



# Washington Association of Conservation Districts

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## Five Things to Know for July 17, 2025

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NRCS' State Technical Advisory Committee's Wildlife Subcommittee is seeking a conservation district representative from the West, Central and East areas of the state. If you or someone you know has expertise in this topic and is interested in serving please reach out to [Nick Vira](#), NRCS Partnership Liaison.

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## Five Things To Know

### 1. It's time to start thinking about resolutions...

The resolution process is how Washington's conservation districts collectively work to effect change in laws, rules, policies, and programs at the regional, state, and national level. Both WACD and NACD use resolutions to shape priorities and define the objectives that become association policy. Currently WACD has 88 resolutions on the books. You can see the status of current resolutions [here](#) and here is the longer [explanatory document](#) for WACD's resolution process.

We highly recommend taking a look at existing resolutions before developing new ones. If you have questions about the resolution process please reach out to Ryan Baye at [rbye@wadistricts.org](mailto:rbye@wadistricts.org).

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### 2. Did you know?

#### District Job Posting Form

Did you know that with one click you can share job postings with the SCC and WACD for inclusion on both websites? Getting the word out about opportunities in your CD has never been easier. Here is a direct link to the [form](#). You can also find it on the SCC's website here: <https://www.scc.wa.gov/job-postings>

#### District Tour Assistance Request Form

WACD and the SCC recently asked districts if they offered tours to legislators and other officials and if so, can we help. The resounding response was, YES! Here is a quick and easy link for a one stop shop to a) let us know you are planning a tour, and b) how and if, you want our help.

It is just that simple. Here is a direct link to the [form](#).

Please note, due to limited staff capacity assistance will be on a first come first served basis.

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### 3. PMC Article on Extracting Seeds

WACD's Assistant Nursery Manager, John Knox, just published an article in **Forest Stewardship Notes and Landowner News**, a Washington State University Extension and DNR publication. John's article on "*How to Use a Blender to Process Seeds*" provides step by step instructions on which plants in which season to collect fruit from, and how to go about processing the fruit to collect the seeds. Below is an excerpt from the article:

Propagating native plants from seed is an excellent way to develop an at-home nursery of resilient stock for your planting projects. Collecting seeds to start those plants is a great way to interact with the land. There are a great variety of shrubs and trees that produce berries, which can be valuable to you or wildlife. In those berries are seeds that will propagate more plants, but only with proper extraction.

You can read the complete article [here](#).

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### 4. Ecology Air Quality Grants open July 15th

**Ecology's Air Quality Prevent Nonattainment grant program** for the 2025-2027 biennium will be accepting applications starting **July 15, 2025** through **August 19, 2025**.

#### Grant information

- Grants are awarded for locally-led projects designed to reduce air pollutants that exceed national air quality standards in Washington. This work is known as "preventing nonattainment" or "PNA."
- The total PNA grant budget for this biennium is \$2 million. Applicants may be awarded up to \$600,000 per application, conditionally. See the [PNA Funding Guidelines](#) for conditions and more information. Grants are awarded through a competitive scoring process.
- The grant period is for the biennium July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027. Note: Grant recipients may incur costs for new-biennium PNA work beginning July 1, 2025. However, the grantee incurs those costs at a risk until the grant agreement is signed and fully executed around Fall 2025.

#### Eligibility

- The applicant must be a public entity or eligible nonprofit located in Washington state. See Eligible applicants in the [PNA Funding Guidelines](#).
- The applicant's project must demonstrate reductions in pollutants of concern. See Eligible projects in the [PNA Funding Guidelines](#). The applicant's project must target the

pollutants of concern in their county: [Particulate matter \(PM2.5, PM10\)](#); [Ozone \(O3 and precursors CO & NO2\)](#).

