

I was raised on a 120-acre multi-function Iowa farm. I've owned and operated a 20-acre Auburn farm for 25 years (beef cattle, hay and forest management). Special efforts I accomplished were two stream improvement projects, and the planting of over 4000 tree seedlings to renovate my forest land.

My farm operations have taught me to deal with unique Northwest agricultural issues. I have also experienced and appreciated our Northwest opportunities in recreational hiking/climbing activities, and have climbed the six major peaks in Washington as a member of the Mountaineers Club.

I have B.S. and M.S. degrees from Iowa State University and a Ph. D. from Rice University, in Civil Engineering. My studies included structures, soils, hydrology and surveying.

I paid for college with student engineer jobs: structural design firm (bridges, power plants and water/waste treatment plants); consulting/city engineer for land/route surveys and local airport design/construction; and Los Angeles Department of Water and Power. I was awarded a National Science Foundation Fellowship for doctoral and postdoctoral studies.

I've worked as a Civil Engineer for 38 years with the Boeing Company, with emphasis in structural analysis, design and testing. My hobbies include gardening, landscaping, woodworking, and raising Rhodesian Ridgeback dogs. Now that I am semi-retired (a part-time Boeing contractor), I would like to continue contributing some of my time and capabilities to conservation efforts in King County.

3. *Please list groups to which you currently belong (committees, public interest, professional, business or labor) and your role in those groups. What groups have you belonged to in the past? (Experience in groups not required)* **Attached #3**

I served as lead engineer on several projects/committees at Boeing for engineering research and development efforts. I was on several boards at my churches, including chair of the Adult Education committee. I've served for three years as a volunteer instructor for "Basic Life Skills" at the Kent Regional Justice Center, sponsored by Union Gospel Mission. I am a board member for CAPR (Citizens Alliance for Property Rights). I am on the King County Agricultural Commission, and hope that role can help to continue coordination between the Ag Commission and the KCD Board.

4. *What issues concerning conservation of natural resources in King County are important to you and why?*

I am particularly interested in tree plantings and stream improvements, for both conservation and economic benefit. Landowner goodwill and partnerships are essential to conservation survival and success, because most of our critical areas are either privately owned or adjacent to private property. By respecting property rights, we also encourage viable farming and forestry. I will also emphasize on-the-ground results near population centers, so that people can better enjoy them. To support these goals, we must improve our involvement with volunteers and nonprofit groups, both to leverage their resources and to widen public involvement in conservation. KCD must partner with King County and local jurisdictions, while fulfilling our legislative-mandated responsibilities for conservation budget planning and implementation. Finally, we must strive to remain efficient and cost-effective, avoiding bureaucratic pitfalls. Good service will be measured by responsible use of funding resources, timely project completions, and satisfied stakeholders.