Farmers Market Year Two

Black Farmers Collective - \$20,000

Expanding Food Sovereignty at Yes Farm

Black Food Sovereignty Coalition - \$20,000

Back to the Root: PNW BIPOC Food Network Development

Black Star Food Collective

(Sustainable Seattle Fiscal Sponsor) - \$20,000

New Holly Rockery Market Garden Reactivation

Carnation Farms - \$14,300

Energy Efficiency in Aggregating Local Produce

Duwamish Valley Sustainability Association

(Sustainable Seattle Fiscal Sponsor) - \$20,000

Transformando Nuestra Tierra: Biofuel

Farmstand Local Foods - \$19,000

Demystifying Local Food Pricing for Farmers and Chefs in Preparation for New Overtime Rules in Agriculture

Feed 7 Generations- \$20,000

Generating Engaged Native Growers (GEN-G)

Gathering Roots Wellness - \$20,000

Greenhouse Infrastructure for BIPOC Farmers Co-op

International Rescue Committee - \$20,000

BIPOC Growers of South King County Aggregation Project

New Day Cooperative Distribution - \$2,000

BIPOC and LGBTQ Farmer CSA Pickup Site

SnoValley Tilth - \$19,052

Greenhouse Propagation Infrastructure and Training for New, Beginning, and Small-Scale Farmers



The Common Acre - \$20,000

Community Food Hubs

Wakulima USA - \$12,000

Youth Farmer Project

New Start Community Garden (Weed Warriors Fiscal Sponsor) - \$20,000

School Garden Infrastructure and Classes

White Center Food Bank - \$20,000

Dispersed Food Bank Farm

HARVEST AGAINST HUNGER KING COUNTY FARMERS SHARE

The rapid spread of COVID-19 throughout King County highlighted the importance of supporting physical health among disadvantaged populations to support long-term health equity. Efforts to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 highlighted the interconnectedness of the local food economy, as closed restaurants and farmers markets left many King County farmers without anticipated early-season income. Closed schools and places of employment increased demand for emergency food assistance, with supply lagging behind in the early months of the pandemic. KCD RFS Strategic Initiative funding allowed King County Farmers Share's 31 cohort agencies (food banks, senior centers, hunger prevention organizations, teen services, churches, etc.) to expand distribution of supplies including grocery bags and PPE (e.g. masks and gloves), and increase purchasing from 57 King County farm partners to over \$139,000. Ultimately, the broader food system impacts of supporting direct connections between local farmers and food access efforts are numerous and interdisciplinary, including improved nutrient density from freshly harvested produce, cultural familiarity, reduced food waste and greenhouse gas emissions, and sustained financial viability support for farmers.

2021 Strategic Initiatives

KCD is currently funding three strategic initiatives:

Washington Farmland Trust's Working Farmland Partnership - \$150,000

Partnership with Washington Farmland Trust and the Working Farmland Partnership Facilitating Matches to Bring More Land Into Production and Increase The Number of Farmers in King County

Business Impact Northwest's Farm Business Support and Technical Assistance - \$150,000

Farm Business Support and Technical Assistance Coordination - such as agronomic, business planning, access to capital, marketing, conservation, education coordination, and food safety for King County farmers and food businesses.

King County DNRP's Immigrant/Refugee Farmer Outreach Coordinator - \$125,000

Support the position of Immigrant/Refugee Farmer Outreach Coordinator position within King County Department Natural Resources and Parks Farmland Lease Program to provide greater support for BIPOC farmers, especially from immigrant and refugee communities on King County owned farmland. The position supports farmland management, farmland lease outreach and support, and landowner engagement.

AGRICULTURAL DRAINAGE ASSISTANCE

Over the past few decades, much of the county's most productive farmland has become impacted by poor field drainage. This threat has been compounded by climate change causing an increase of flooding in the winter due to changes in rainfall (from more severe and frequent rainstorms) and rapid urbanization, which promotes increased stormwater runoff.

