

## King Conservation District



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### **King Conservation District awards \$4,891,027 for grants in 2010 to local cities, organizations and property owners**

***Funding for over 99 projects focus on support for on-the-ground conservation stewardship efforts within the District***

RENTON—Supporting on-the-ground conservation projects and environmental education programs throughout King County, the King Conservation District (King CD) has awarded a total of \$4,891,027 to date in 2010 in conjunction with major grants programs.

The District has awarded 99 grants through three programs, including the Member Jurisdiction and Water Resource Inventory Area program, the Landowner Incentive Program and the King Conservation District-Snoqualmie Watershed Forum Opportunity Fund.

“The King CD plays a role in supporting projects important to our 35 member jurisdictions, environmental stewardship organizations and property owners,” said King CD Board of Supervisors Chair Bill Knutsen. “As a non-regulatory entity we can foster relationships with--and between--cities, groups and individuals seeking to improve environmental stewardship on a voluntary basis.”

Approved by the King CD’s Board of Supervisors, 60 projects received \$4,555,720 in conjunction with the District’s Member Jurisdiction and Water Resource Inventory Area (WRIA) grant program. The grants will help fund a wide variety of stewardship programs and projects initiated by local cities, King County agencies and organizations throughout the District. The grants were awarded to applicants sponsored by one or more of the local jurisdictions or local watershed forums that are members of the King CD.

As part of its on-going mission of working with private landowners and organizations, the King CD also awarded a total of \$335,307 for two other major grants programs.

The District has awarded \$135,307 in 2010 in the Landowner Incentive Program (LIP). Supporting efforts by private landowners to address soil and water resource concerns on their property, the incentive-based program focuses on implementing approved farm and forest plans

or other King CD-assisted efforts. The grants can fund 50-90% of the project cost with the remainder provided by the applicant.

Grants were provided for 30 landowner projects ranging from forest health management, aquatic buffer plantings, waste storage facilities and others involving the implementation of best management practices.

Local organizations received \$200,000 for nine projects in 2010 through the King Conservation District-Snoqualmie Watershed Forum Opportunity Fund. The fund supports natural resource improvement and conservation practices by landowners, organizations and government agencies representing landowners. Project funding was awarded for enhancements and on-the ground programs including knotweed control and invasive species removal, riparian corridor enhancements, fish passage barrier removal and other projects.

### **[About the King Conservation District:](#)**

The King CD provides conservation information and technical assistance programs available to landowners within the King CD (most of King County) on a voluntary, non-regulatory basis. It provides grants for conservation-focused projects by local cities and organizations and offers a wide range of services and programs, including workshops, education programs, farm planning and consultation on land, water and wildlife management.

Founded in 1949, the King CD is one of 47 conservation districts in the state authorized by the State of Washington and guided by the Washington State Conservation Commission to assist landowners with their stewardship of our natural resources.

For more information on the King Conservation District, visit [www.kingcd.org](http://www.kingcd.org).

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