

The Conservation CONNECTION



KING CONSERVATION DISTRICT

SPRING 2006

Promoting sustainable uses of natural resources through responsible stewardship.

Board of Supervisors News

The Washington State Conservation Commission appointed **Bill Knutsen** to a position on the 5-member KCD Board of Supervisors. Bill is a retired dairy owner / operator who is active in local natural resources, agricultural and salmon activities. A life long resident of King County, Bill brings a wealth of experience to the District.

District Chair, Max Prinsen, decided not to seek re-appointment when his term expired in March. We thank Max for his leadership over the last 7 years. He has agreed to stay a part of the



Bobbi Lindemulder

District and joins former County Council member, David Irons, as our newest Associate Board Members.

Bobbi Lindemulder was re-elected at the March election and will serve another 3-year term. Bobbi is co-owner of West Snoqualmie Beef near Duvall and also works at the Snohomish Conservation District. She was awarded as best supervisor in the state in 2005 and will continue to be active in both local and statewide conservation issues.

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Bobbi and Bill join Scott Wallace, Richard Gelb and , *new* District Chair, Matt Livengood on the 5 member board.



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KING CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Volunteer Opportunities



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 Amy, (425) 277-5581 ext 129, amy.tippery@kingcd.org, for more information on these and other volunteer opportunities.

Spring 2006

Garden of Goo

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

Scheduled volunteer dates include:

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

May: 13th and 20th

June: 9th and 10th, and 23rd and 24th



Get Wet, Restore Wetlands!

Wetlands help improve water quality and provide valuable habitat for fish and wildlife. Learn about the benefits of wetlands while planting and maintaining buffers of native trees and shrubs. Events occur from **10 AM – 1PM**, please call for registration and directions.

April 8th: Boise Creek Planting Project, Enumclaw

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.

Name: _____

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 Monday of each month at our office in Renton. The public is encouraged to attend.

Workshops & Events



Where the Water Begins – Land Management Practices for Marine Shoreline & Bluff Landowners

The King Conservation District, in partnership with Washington Sea Grant, will provide three free workshops for landowners who want to improve their understanding of near-shore and marine riparian ecology and learn about land management practices that reduce beach and bluff erosion and improve fish and wildlife habitat. Workshop participants will have access to free technical assistance from the District and Sea Grant staff on designing and installing the practices covered in the workshops. The workshops will be held from 9 am to 1 pm at the following locations and will include an indoor session followed by a field trip.

- May 13th - at Camp Sealth Birdcage Facility on Vashon Island, WA
- June 10th - at Saltwater State Park Concession Hall, Des Moines, WA
- June 24th - at Carkeek Park Environmental Learning Center, N Seattle, WA

For more information and to register, contact Brandy Reed by phone at (425) 277-5581 ext 120 or by email at brandy.reed@kingcd.org

2006 Small Farm Expo

March 18th saw the return of the popular Small Farm Expo to the King County Fairgrounds in Enumclaw. Once again, crowds exceeded previous years with a diverse program of presentations and demonstrations that appealed to both child and adult alike. From ideas about potential land uses and small farm equipment choices, to business tools for smaller operations, and a range of livestock events, it proved easy to find something for everyone the entire day. King Conservation District's information booth within the Activity Hall provided abundant opportunities for KCD staff to meet with the public, while Lead Farm Planner Josh Monaghan presented additional

Tree Sale Wrap-up

Thanks to all of you that bought native trees and shrubs for your projects. Thanks also to the Washington Conservation Corps for assembling all 350 orders totaling over 40,000 native plants.



Geoff Reed KCD Coordinator and his crew!!!

Join Us at the 6th Annual Backyard Wildlife Festival

Saturday May 13th • 10 am to 3pm
Tukwila Community Center
12424 42nd Avenue South
Tukwila, WA



*Josh Monaghan -
Lead Farm Planner*

information about KCD services and programs during the Land Use 101 subject track. With this year's emphasis upon "putting tools for success into the hands of small acreage landowners," the Small Farm Expo remains committed to benefiting our rural neighbors, and strives to offer relevant and timely programs that further both the economic importance, and the honored tradition, of King County's agricultural way of life.

We'll see you next year at the Expo!

Workshop & Events



B.E.H.A.V.E.