KCD provides comprehensive services to assist farmers with maintaining and improving agricultural drainage systems. Our aim is to enable more farmers to participate in the King County Agricultural Drainage Assistance Program (ADAP) through a combination of technical assistance and matching grants.

Improved field drainage will increase productivity by extending the growing season, enabling the planting of higher value crops, and expanding grazing for livestock. Improved drainage will also provide an opportunity for increased agricultural employment, enhance local food production, and contribute to the continued growth, vitality, and resilience of local agriculture.

Program Outcomes for 2021

Program outcomes look at the long-term impacts our work has creating behavior changes in our cooperators and leaving a lasting benefit for our community. KCD completed 3 drainage projects in 2020. A 2021 review of 2 of those completed projects found

- Both cooperators noticed a large reduction in flooding to their fields during the winter season.
- Cooperators report that neighboring properties who also received ditch maintenance support noted further improvement of drainage on their property.
- Clogged ditches on neighboring properties caused a reduction in benefits for cooperators

Program Accomplishments for 2021

15 Projects Completed

20 Farms Supported

3.68 Miles of Ditch Cleared

100 Acres of Farmland Improved

197 Acres of Farmland Restored



DRAIN TILE REPLACEMENT

In 2021, KCD collaborated with the Snoqualmie Valley Watershed Improvement District and Ducks Unlimited to install drain tiles on two farms. Additionally, a complete survey and engineer design was created for maintenance of drain tiles for one Enumclaw dairy. In total, 12,000 feet of drain tiles were replaced. As part of our goal to improve water quality and storage, each tile with an outlet to a watercourse was fitted with a water control structure device called an 'agri-drain.' A total of six agri-drain structures were attached to replacement tiles, which will allow cooperators to convey surface waters off their fields during seasonal flooding and store water on their fields for irrigation during the dry season.



GREEN PATHWAYS FELLOWSHIP (END OF PILOT PROGRAM)

KCD was a host organization for the Green Pathways Program from 2019-2021. KCD's Community Agriculture Program Coordinator position was held by the Green Pathways Fellow, Cly Samson. The Green Pathways Fellowship program was formed through a partnership with RVC and Got Green to "create a pathway for future leaders of color in the green sector while providing a living wage, entry-level positions with benefits in the environmental justice movement."

Through this program, KCD also worked with a consultant to develop an internal KCD Racial Equity Change Team. The consultant worked with KCD staff to build out and train the team, start the process of learning about ways to drive thoughtful and dedicated improvements in KCD's work, while providing an institutional mechanism for expanding KCD's equity focus.

COMMUNITY AGRICULTURE

An equitable and resilient local food economy includes urban food production. Urban farmers and gardeners have unique needs for land stewardship guidance to ensure a viable, diverse local food system that cares for our soils and waters. Existing urban agricultural organizations frequently lack access to land, funds, and technical support to meet the demand for sustainable urban small-lot food production for low-income and immigrant populations, who benefit most from expanded urban agricultural opportunities. A healthy local food system requires developing opportunities to grow fresh food in dense urban neighborhoods, especially in communities that are transit-dependent, low-income, or comprised of primarily immigrant populations.

KCD's Community Agriculture program provides community gardens with resources to get started, or expand, through technical assistance, education, materials, and small grants. In 2021, the program provided materials assistance to help three new community garden projects get started: Got Green, FAACT, and Brown Egg Garden.

Program Accomplishments for 2021

1,819 Soil Nutrient Tests for Farmers and Gardeners

5 Existing Community Gardens Provided Technical Assistance

3 New Community Gardens Engaged

150+ Culturally Relevant Seed Starts Given to Immigrant Farmers

160 Pounds of Cover Crop Seed Provided to **11** Community Gardens

335 Cubic Yards of GroCo™ Compost Distributed to **43** Gardens



LANDOWNER INCENTIVE PROGRAM

KCD's Landowner Incentive Program (LIP) promotes stewardship of natural resources on private property by providing cost-share funding to help landowners overcome financial barriers and implement natural resource best management practices (BMPs).

