



Skagit County Resource Conservation Directory

A guide to the organizations working to preserve the natural resources of
Skagit County, Washington

About the Skagit County Resource Conservation Directory:

This directory is a guide to the many diverse organizations operating within Skagit County dedicated to the conservation of the county's resources.

These resources include:

- **Estuaries**
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This directory also includes information on **Farmer's Markets, Skagit County's Higher Education Resources, Tribal Governments, City Websites, Skagit County Ports and Local, State, and Federal Governmental Resources.** The **Additional Resources** section provides information about various organizations operating outside Skagit County which are important to the work happening within Skagit County. This section also includes a **listing of local and national volunteer websites.**

Goals of the Skagit County Resource Conservation Directory:

This directory is intended to serve two purposes. First, it can act as a catalyst to build relationships between the many organizations at work in Skagit County. By working together, these organizations will be able to accomplish much more. Secondly, this directory will be a guide for community members who would like to become involved in the work of conserving the resources of Skagit County as members or volunteers of an organization.

Help fulfill the goals of this directory by forwarding it on to other groups and individuals!

Contact information for most listings in the directory includes the name of a representative of the organization. This information is accurate as of August 2007 and is subject to change.

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Seattle City Light
Skagit County Area Newspapers
Goskagit.com
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Non-Profits, Clubs and Organizations

Evergreen Islands

Mission: To promote, protect, and defend the unique ecosystem involving the saltwater islands of Skagit County and their environs with particular emphasis on the quality of human interaction and impact on this environment.

Steve Clark, President

Evergreen Islands

P.O. Box 223

Anacortes WA 98221

Website: www.evergreenislands.org

E-mail: info@evergreenislands.org

Fidalgo Fly Fishers

Mission: The Fidalgo Fly Fishers is a local non-profit club affiliated with the national Federation of Fly Fishers and dedicated to promoting the recreational sport of fly fishing and the conservation of wild fish stocks and their habitats, particularly for trout, steelhead, and salmon.

Bruce Freet – bjfreet@comcast.net

2121 Forest Drive

Mount Vernon, WA 98273

Phone: 360-424-3534

Website: www.fidalgoflyfishers.com

Friends of Skagit County (FOSC)

Mission: People dedicated to preserving Skagit County's rural character by protecting the natural environment; supporting sustainable, resource-based economics; and promoting livable urban communities for present and future generations.

Ellen Bynum, Director

June Kite, President

P.O. Box 2632

110 N. 1st Street, Suite C,
Mount Vernon, WA 98273

Phone: 360-419-0988

Website: www.friendsofskogitcounty.org

E-mail: friends@fidalgo.net

Contact for information on e-mail updates and volunteering.

Friends of the Anacortes Community Forest Lands

Mission: Dedicated to the preservation of the Anacortes Community Forest Lands through education, outreach and stewardship.

Denise Crowe, Education and Outreach Director

Friends of the Anacortes Community Forest Lands

619 Commercial Avenue, #32

Anacortes, WA 98221

Phone: 360-293-3725

Website: www.friendsoftheacfl.org

E-mail: acfl@fidalgo.net

Volunteer Information:

Link to volunteer information from the main webpage

Contact Denise Crowe at acfl@fidalgo.net

Komo Kulshan Outdoor School

Mission: To provide an intimate, quality, affordable, residential outdoor educational experience for public school students, as well as pre-program training for participating teachers and high school leaders.

Christie Fairchild, Program Director – gymules@glacierview.net

Komo Kulshan Outdoor School
P.O. Box 842
Concrete, WA 98237
Phone: 360-853-8388 (Christie Fairchild)

National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS) – Pacific Northwest

Mission: The mission of the National Outdoor Leadership School is to be the leading source and teacher of wilderness skills and leadership that serve people and the environment.

Dan Harter, Pacific Northwest Director – dan_harter@nols.edu

P.O. Box 527
20950 Bulsun Rd,
Conway, WA 98238
Phone: 360-445-6657
Website: www.nols.edu/courses/locations/pacificnw/index.shtml
NOLS Website: www.nols.edu
E-mail: nols_pacific_nw@nols.edu

The Nature Conservancy – Skagit River Office (TNC)

Mission: The Nature Conservancy's mission is to preserve the plants, animals and natural communities that represent the diversity of life on Earth by protecting the lands and waters they need to survive.