*World-class animal behavior specialist
Dr. Fred Provenza of Utah State University,
presenting for King Conservation District*

Join the King Conservation District in Enumclaw, WA May 9th–11th, 2006, for a workshop entitled **Animal Grazing Behavior: Understanding and Managing Livestock, Wildlife, Plants, Soils and People.**

Workshop presenter will be Dr. Fred Provenza, world-class animal behavior specialist at Utah State University. Dr. Provenza will explore the relationships among soils, plants, herbivores, people, and ecosystems, focusing on how behavior influences food and habitat selection. Using examples from a variety of landscapes, Dr. Provenza will show how behavior can be used as a tool for changing the patterns of grazing animals around riparian areas, for controlling weeds, managing fire breaks, minimizing damage to crops, enhancing biodiversity and for reducing animal losses due to toxic plants.

Dr. Fred Provenza began his career working with cattle, sheep, alfalfa, and grain on a ranch in Colorado. After earning his B.S. in wildlife biology in 1973 from Colorado State University, he became a ranch manager. He later earned his M.S. and Ph.D. in range science from Utah State University. He is currently a professor in the Department of Forest, Range, and Wildlife Sciences at Utah State University. Dr. Provenza's research focuses on understanding behavioral processes, and using that



Teaching sheep to eat plants they normally would avoid.

understanding to inform management. For the past two decades, his emphasis has been on the role of learning in food and habitat selection by herbivores. He has been senior or co-author of more than 120 papers in peer-reviewed journals and an invited speaker at national and international conferences. In this workshop, Dr. Provenza will synthesize his research findings in a way that is entertaining, interesting, and useful. The information presented will have immediate applications for cattle and sheep producers, dairy farmers, wildlife biologists, horse owners, hay producers and others working with grazing issues, animal reintroductions, or foraging behavior of any kind. For more information on Dr Provenza's work: www.behave.net

Pre-registration is required — early registration must be postmarked by May 1, 2006. For pricing or registration information please contact King Conservation District at 425-277-5581, ext. 125 or Roseanne.Campagna@kingcd.org.



FREE PUBLIC LECTURE

In addition, there will be a free public lecture on this topic by Dr. Provenza Monday, May 8th, 7-9pm, at the Carco Theatre, Located at 1717 Maple Valley Highway, Renton, WA. To register, send an e-mail to Roseanne.Campagna@kingcd.org.

Envirothon Results



Envirothon Results!

This year's regional Envirothon event was a great success! The event was held March 29th at Snohomish County's Warm Beach Camp in Stanwood. Thirteen teams participated and the winners from each county became eligible for the State competition. Following are the winning teams from the Envirothon regional event and went on to the State competition!

King County: **1st Place Pacific Science Center**
(qualifying team) **2nd Place Tahoma HS Team #1**
Snohomish County: **1st Place Stanwood Team #1**
Skagit County: **1st Place Burlington-Edison**
Whatcom County: **1st Place Ferndale**

(Qualification for State is dependent on several factors including ages and number of students on a team.)

Overall team standing:

Stanwood High School #1 - 1st Place
Pacific Science Center - 2nd Place
Tahoma High School #1 - 3rd Place

The upcoming State event will be hosted by the King Conservation District and held at Camp Sealth on Vashon Island, WA. The dates for this event are May 23rd and 24th.

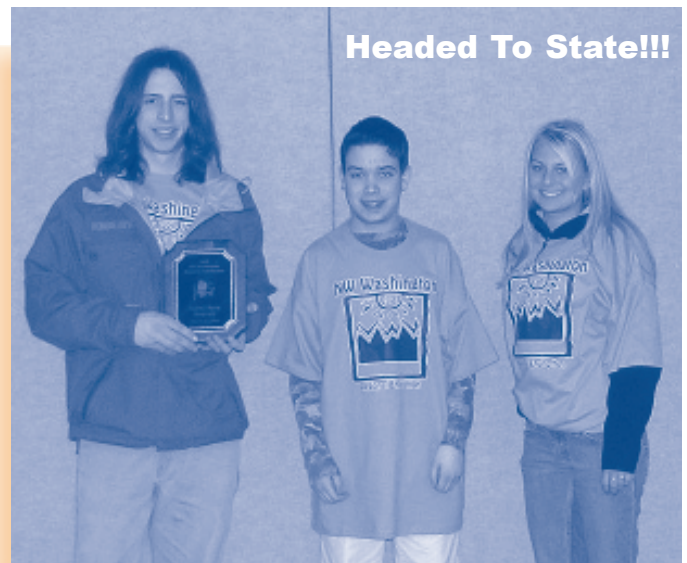
The qualifying winning State team will be eligible to attend the North American event to be held University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Manitoba - July 23-29, 2006.