The Landowner Incentive Program's goal is to promote the implementation of natural resource management practices detailed in KCD prepared technical assistance and management plans such as Farm Conservation Plans and Forest Health Management Plans. The programs that offer cost-share for project implementation are the Rural Land Stewardship, Riparian Restoration, and Small Lot Forest Stewardship Programs. KCD reimburses between 50%-90% of approved projects depending on the natural resource BMP.

Program Highlights for 2021

In 2021, the Landowner Incentive Program awarded 45 new contracts totaling \$423,539 to implement BMPs on private property including riparian buffer planting, bulkhead removal, rural forest health stewardship, and farm heavy use protection area installation.

OPERATIONS

KCD's Operations Program supports program functions across KCD.

General Overhead

KCD's Annual Budget includes expenses for general overhead. They provide the operational infrastructure and support for KCD staff to implement on-the-ground work. The largest expenses in this category are rent, utilities, office equipment, information technology, and vehicles.

Finance

KCD's Finance team consists of a cross-functional working group that provides all accounting related functions for the organization.

Human Resources

Human Resources recommends strategies for employee recruitment, development, growth and retention. KCD currently contracts Human Resources services.

Legal and Related

KCD's Executive Director oversees the day-to-day contracting and regulatory interpretation as well as respond to and monitor all legal actions that impact the organization. KCD maintains outside legal counsel to handle issues that arise.

2021 BUDGET + SPENDING

KCD revenue and spending for 2021 are shown below. Spending is separated into KCD Priority Areas information found on page 22 as a table broken out into KCD Priority Areas (Clean Water, Forest Stewardship, and Agriculture & Local Foods) and select overhead and special program areas. KCD is undertaking systems improvement around budgeting and financial reporting. We expect this work to change and improve how we share our financials in future years to give a more thorough picture of how we fund the conservation work that we do.

King Conservation District Revenue and Spending for 2021

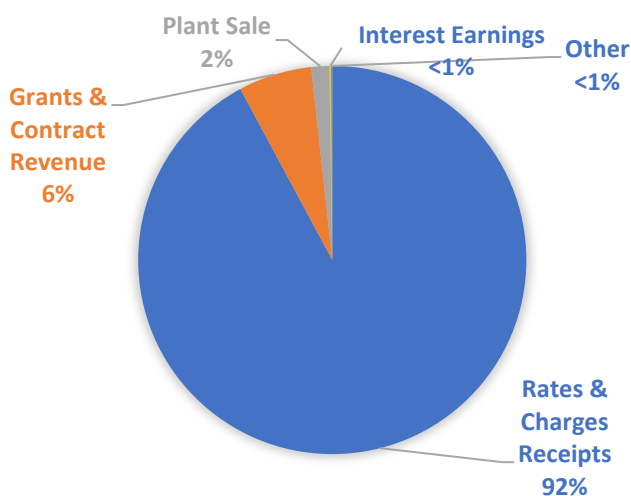
	2021 Actual	2021 Budget	Budget to Actual
Revenue by Source			
Rates & Charges Receipts	\$ 7,944,916	\$ 7,774,578	\$(170,338)
Grants & Contract Revenue	526,818	437,886	(88,932)
Plant Sale	129,359	120,000	(9,359)
Interest Earnings	11,405	212,250	200,845
Other	9,058	750	(8,308)
Total Revenue	\$ 8,621,554	\$ 8,545,464	\$ (76,089)

*Portions of both the 2021 and 2022 Board Elections expenditures were made in 2021.

