

Whidbey Island Conservation District

Summary Report of Accomplishments FY2011

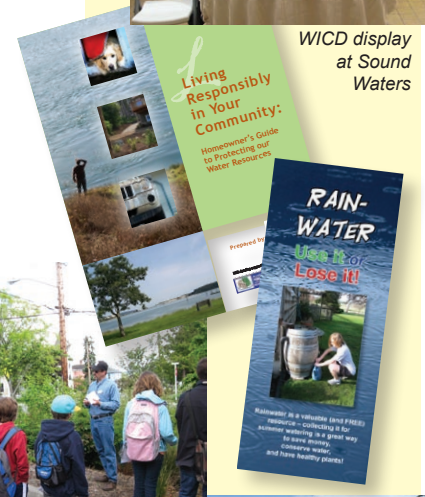
This report reflects highlights from work accomplished between July 1, 2010 and June 30, 2011 utilizing revenue from all district funding sources.



WICD display at Sound Waters

Education and Outreach Program Sustainable Farms and Forests Program

- 3,453 pieces of educational material handed out at workshops and events (1/11 – 6/11). WICD's "Living Responsibly in Your Community" and the Rainwater Catchment brochure was the most popular.
- 376 people attended WICD workshops on farm, forest and stormwater topics.
- 7,120 people participated in all WICD was events.
- Estimated 3,500 attendees for 5th annual Whidbey Farm Tour - 20 farms participating.
- 5,870 plants were sold through WICD native plant sale.
- 70 Coupeville Middle School students participated in the Water Quality Extravaganza – WICD Low Impact Development station.
- 85 realtors and title company staff attended 3 different workshops on current use tax programs for agriculture and forestry. Collaborated with Is. Co. Assessor's office.
- 95 homeowners attended 4 different Homeowner Association workshops where WICD provided low impact development and bluff management education.
- WICD booth and program information at 18 partner events such as Sound Waters, Island County Fair, Country Living Expo, Uniquely Whidbey Biz Fair, Farmers Markets, etc...
- Coordinated meeting for 18 agriculture and forest landowners on Island County Clean Water Utility.
- One informational meeting for 10 landowners and partners held in collaboration with NRCS to present information on NRCS cost share programs.
- 30 people attended WICD Open House, Awards and FY2012 budget workshop.
- 35+ farmers attended a Food Safety and "Market Your Farm" workshop with speakers from Whidbey-Camano Tourism, WA Dept. of Ag., and Island Co. Health.



Middle School Water Quality Extravaganza



Sept '10 Farm Tour



March '11 Plant Sale



Blueberry Farm on Whidbey



Food Safety & "Marketing Your Farm" workshop

Natural Resource Planning and Technical Assistance Program

Low Impact Development Program

Farm

- Completed 2 Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plans (500.5 Acres).
- Completed 7 new Farm Conservation Plans (46 acres).
- Assisted in implementing 91 Best Management Practices (BMP's).
- Developed farm plan templates for increased consistency and planning efficiency.
- WICD developed capability to use Auto Cad and GIS into our technical planning. Staff information is now linked by a server creating efficiency and a high level of organization.



Commercial thin on managed forest

Forest

- Completed 5 Forest Conservation Plans (60 Acres).
- Assisted in implementing 29 BMPs.
- Developed forest plan templates for increased planning efficiency. Landowners and consultants are using these plan templates.



Conservation planning at Lone Lake

Low Impact Development

- Completed 9 LID plans.
- Assisted in installation of 13 stormwater BMP's including two on public sites.
- Assisted 8 landowners with bluff stabilization, riparian issues.

Cost Share

- Assisted landowners in accessing NRCS (Natural Resource Conservation Service) cost-share funding for BMP implementation. 6 new NRCS contracts were funded on Whidbey Island for a total of \$218,882 in NRCS fiscal year.



Students installing a rain garden - South Whidbey

Engineering

- Partnered with the Northwest Straights Foundation (collaboration with Is. Co. Marine Resources Committee) on Cornet Bay nearshore restoration design project.
- Partnered with the Whidbey Camano Land Trust on the Skagit Bay nearshore restoration design project.
- Partnered with Island County Public Works to develop engineered design for Wildes Road culvert replacement.



Milking facility using solar energy



Dairy nutrient management plan completed for sheep dairy



Forest conservation planning

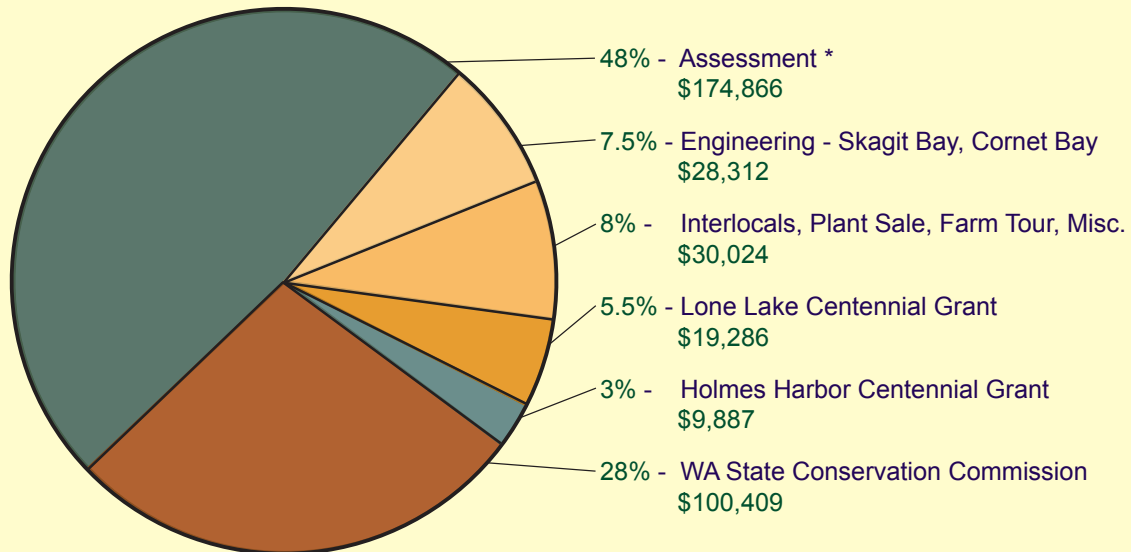
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Final Reporting FY2011

July 1, 2010 - June 30, 2011

FY 2011 Revenues

Total \$362,784



* The Special Assessment revenue collected on Whidbey Island in calendar year 2010 is included in this FY2011 report.

FY 2011 Expenses

Total \$358,139