Bob Carey, Skagit River Program Director – bcarey@tnc.org
410 N. 4th Street
Mount Vernon, WA 98273
Phone: 360-419-9825
Fax: 360-419-0817
Website: www.nature.org/washington

Volunteer Information:
www.nature.org/volunteer , e-mail WAvolunteer@tnc.org
Contact Melisa Holman at mholman@tnc.org or 360-333-7492

North Cascades Institute (NCI)

Mission: North Cascades Institute seeks to inspire a closer relationship with nature through direct experiences in the natural world. Our mission is to conserve and restore Northwest environments through education. Since 1986 we have helped connect people, nature and community through science, art, literature and the hands-on study of natural and cultural history. Our goal is to help people of all ages experience and enjoy the mountains, rivers, forests, people and wildlife of the Pacific Northwest – so all will care for and protect this special place.

Saul Weisberg, Executive Director - saul_weisberg@ncascades.org

North Cascades Institute
810 State Route 20
Sedro-Woolley WA 982
Phone: 360-856-5700 ext. 209
Website: www.ncascades.org
E-mail: nci@ncascades.org

Volunteer Information:

www.ncascades.org/programs/stewardship

Programs: Eagle Watchers, Mountain Stewards, Mountain School, River Stewards.

Contact Jeff Giesen, Program Director at jeff_giesen@ncascades.org

North Cascades National Park (See Federal Government Section)

Northwest Straits Marine Conservation Initiative

Description: The Northwest Straits Marine Conservation Initiative, authorized by Congress, is nationally recognized as an innovation that brings sound science and an ecosystem perspective together with citizen energy and entrepreneurship.

Volunteers from seven county-based Marine Resources Committees select restoration and conservation projects that meet performance benchmarks, attract diverse partners, and engage large numbers of

citizens.

The Northwest Straits Commission coordinates these efforts and conducts regional projects including lost fishing gear and toxic creosote log removal. The Commission also brings together scientists and marine managers to help improve everyone's efforts to save Puget Sound.

Sasha Horst, Project Specialist- horst@nwstraits.org
Phone: 360-428-1085

Northwest Straits Commission
10441 Bayview-Edison Road
Mount Vernon, WA 98273
Phone: 360-428-1084
Fax: 360-428-1491
Website: www.nwstraits.org
E-mail: info@nwstraits.org

Skagit Marine Resources Committee

Description: The purpose of the Skagit MRC is to discuss marine related issues and determine action items to enhance and protect local marine habitat. A key committee task is to involve and educate the public about these issues.

Michael See, Skagit MRC Coordinator- michaels@co.skagit.wa.us
1800 Continental Place
Mount Vernon, WA 98273
Phone: 360-336-9400 x3184
Website: www.skagitcounty.net/MRC

Pacific Northwest Trail Association

Mission: The mission of the Pacific Northwest Trail Association is to construct, protect and maintain the Pacific Northwest Trail in a manner that makes a lasting contribution to the recreation, education, and enjoyment of present and future generations.

The Education Mission Statement of the Pacific Northwest Trail Association is to provide at-risk youth with a work-based education

program focusing on the natural history, culture and lore, ecosystems, and wild places along the Pacific Northwest Trail.

Jon Knechtel, PNTA Director of Trail Management -
jknechtel@pnt.org

Pacific Northwest Trail Association
24854 Charles Jones Memorial Circle, Unit #4
North Cascades Gateway Center
Sedro-Woolley, WA 98284
Phone: 877-854-9415
Fax: 360-854-7665
Website: www.pnt.org
Email: pnt@pnt.org

Volunteer Information:
360-424-0407

Padilla Bay Foundation

Mission: Padilla Bay Foundation is a membership-based non-profit organization formed in 1987. Its mission is to help preserve the Padilla Bay estuary through support of the Padilla Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve.

Kay Reinhardt, Administrative Officer - 360-757-3234

Padilla Bay Foundation
P.O. Box 1305
Mount Vernon, WA 98273
Website: www.padillabay.gov/npfriends.asp
Email: foundation@padillabay.gov

Padilla Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve (See Washington State Government Section)

People for Puget Sound

Mission: Our mission is to protect and restore Puget Sound and the Northwest Straits – our living waters, the land and our common future.