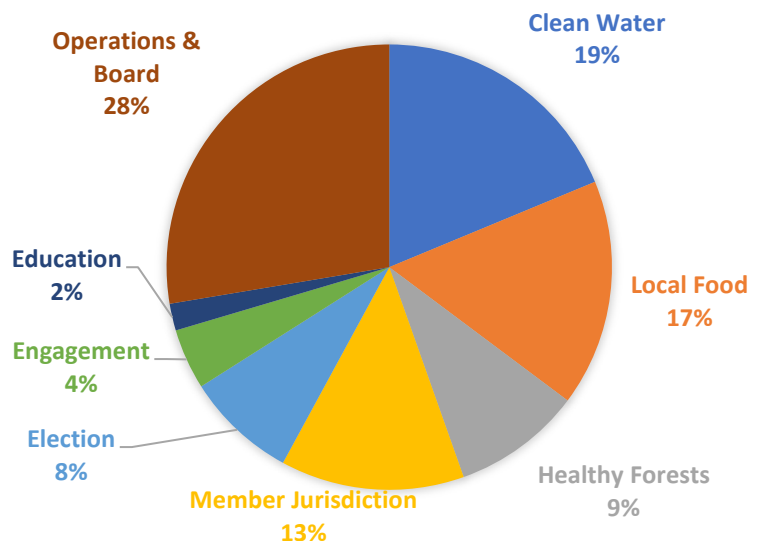
Spending by Program Area			
Clean Water	\$ 1,533,867	\$ 1,956,406	\$ 422,540
Local Food	1,348,366	1,633,180	284,814
Healthy Forests	765,665	1,075,676	310,012
Member Jurisdiction	1,092,186	1,276,983	184,797
Election*	661,557	239,061	(422,496)
Engagement	360,705	500,289	139,584
Education	159,973	145,012	(14,962)
Operations & Board**	2,261,333	1,718,857	(542,476)
Total Spending	\$ 8,183,651	\$ 8,545,464	\$ 361,812

** KCD underwent a major reorganization in 2021 and had an interim executive director for most of the year. During this transitional period, KCD had the need to hire multiple contracted services. These costs were categorized as operations costs.

2021 Revenue by Source (Actual)



2021 Spending by Program Area (Actual)



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

King Conservation District is led by an all-volunteer, five-member board of supervisors. Three of the members are elected while the other two are appointed by the Washington State Conservation Commission, an agency created to assist and guide conservation district activities in Washington State. By statute, KCD elections occur annually during the first quarter of each year. Elections are conducted pursuant to guidelines established by RCW 89.08 with oversight from the Washington State Conservation Commission. Board members contribute local perspectives on important natural resource management and conservation issues, seek feedback about conservation programs from residents, set policy, and direct KCD's work plan and budget.

KCD Board Elections

In 2020, KCD worked to increase participation in our annual board election by partnering with King County Elections and Democracy Live to offer residents online ballot access for our election. In 2021, KCD continued to work towards greater election participation by mailing out over 800,000 postcards to registered voting households to raise awareness of the election and KCD programs and services.

2021-2022 KCD Board

Kirstin Haugen, Chair

Chris Porter, Vice-Chair

Bill Knutsen, Supervisor

Burr Mosby, Supervisor

Brittney Bush Bollay, Supervisor

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

KCD's Advisory Committee is composed of elected officials and senior staff from cities, the County, and organizations across King County, as well as their alternates. King County, the Sound Cities Association and KCD each have responsibility to fill certain seats with appropriate and effective representatives. The Advisory Committee extends KCD's reach into its broad community of stakeholders by bringing diverse and expanded perspectives back to KCD's Board of Supervisors. The Advisory Committee deliberates on policy issues and forwards its recommendations to the Board.

