WATER QUALITY OUTREACH & BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICE ASSISTANCE

This project is focused on conducting public outreach and providing technical assistance to rural landowners in two Island County watersheds to encourage and support stormwater and agricultural best management practice (BMP) implementation.

What we’re doing

The goal of the project is to improve surface water quality by using a watershed-based approach to reduce and/or prevent bacterial contamination originating on private lands in these basins. Whidbey Island Conservation District (WICD) and Snohomish Conservation District (SCD) have entered into an Interlocal Agreement to carry out this project within their respective service areas.

WHY THIS ISSUE IS IMPORTANT

Surface waters in the Maxwelton (Whidbey Island) and Livingston Bay (Camano Island) watersheds have been on the WA State 303d list for bacteria impairments for several years. Elevated bacteria levels in Maxwelton Creek have also led to recreational and commercial shellfish harvesting closures along Maxwelton beach.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Landowners can help protect and improve water quality by implementing BMP on their property. Contact your local Conservation District for BMP information and assistance.

ABOUT WHIDBEEY ISLAND & SNOHOMISH CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

The mission of the Whidbey Island Conservation District is to assist the management of natural resources on and around Whidbey Island for present and future generations, inspiring voluntary conservation practices through education outreach, as well as technical and financial assistance.

The mission of Snohomish Conservation District is to work cooperatively with others to promote and encourage conservation and responsible use of natural resources.

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