Kathy Fletcher, Executive Director (Seattle Office) –
kfletcher@pugetsound.org

North Sound Office, Mount Vernon - Serving the counties of: Clallam, Island, Jefferson, San Juan, Skagit, Snohomish, Whatcom

People for Puget Sound – North Sound Office

407 Main Street, Suite 201

Mount Vernon, WA 98273

Phone: 360-336-1931

Fax: 360-336-5422

Website: www.pugetsound.org

E-mail: northsound@pugetsound.org

Volunteer Information:

www.pugetsound.org/index/volunteer

Contact Britta Eschete, Education and Involvement Coordinator at
beschete@pugetsound.org or

Keeley O'Connell, North Sound Restoration Program Coordinator at
koconnell@pugetsound.org

Salal Chapter of the Washington Native Plant Society

Mission: Serving Skagit, Island, and Northern Snohomish counties, the Salal Chapter of the Washington Native Plant Society (WNPS) is dedicated to the preservation, conservation, and study of the native plants of Washington and to the education of the public on the values of native flora and its habitat.

Susan Alaynick, Chairperson – s_alaynick@hotmail.com

WNPS-Salal Chapter

C/O Susan Alaynick

13625 11th Ave. NE

Marysville, WA 98271

Phone: 360-659-8792

Website: www.wnps.org/salal

Washington Native Plant Society: www.wnps.org

For information on the Potent Teller Newsletter, e-mail updates, field trips and volunteering, contact Susan Alaynick at
s_alaynick@hotmail.com

San Juan Preservation Trust

Mission: The mission of the San Juan Preservation Trust is to preserve and protect open spaces, scenic views, forests, agricultural lands, habitats, watersheds, riparian corridors, wetlands and shorelines in the San Juan Archipelago.

Tim Seifert, Executive Director - tseifert@sjpt.org

San Juan Preservation Trust

P.O. Box 327

Lopez Island, WA 98261

Lopez Office Phone: 360-468-3202

Fax: 360-468-3509

Website: www.sjpt.org

E-mail: info@sjpt.org

Volunteer Information:

Link to volunteer information from the main webpage

Contact Kathleen Foley, Education and Volunteer Coordinator at
kathleenf@sjpt.org or 360-378-2461 (Friday Harbor Office)

Save South Fidalgo

Mission: Save South Fidalgo is a group of your concerned neighbors who like the island the way it is. We support the moderate growth already allowed under existing zoning, not an invasion of McMansions to benefit developers.

Allen Jett, President

Save South Fidalgo

P.O. Box 671

Anacortes WA 98221

Website: www.savesouthfidalgo.com

E-mail: info@savesouthfidalgo.org

Skagit Alpine Club

Mission: To promote the use, and prevent the abuse, of all outdoor recreational areas, particularly the North Cascade area and Olympic Mountains, the San Juan Islands, and the Pacific Beaches; to provide companionship and fellowship between outdoorsmen; to disseminate information regarding the safe and pleasant usage of the outdoors; to function as a group dedicated to the preservation of reasonable recreational and wilderness areas on the county, state, and national level.

Paul Sherman, President - pshermanpt@verizon.net

Phone: 360-293-2984 or 360-391-6078 (cell)

Website: www.skagitalpineclub.com

E-mail: skagitalpineclub@comcast.net

Opportunities: Mountaineering Class through Skagit Valley College Spring Quarter

Skagit Audubon Society

Mission: Skagit Audubon Society is a Chapter of the National Audubon Society. Our mission is to conserve and restore natural ecosystems, focusing on birds, other wildlife and their habitats for the benefit of humanity and the earth's biological diversity.

Pam Pritzl, Chapter President – ppritzl@verizon.net

Skagit Audubon Society

P.O. Box 1101

Mount Vernon, WA 98273

Phone: 360-387-7024 (Pam Pritzl)

Website: www.fidalgo.net/~audubon

Skagit Citizens Alliance for Rural Preservation (SCARP)

Mission: A non-profit corporation dedicated to minimizing urban sprawl and preserving the country way of life in rural Skagit County.

Diane Freethy, Contact Person

SCARP

P.O. Box 762

Sedro-Woolley, WA 98284

Phone: 360-856-2290

Skagit Conservation Education Alliance (SCEA)

Mission: To bring people together in the spirit of cooperation to protect, conserve, and enhance the natural ecosystems of the Skagit watersheds.

