



CASCADIA  
CONSERVATION DISTRICT

# CONSERVATION QUARTERLY

## LANDOWNER SPOTLIGHT: CASHMERE FARM SPROUTS COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

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Lavina Farm in Cashmere has been in Tricia Coley’s family for over 60 years. Today, Tricia and her husband Jim are committed to keeping the land in agriculture by inviting the community to farm with them.



Installing the pasture irrigation  
Photo by: Jim Coley

Four years ago, they converted part of the property into a community garden, offering local families a place to grow food and find community. This year, they are also providing pasture for local FFA students who would not be able to raise livestock otherwise.

Since 2023, Cascadia has partnered with the Coleys to revitalize the farm. Their projects increased plant biodiversity and significantly reduced water use. The Coleys acknowledge Cascadia for our “at no cost” expertise to jumpstart the projects and enjoyed working with us since staff have “a good sense of the land.”



Lavina Farm owners,  
Tricia and Jim Coley,  
in the community  
garden which  
currently serves  
seven families.  
They are hoping to  
expand in the future.  
Photo by: Jim Coley

Besides the conservation benefits, this partnership expanded their sense of community. Tricia shared their land as a hub that has “brought people in the community together who might not have another connection.” As for Tricia and Jim, the garden has “helped us build friends in the neighborhood.”

**Lavina Farm is a testament to how conservation and community can grow hand-in-hand- nurturing both the land and the people who care for it.**



### Grants & Cost-Share Available

SCHEDULE YOUR FREE PERSONAL  
CONSULTATION WITH ONE OF OUR EXPERTS!

Cascadia is committed to community empowerment. Our programs and services are tailored to produce sustainable practices, protect natural resources, and engage communities in fostering a healthier ecosystem. When you partner with us, you aren’t just investing in and improving your own land, you’re benefiting the lands and waters your fellow community members and wildlife call home. We provide technical and financial assistance for soil, water, forest, fish, and wildlife conservation efforts. Contact us to learn more!

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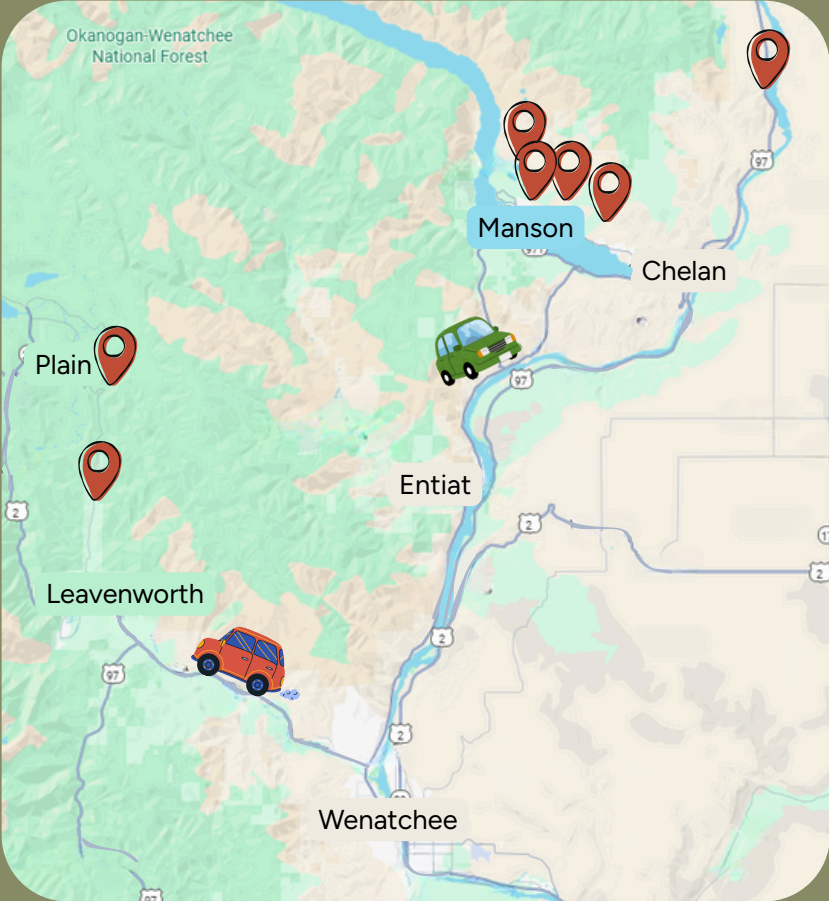
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# SALMON-SAFE ROAD MAP: LOCAL CERTIFIED FARMS



