

FARM STORIES

Just a few of the ways we've helped local farmers like you.

Manure

Mary, who owns a five acre horse farm on Bainbridge Island, contacted us for a farm plan, and ended up not only with that plan, but also with a two-bin manure structure. Her KCD planner helped her with construction from start to finish.

Having the structure has improved the appearance of her property, reduced odors, and enabled her to convert her livestock waste from a "big muddy pile of manure that could not be accessed or turned in the winter," to a valuable resource that neighbors come pick up.

We can help you with the design and construction of a manure bin too. Depending on available funding, we might even be able to help with the cost!

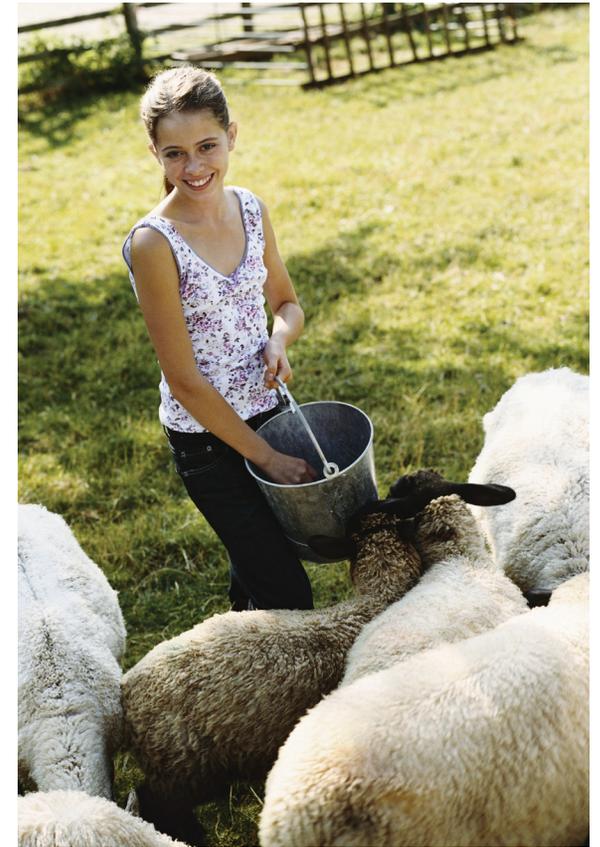


Mud

Janis, a horsewoman from Olalla, was having some issues on her small farm. The pastures were overgrazed, with bare spots that turned to mud during the rainy season. In addition, her barn was located at the bottom of a slope, and the run-in stall was often wet in the winter.

We created a heavy use area design for her which included fences, drainage and gravel footing. It was designed to route water away from the shelter and now, according to Janis, it is "so dry you could sleep out there." Her horses now have a dry place to sleep, as well as a mud-free paddock to romp in. Now she can keep them off the pasture when it's grazed down or saturated, which prevents bare and muddy patches.

Janis has enjoyed working with KCD because "they'll come up with stuff that you would never come up with on your own."



Crop

We have been working with Nikki, who runs a CSA farm in Silverdale, for many years. According to Nikki, "The Kitsap Conservation District has helped grow our farm with several forms of invaluable services, beginning with developing our Farm Conservation Plan, which qualified us for the Open Space taxation relief program, and continuing on to engineering and cost sharing for both our compost facility and our irrigation pond restoration project, and lastly, constructing a rain-water catchment system which allows us to water plant starts with warmer water than what we pump from our well. All these projects have contributed extensively to our vegetable production!"

Want free assistance?

Contact us at: 360.204.5529
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“ I don't have a farm,
but I'm thinking
about buying... ”

We can help. From how many head of livestock your property can sustain, to how many acres you need to keep your animals healthy, we can offer technical advice.

Are you looking at a particular parcel? Call us for a site visit – we can help you avoid costly mistakes in the long run. From farm management to maintaining happy animals and a healthy bottom line – we're here to help.

We're
Farmers,
too



The Kitsap Conservation District is a non-regulatory, grass-roots organization working with private landowners and farmers to encourage good stewardship of our natural resources.

Working together in partnership with you, we provide technical assistance and cost share incentives to help establish good farm practices, which benefits Puget Sound, your family and your farm.

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