

# 2012 Skagit CD Summary Report of Accomplishments

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## Commercial Livestock and Small Farm Operations

- 324 commercial and small farm landowners assisted
- 18 farm plans completed
- 26 structural BMPs implemented utilizing \$73,945 in cost-share funds
- 4 workshops conducted with 143 attendees

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## Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)

- 3 new projects planted this past spring totaling 27 acres
- 2 new CREP contracts signed
- 582.9 acres of buffer installed to date
- 183,716 (34.8 miles) stream bank feet of riparian restoration installed to date
- 260,031 native trees planted to date



## Firewise and Community Wildfire Protection Planning

- WA State ranks 2<sup>nd</sup> in the nation for number of Firewise Communities/USA
- 8 home wildfire risk assessments completed
- 6 Firewise plans written
- 1 community hazard assessment written
- 4 Firewise presentations and outreach events conducted with 120 participants
- 15 Firewise BMPs implemented
- Wildfire Awareness Week Proclamation televised, presented, and signed at the Skagit County Commissioners' meeting in May

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## Forest Stewardship Program and EQIP

- 12 forest conservation plans written
- 14 forest conservation plans updated
- 37 landowners received technical assistance
- 2 forestry conservation practices implemented





### **Professional Engineering**

- Completed engineering designs for stream habitat restoration and bank stabilization at three project sites: Marsh Pond (for SRSC); Howard Miller Steelhead Park (for SFEG and Skagit County Parks and Rec. Dept.) and; the property of Mr. Wayne Stiles
- Served on four technical committees to support resource conservation in Skagit County: the Skagit Watershed Council Technical Advisory Committee; the NOAA/National Marine Fisheries Service's Skagit Tidegate and Fish Agreement Technical Committee; the Farms, Fish and Food Initiative Hydraulic Modeling Committee and; the Washington Salmon Recovery Funding Board's technical review panel

### **Environmental Education**

- 800+ students participated in the annual Sixth Grade Conservation Tour in May
- 700 tree seedlings distributed to students in honor of Arbor Day
- A community proclamation in recognition of "Soil and Water Stewardship Week" televised, presented, and signed at a Skagit County Commissioners' meeting in April
- 190 posters entered for the Soil and Water Stewardship poster contest for local youth grades K-12
- Hosted educational displays and distributed educational and program promotional materials at 2 farm locations at the Skagit Valley Festival of Family Farms – 8,000+ attendees
- Hosted an educational display with a cow-milking contest at the Skagit County Fair in August



### **Backyard Conservation Stewardship Program**

- 30 individuals completed the Spring 2012 Backyard Conservation Stewardship Short Course
- Provided presentations on Backyard Conservation practices at 9 events, reaching over 263 people
- Continued support to Friday Creek Habitat Stewards and the Skagit Valley Backyard Wildlife Habitat Team

### **Low Impact Development (LID) & Stormwater Education**

- 507 storm markers installed on storm drain inlets by volunteers, and 525 educational door hangers distributed
- 48 stormwater education presentations provided to over 1100 Skagit County students
- Stormwater poster contest held for Anacortes youth
- 8 LID presentations given to 238 people
- 1 rain garden tour held with 14 attendees



## *Low Impact Development (LID) & Stormwater Education continued...*

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- *New “Puget Sound Starts Here” education display created*
  - *2 stormwater detention pond maintenance workshops held*
  - *Hosted pet poop toss game at the Skagit County Fair*
  - *Ran “Puget Sound Starts Here” stormwater education ads at local theaters for 3 months*
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### **District Media**

- *Skagit Conservation News – 2 newsletters distributed to over 4,000 readers*
  - *Skagit Conservation District website maintained – [www.skagitcd.org](http://www.skagitcd.org)*
  - *Creation of the Skagit Conservation District Facebook page*
  - *Clean Samish news – 2 newsletters distributed to over 6,000 Samish Watershed residents*
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### **Skagit Stream Team**

- *71 volunteers are participating in the 2011/12 Stream Team Program*
  - *9 Storm Team volunteers monitored 20 stations in the Bay View/No Name drainages and 13 stations in the Edison Slough drainage*
  - *50 stations, located in the Padilla Bay, Samish, Fisher Creek, Kulshan Creek, Trumpeter Basin, Gages Slough, Clyde Creek, and Nookachamps basins, are monitored for fecal coliform, temperature, dissolved oxygen, and turbidity twice a month*
  - *1,364 Stream Team volunteer hours reported for 2011/2012 monitoring season*
  - *Annual Stream Team report completed and distributed*
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### **Marine Biotoxin Monitoring Program**

- *19 community volunteers participated in the 2012 sampling season*
- *110 sampling events conducted by volunteers at 10 recreational shellfish harvesting beaches*



### **Watershed Masters Volunteer Training Program**

- *22 individuals completed the fall 2012 Watershed Masters Training Program, bringing the total participants to date to 457*
- *4907 Watershed Master volunteer hours reported in 2012, bringing the total hours to over 33,289*
- *Over 100 sustainable backyard practices employed and reported by Fall 2012 graduates*



**Firewise fuels reduction**



**Gutters and downspouts**



**Solar water pumps**



**Hedgerow planting**



**2012 Soil and Water Stewardship  
Poster Contest winner**



**2012 Native Plant Sale**



**Backyard Conservation  
Stewardship Program**



**Storm drain marking**



**Festival of Family Farms**

**Special thanks to all of our partnering organizations who helped make the Skagit Conservation District's efforts toward conservation, protection and enhancement of the natural resources of Skagit County a huge success in 2012!!**