Members

Kirstin Haugen, KCD Chair

Dow Constantine, King County Executive

Jake Tracy, King County Council Staff

Tahmina Martelly, World Relieve Seattle

Sharon Lerman, Seattle Office of Sustainability and Environment

John Stokes, City of Bellevue Councilmember

Brenda Fincher, City of Kent Councilmember

Mark Phillips, City of Lake Forest Park Councilmember

Amy McHenry, City of Duvall Councilmember

Jeff Boyce, King County Rural Forest Commission

Paul Pink, King County Agriculture Commission

Howard Langeveld, Rural Resident

Rachel Perlot, Urban Resident

Alternates

Chris Porter, KCD Vice-Chair

Mike Lufkin, King County Executive

Victoria Hunt, City of Issaquah Councilmember

Vanessa Kritzer City of Redmond Councilmember

Kelli Curtis, City of Kirkland Councilmember

Mari Knutsen, King County Rural Forest Commission

Lily Gottlieb-McHale, King County Agriculture Commission

Sarah Reyneveld, Urban Resident

ILA BENCHMARKS

KCD is meeting or exceeding most benchmarks set out in the 2020-2024 Interlocal Agreement with King County. As we pull out of COVID-19, we anticipate making up lost ground on programs that fell behind their benchmarks over the last several years.

However, several benchmarks that were set may be unrealistic. Agricultural Drainage Assistance set an annual target of 300 acres of farmland restored/improved. While 297 acres restored/improved was achieved in 2021, this year reflects a level of program work that is not likely to be duplicated in following years. The benchmark for Riparian Land Stewardship of 19 Engaged Landowners Take Action seeks to track landowners that take a conservation action either through KCD or on their own. KCD has had difficulty getting survey responses to track actions taken outside of KCD programming.

Priority	Program	Annual Benchmarks	2020 Actual	2021 Actual
Local Food	Regional Food	\$900,000 Awarded 20% Existing Awards Evaluated	\$858,406 20%	\$741,352 100%
	Agricultural Drainage	2.5 Miles Drainage Ditches Cleared 300 Acres Restored/Improved 25% of Projects Evaluated	1.88 95 25%	3.68 297 66%
	Community Agriculture	3 New Community Gardens Assisted 5-7 Existing Gardens Provided Support	3 7	3 5
Clean Water	Riparian Land Stewardship	192 Landowners Engaged 19 Engaged Landowners Take Action	166 6	281 5
	Rural Land Stewardship	144 Landowners Engaged 38 New Farm Plans 38 Farm Plans Reviewed & Evaluated \$243,750 LIP Cost Share Awarded	247 44 23 \$117,432	273 63 80 \$163,812
	Riparian Restoration/Improvement	18 Projects 10 Acres Impacted or 1.5 Miles Impacted 20 Projects Evaluated \$112,500 LIP Cost Share Awarded	22 12.15 2.02 39 \$104,376	16 6.2 1.07 31 \$161,337
Healthy Forests	Wildfire Preparedness	3-4 Communities Receive Assistance	7	15
	Urban Forest Stewardship	3 Cities Receive Funding Support \$150,000 Awarded	0 0	7 \$285,833
	Small Lot Forest Stewardship	100 Landowners Engaged 80-100 Landowners Receive Assistance 10 Existing Project Plans Evaluated	966 116 10	1199 219 25
	Member Jurisdiction Grants	35 Jurisdictions Engaged 25% Develop Grant Proposals 25% Existing/Historic Projects Evaluated	35 57% 25%	13 60% 25%
	Board Elections	Paper Ballots Received at Drop Boxes Electronic Balloting System Interactive Online Voter Guide Promotion on King County Elections Website	Yes Yes Yes Yes	Yes Yes Yes Yes

Front Cover Photos

Top Center: KCD Staff plant native trees and shrubs for KCD's Trees for Rail program in Shoreline.

Bottom Left: Farmers walk through produce on Horseneck Farm in South King County during Highline College's Immigrant and Refugee Ag Education and Tuition Assistance. Partners included Wakulima USA, Congolese Integration Network, Food Innovation Network, International Rescue Committee, and Living Well Kent. Funded in part by KCD Regional Food Grants. Funded in part by KCD Regional Food Grants.

Bottom Right: Volunteers get instruction on planting a riparian buffer during Orca Recovery Day.

Get Involved

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KCD CAN HELP**

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