For more information on the Envirothon, you can visit the website at www.envirothon.org. Contact Roseanne Campagna, roseanne.campagna@kingcd.org, at the King Conservation District at 425-277-5581 ext 125 to answer questions or request assistance.

The Envirothon is the largest Natural Resources Environmental Competition in North America. It is a problem solving competition for high school students, grades 9 through 12. Students are challenged to use critical thinking skills and conduct a hands-on investigation of environmental topics in five categories: Water, Soil, Forestry, Wildlife and a Current Environmental Issue. This year's theme is "Water Stewardship in a Changing Climate".



Pacific Science Center students win First Place in District and 2nd overall in the NW Regional Envirothon event.



Tahoma High School students win Second Place in District and 3rd overall in the NW Regional Envirothon event.

Congratulations to all participating students!!!!

DAIRY FARM TOUR

Have you ever met dairy cows with names instead of numbers? **Tour Two Sisters Dairy** in Carnation, WA for a behind-the-scenes look at what goes into making milk. Meet and pet some beautiful, friendly and very clean dairy cows who all have names. See dairy facilities and learn how the cows are cared for. Two Sisters Dairy is a family-owned and operated dairy, one of the

very few left in the Snoqualmie Valley. **Tuesday, June, 27th, 6:30-8:30pm.** Pre-registration is required as participation is limited. FREE! King Conservation District at 425-277-5581, ext. 125 or Roseanne.Campagna@kingcd.org.



Business Events



PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The King CD Board of supervisors wants to hear from you!

During the next few months decisions will be made regarding the District's special assessment. Currently, 10 dollar per-parcel per-year is assessed on most King County tax parcels. This assessment raises approximately 5.8 million dollars to fund conservation projects in cites and as part of the watershed (WRIA) planning process in the Snoqualmie, Cedar Lake Washington and Green / Duwamish watersheds. Please attend one of the listed meetings or contact the KCD Board of Supervisors with your written input on whether or not to continue this assessment; and if so, how the money should be spent to get the most on-the-ground resource improvement.

You have 7 opportunities as well as open comment period to make your opinion count.

When: Tue April 25th 4:00 to 7:00 pm

Where: South Bellevue Community Ctr. 14509 SE
Newport Way Bellevue

When: Wed. April 26th 4:00 to 7:00 pm

Where: Sammamish Valley Grange
14654 148th Ave NE, Woodinville

When: Wed. April 26th from 6:00 to 8:00pm

Where: Preston Community Center – 8625 310th Ave SE, Preston

When: Wed. April 26th from 6:00 to 8:00 pm.

Where: Green Lake Library – 7364 E Green Lk Dr N, Seattle

When: Thurs. April 27th from 4:00 to 6:00pm

Where: City of Kent Bldg. Mill Ck. Room 525 fourth Ave N, Kent

When: Thurs. April 27th from 6:30 to 9:00pm

Where: Shoreline Conference Center,
18560 1st Avenue NE - Spartan Room, Shoreline

When: Mon. May 1st 6:00 to 8:00 pm

Where: Covington Library 27100 164th SE, Covington

Written comments can be sent to:

KCD Board of Supervisors
Attn. Public comment
935 Powell Ave SW Suite D
Renton WA 98055

Or by email to: district@kingcd.org with a subject heading of “public comment”

This first public comment period extends until May 5th 2006.

Washington State Conservation Commission

Members of the Conservation Commission held their meeting in Seattle in March. Commission members toured 5 project sites at the Wetland Plant Cooperative, Burien's beach restoration project, Hamm Creek day-lighting project, Longfellow creek enhancement project and the Terminal 107 restoration project.

For more info visit www.scc.wa.gov



WSSC Chair, Lynn Brown chats with Earthcorp crew members planting cuttings at Seahurst beach in Burien.

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