## What is Salmon-Safe?

Salmon-Safe is an eco-label certification that recognizes farms that go “above and beyond” to protect water quality and wildlife habitat.

Several of our local farmers have earned this certification because of their dedication to farming sustainably and a commitment to leaving the land better than they found it.

If you’re looking for a way to support local farmers going the extra mile, start by looking for Salmon-Safe products locally. Here are the farms currently certified in our area!

## Salmon-Safe Certified Farms

**Antoine Creek Vineyard** *Pateros, WA*  
Vineyard (wine grapes)

**Chelan Valley Botanicals & Wildnow Farm** *Manson, WA*  
Plant based skin care and aromatherapy; fruits & vegetables

**Chelan Valley Farms** *Manson, WA*  
Wine, u-pick flowers, berries, pumpkins, and apples

**Diamondback Acres** *Chelan, WA*  
Organic apples, cherries, and blueberries

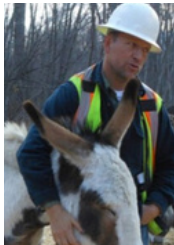
**Hard Row to Hoe Vineyards** *Manson, WA*  
Vineyard and winery

**Infuse Organics** *Leavenworth, WA*  
Medicinal herb farm and herbal fusion skincare products

**Snowgrass Farm** *Leavenworth, WA*  
Certified Organic produce

## FAREWELL Kurt Hosman

Kurt served as a Board of Supervisors Member from 2021-2024 and prior to that was a staff member at Cascadia. Kurt supported Cascadia’s efforts to provide environmental education, and to actively preserve and enhance our local natural resources in a non-regulatory role. Thank you for your service Kurt and best wishes!



## WELCOME Russ Truman

Russ joined Cascadia’s Board of Supervisors in 2025. Russ started his career with the Forest Service as an Engine Crewmember in 1975. Russ graduated from Technical Fire Management in 1996. After retiring from the Forest Service he has worked for the Oregon department of Forestry and the Washington State Department of Natural Resources in fire management. He has also had a career as an Alpine Ski Racing Coach and was an Associate Coach with the US Ski Team.  
**\*See Russ’s full bio on our website!**



## Salmon-Safe Certification

Columbia Basin Partnership



Salmon-Safe has partnered with Cascadia Conservation District and other organizations to expand certifications to growers in North Central Washington. **For farms in the interior Columbia Basin, there is no fee for participation!**

Interested in becoming  
Salmon-Safe Certified?



[www.cascadiacd.org/programs/  
salmon-safe-certification/](http://www.cascadiacd.org/programs/salmon-safe-certification/)

Visit Salmon Safe’s website  
to learn more!



[www.salmonsafe.org/get-  
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## Contact us for more information

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## STREAM HABITAT THRIVES THROUGH PARTNERSHIP: BETWEEN TEAM RUBICON AND CASCADIA CD

This summer, Cascadia Conservation District teamed up with Team Rubicon, an international non-profit organization founded and led by veterans, to restore fish habitat in Stormy Creek. This area was previously affected by the devastating Tye Creek fire in 1994, which scorched over 135,000 acres and destroyed 35 homes near Entiat, WA. The Team Rubicon volunteers, known as "Greyshirts," brought their enthusiasm, teamwork, and energy. Their ranging disaster response skills, including chainsaw operation, large wood movement, navigating uneven terrain, and effective problem-solving in challenging conditions, were directly applicable to the stream habitat restoration efforts.