- Only projects within the following 11 counties and their pollutant of concern are eligible for PNA funding (See the map on the last page of the [PNA Funding Guidelines](#) for more information):

County	Pollutant(s) of concern
Benton	O3, PM10
Clark	O3
Franklin	O3
King	O3
Okanogan	PM2.5
Pierce	O3
Skamania	O3
Snohomish	PM2.5
Stevens	PM2.5, PM10
Walla Walla	O3, PM10
Yakima	PM2.5

#### How to apply

1. The application period opens on **July 15, 2025**. Ensure your application is submitted by **Tuesday, August 19, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.**
2. Review the [PNA Funding Guidelines](#) to ensure your organization and project qualifies
3. Use [Ecology's EAGL grant database to apply](#) (**available on July 15**). Be sure to follow the **PNA Application Instructions** in EAGL exactly.
4. Complete and upload the **PNA Application Questions** with your application (included with the EAGL application).

Questions?: Contact Kari Johnson, Air Quality Prevent Nonattainment Grant Manager, [kari.johnson@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:kari.johnson@ecy.wa.gov).

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## 5. Water Quality Combined Fund applications open July 22nd

The application period for state fiscal year 2027 funding will open **July 22, 2025**, and closes **September 3, 2025**.

Please note this is earlier than normal and plan accordingly if you intend to apply for funding this year.

- Applicant workshops will be held **July 22-24, 2025**.
- Final funding offers will be made **July 2026**.

More information on applicant workshop registration and the funding cycle timeline can be found on the [Water Quality Combined Fund webpage](#).

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## 6. Incubator Grants for Microhabitat Programs

The [Incubator Grant](#), offered by [Village and Wilderness](#), provides seed funding and guidance to help community-based organizations and local agencies, including Conservation Districts, launch new microhabitat programs. These programs are multi-year, multi-site efforts to restore ecosystem function to fragmented landscapes using native plants and habitat-friendly management practices. Fragmented landscapes may include watersheds composed of urban, suburban, industrial, and agricultural land uses. Microhabitat programs may include residential gardens; community sites such as the yards and parking lots of schools, libraries and religious institutions; alleyways, traffic circles, roadside verges, agricultural margins, or wherever re-naturalized small spaces can have an outsized impact.

**Deadline: November 28, 2025** (or until funds are fully allocated).

About us: Village and Wilderness helps communities adapt to climate change. Our flagship project, The [Microhabitat Accelerator](#), supports both emerging and established backyard habitat programs, to accelerate what we call the microhabitat movement.

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## Upcoming Events

### 2025

- July 16 - 17: [SCC Meeting](#)
- July 25 - 29: [NACD Summer Meeting](#)
- August 27 - 28: [NCDEA Mid-Year Meeting](#)
- September 7 - 10: [NACD Southwest & Pacific Region Meeting](#)
- September 12: WACD Funding Opportunities Newsletter is Published

## Inside WACD

### It's easy to lose sight of the "why"

It's easy to lose sight of the "why" in the day-to-day grind—but nothing brings it back into focus quite like visiting our conservation districts.



We are so grateful to the seven CDs who welcomed us into your meetings, your picnics, and your communities the past two weeks—whether in familiar spaces or brand-new ones.

Your dedication to conserving Washington's natural resources continues to inspire and re-energize us. Thank you for the important work you do and for sharing your time with us.

Heather & Ryan



## We'd like to hear from you

As always, we'd like to receive your ideas and questions. Please contact us at [oly@wacd.org](mailto:oly@wacd.org). Emails sent to that address reach the entire Executive Office team!

Always yours for conservation,

  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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## Latest Posts on the Hub

- [PMC Article on Extracting Seeds](#)
- [How to transform your lawn, save water and mow less in Central Washington](#)
- [Commentary: Water conservation tips for the Walla Walla Valley](#)
- [No Surprises in Elections Study](#)
- [Public tour highlights forest health and wildfire risk reduction work around Lake Wenatchee](#)
- [Report Published on Conservation District Elections](#)

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