Steve Hoffman, SCEA Director - steveh@skagitwater.org

SCEA

407 Main St., Suite 213

Mount Vernon, WA 98273

Phone: 360- 419-3161

Website: www.skagitwater.org

Skagit Conservation District

Description: As legal sub-divisions of Washington State government, conservation districts are self-governed by volunteers who establish priorities and set policy. The Skagit Conservation District (SCD) is composed of local farmers, landowners, and concerned citizens and is dedicated to maintaining Skagit County's renewable natural resources.

Staff: Carolyn Kelly, District Manager- 360-428-4313
Board: Betty Norton, Chair

Skagit Conservation District
2021 E. College Way, Suite 203
Mount Vernon, WA 98273
Phone: 360-428-4313
Fax: 360-424-6172
Website: www.skagitcd.org
E-mail: skagitcd@skagitcd.org

Volunteer Information:

Programs: Stream Team, Watershed Masters
Contact Kristi Carpenter, Project Coordinator, at kristi@skagitcd.org
or 360-428-4813

Skagit Fisheries Enhancement Group (SFEG)

Mission: The mission of the Skagit Fisheries Enhancement Group is to build partnerships that educate and engage the community in habitat restoration and watershed stewardship in order to enhance salmonid populations.

Alison Studley, Executive Director – astudley@skagitfisheries.org

Skagit Fisheries Enhancement Group
P.O. Box 2497
407 Main Street, Suite 212
Mount Vernon, WA 98273
Phone: 360-336-0172
Fax: 360-336-0701
Website: www.skagitfisheries.org

Volunteer Information:

www.skagitfisheries.org/opportunities.html
Contact Lucy at sfeg@skagitfisheries.org

Skagit Land Trust (SLT)

Mission: Skagit Land Trust protects wildlife habitat, wetlands, agriculture and forest lands, scenic open space and shorelines throughout the mainland and islands of Skagit County for the benefit of our community and as a legacy for future generations.

Molly Doran, Executive Director – trustmd@fidalgo.net

P.O. Box 1017
325 Pine Street, Suite B
Mount Vernon, WA 98273
Phone: 360-428-7878
Fax: 360-336-1079
Website: www.skagitlandtrust.org
E-mail: trustmv@fidalgo.net

Volunteer Information:

Link to volunteer information from the main webpage
Michael Kirshenbaum, Stewardship Director at trustmk@fidalgo.net

Skagit Parks Foundation

Mission: To provide private individuals and groups the opportunity to advocate for and enhance through private means the high quality parks, facilities and recreation services provided by the Skagit County Parks and Recreation Department.

Chuck Mell, President

P.O. Box 695
Mount Vernon, WA 98273-0695
Phone: 360-336-9414
Website: www.skagitparksfoundation.org
E-mail: scpr@skagitparksfoundation.org

Skagit River Bald Eagle Awareness Team (SRBEAT)

Mission: The mission of the Skagit River Bald Eagle Awareness Team is to increase the education about, appreciation for, and stewardship of the Skagit River watershed ecosystem.

Judy Hemenway, President- sauksister@valleyint.com

SRBEAT

P.O. Box 571

Concrete, WA 98273

Phone: 360-853-7283

Website: www.skagiteagle.org

Upper Skagit Bald Eagle Festival

Location: Concrete High School, 7460 S. Dillard Ave, Concrete

E-mail: befcoordinator@verizon.net

Skagit Bald Eagle Interpretive Center

Location: Howard Miller Steelhead Park, 52804 Rockport Rd,
Rockport

Phone: 360-853-7626

Christie Fairchild, Interpretive Center Coordinator –
gvmules@glacierview.net

Volunteer Information:

Contact Judy Hemenway at sauksister@valleyint.com

Skagit River System Cooperative (SRSC)

Description: The Skagit River System Cooperative is a natural resource management agency working on behalf of the Sauk-Suiattle and Swinomish Indian Communities.

On behalf of these sovereign nations the Skagit River System Cooperative works to improve fisheries throughout usual and accustomed lands in the Skagit River basin ceded through 1855 treaties with the United States.

Steve Hinton, Director of Habitat Restoration-
shinton@skagitcoop.org

Skagit River System Cooperative

P.O. Box 368

11426 Moorage Way

La Conner, WA 98257

Phone: 360-446-7228

Fax: 360-446-4047

Website: www.skagitcoop.org

E-mail: Info@skagitcoop.org

Skagit Watershed Council

Mission: To understand, protect and restore the production and productivity of healthy ecosystems in order to support sustainable fisheries.

