

WASHINGTON CONSERVATION SOCIETY

2023 Annual Report

The Washington Conservation Society (WCS), formed in 2007, is 501(c)(3) whose mission is to promote natural resource conservation efforts in Washington State by providing a philanthropic center for investments in citizen-led, voluntary-based conservation projects, activities, education, and outreach efforts.

FY23 Activities: During this past fiscal year WCS awarded five education mini-grants, totaling \$2,500, to support statewide natural resource education programs. WCS continued partnering with the Combined Fund Drive and Amazon Smile to increase our non-profit fundraising. In addition, we continued to use our 501(c)(3) status to support districts by acting as a pass-through entity for grants. This past year we helped districts secure an additional \$5,000 in grant funding. The Society's Conservation Futures Scholarship Program also awarded its second college scholarship. This year's recipient is Austin Picinich, from Kirkland, WA, who will be attending the University of Washington.

This year's Leaving a Legacy book will see the induction of 5 new members. This year's inductees include Joe Camenzind III, supervisor Pacific CD; David Johnson, supervisor Rock Lake CD; Lester Rataczyk, supervisor Columbia Basin CD; Albert Roberts, supervisor Okanogan CD; Ron Schultz, staff Washington State Conservation Commission.

This year we will be honoring three conservationists in our state by inducting them into the Creating a Legacy program. The award winners will be announced at the WACD Annual Meeting in Wenatchee on Monday night at the awards banquet.

If you are interested in learning more about the Society, please contact one of our Area Directors below or visit us online at <http://www.waconservationsociety.org/>.

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