Mark Ingman, of Cascadia CD explains, "Stream habitat work isn't always simple, and it's for sure not easy. The Greyshirts ran with it all, no problem, just like how they handle disaster response."

Overall, Team Rubicon led a three-week initiative to install more than 30 beaver dam analogs and log structures, which successfully created a new 900-foot side channel with a continuous flow. This effort also resulted in the formation of over 22 deep pools for fish. The newly established habitat is anticipated to significantly benefit fish and wildlife in the years ahead.



Mark explains, "The volunteers bring their dedication, they thrive in team settings, especially when doing service, and I'm really looking forward to the next opportunity to partner with them."



"Team Rubicon volunteers appreciated the change in mission. Restoring nature compared to responding to human tragedy after natural disasters," said Micheal Chiu, Team Rubicon Volunteer Leader.




## COST-SHARE FUNDING AVAILABLE: FOR CREATING DEFENSIBLE SPACE WITHIN 100' OF YOUR HOME

**Attention Homeowners in Cashmere, Plain, Lake Wenatchee, & Chelan area!**

Funds are limited and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. If you are interested, reach out to Isobel Woolner or Laura Rivera to see if your property is eligible. Details and contact info below.




## DEFENSIBLE SPACE

Why are we here?

Cascadia Conservation District, Chelan County Natural Resources, and local fire districts are working together to help protect your home and neighborhood from wildfire.

For a limited time, cost-share funding may be available for wildfire defensible space projects.



What to expect

**Home & Property Assessment**

- Our trained team will visit your property to evaluate wildfire risk and determine your eligibility. We'll create a scope of work with recommendations specific to your property.

**Cost-Share Program**

- If your property is selected and all program eligibility criteria are met, you can receive financial assistance to complete the recommended work in the form of vegetation thinning and brush clearing within 100' of structures and if necessary, gravel placement within the first 5' of structures.


*\*Note: work completed prior to approval & selection for this program is not eligible for cost-share funding*

This is a voluntary, non-regulatory program to help reduce the risk of wildfire in our communities. **Cascadia, fire districts, and Chelan County have no affiliation to, nor share information with homeowners insurance companies.**

Questions?

If you would like to participate, please respond no later than November 1<sup>st</sup> to:

IsobelW@cascadiacd.org or LauraR@cascadiacd.org  
(509) 312-8555 (509) 273-6223



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KIDS CORNER:  
FROM THE WA GROWN ACTIVITY BOOK

Word search

Can you find and circle the following words? Look up and down, side to side, and diagonally!

BLACKBERRY  
BLUEBERRY  
FARMER  
FRUIT  
LEAF  
PLANT  
RASPBERRY  
ROOTS  
SEED  
STRAWBERRY  
WASHINGTON

(Answers on back page.)

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L V S P L A N T R U R I T Z F  
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strawberry

Strawberries are made up of more than 90% water!  
Strawberries are related to roses, but they taste way better.

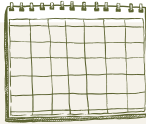


Jokes

Why was the fruit sad?  
Because it was a blue-berry.

Why did the farmer smile  
after eating a slice of pie?  
Because it was berry good.

What do you call a bunch  
of berries playing music  
together?  
A jam session.



Meetings & Events

CASCADIA CD BOARD MEETINGS

Oct 17, Nov 21, Dec 19 - 1:30-4:00 pm. Call-in/Zoom options are available.

ENTIAT WATERSHED PLANNING UNIT MEETING

Nov 12, 4:00-6:30 pm, Entiat Fire Station, 2200 Entiat Way. Food & drinks provided. Call/Zoom available.  
For more info: (509) 436-1601

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CALENDAR AT CASCADIACD.ORG



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A local hub of natural resource funding and expertise for all people in Chelan County.



We're non-regulatory. We work with landowners and community members as partners to conserve natural resources.



We provide funding and expertise that empowers people to practice conservation where they are, whether on a farm or in their own backyard.



We offer educational programming and resources for teachers, K-12 students and adults that strengthen connections to our natural world.



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