Shirley Solomon, President/Chair

Scottie Schneider, Administrative Assistant

Skagit Watershed Council

P.O. Box 2856

407 Main Street

Suites 203-205

Mount Vernon, WA 98273

Phone: 360-419-9326

Fax: 360-336-5936

Website: www.skagitwatershed.org

E-mail: skagitws@nwlink.com

Skagitonians to Preserve Farmland

Mission: Skagitonians to Preserve Farmland exists to ensure the economic viability of Skagit County agriculture and its required infrastructure through farmland protection, advocacy, research, education and public awareness.

Allen Rozema, Executive Director – allenr@skagitonians.org

Skagitonians to Preserve Farmland

P.O. Box 2405

414A Snoqualmie Street

Mount Vernon, WA 98273

Phone: 360-336-3974

Fax: 360-336-9269

Website: www.skagitonians.org

E-mail: spf@anacortes.net

Washington Sustainable Food and Farm Network

About: We are a statewide, membership-based, grassroots advocacy organization whose purpose is to advance programs and policies that promote sustainable agriculture in Washington State.

Mission: The Washington Sustainable Food & Farming Network engages with partners to keep farmers farming and to ensure that all Washingtonians have access to good food. We advocate to bring food from the ranch and farm to the table in a way that is economically viable, environmentally sustainable, and socially equitable.

Ellen Gray, Interim Director – egray@wsffn.org

Washington Sustainable Food and Farm Network

P.O. Box 762

419 S. First Street, Suite 201

Mount Vernon, WA 98273

Phone: 360-336-9694

Fax: 360-336-1579

Website: www.wsffn.org

E-mail: info@wsffn.org

Western Washington Agriculture Association

Mission: To represent agriculture by providing services for the entire agricultural community.

Mike Shelby, Executive Director - mshelby@fidalgo.net

Western Washington Agriculture Association

2017 Continental Place #6

Mount Vernon, WA 98273

Phone: 360-424-7327

Fax: 360-424-9343

Website: www.fidalgo.net/~wwaa/homepage.htm

Whatcom Land Trust

Mission: The Mission of the Whatcom Land Trust is to preserve and protect wildlife habitat, scenic, agricultural and open space lands in Whatcom County for future generations by securing interests in land and promoting land stewardship.

Jerry DeBacker, Development Director/Organizational Manager

Whatcom Land Trust

P.O. Box 6131

300 North Commercial, Suite 4

Bellingham, WA 98227

Phone: 360-650-9470

Fax: 360-650-0495

Website: www.whatcomlandtrust.org

E-mail: info@whatcomlandtrust.org

Volunteer Information:

Link to volunteer information from the main webpage

Contact Connie Clement, Office Manager/Volunteer Coordinator at connie@whatcomlandtrust.org

Farmers Markets

Anacortes Farmers' Market

Saturdays 9am-2pm (May-October)

Depot Arts Center

611 R Ave, Anacortes

Keri Knapp, Market Manager - 360-293-7922

Anacortes Farmers' Market

Joahanne Klepsch

P.O. Box 635,

611 R Avenue,

Anacortes, WA 98221

Website: www.anacortesfarmersmarket.org

E-mail: info@anacortesfarmersmarket.org

Concrete Saturday Market

Saturdays 9am-4pm (June-Labor Day)

Senior Center

45821 Railroad Street, Concrete

Marty Smith, 360-853-8505

Mount Vernon Farmers' Market

Downtown: Saturdays 9am-1pm (End of May- mid-October)

Gates and Main Streets (on the revetment), Mount Vernon

Skagit Valley Hospital: Wednesdays 2:30-5:30pm (June-September)

1415 Kincaid Street, Mount Vernon

Ron Farrell, Market Manager – 360-292-2648 or

Mvfarmer1@hotmail.com

Mount Vernon Farmers' Market

P.O. Box 2053

Mount Vernon, WA 98273

Rexville Farmers' Market

Sundays 10am-6pm

Next to Rexville Grocery

19271 Best Road, Mt. Vernon

Rexville Grocery - 360-466-5522 or TalkToUs@rexvillegrocery.com

Sedro-Woolley Farmers' Market

Wednesdays 3-7pm (June-October)

Hammer Heritage Square

Metcaf and Ferry, Sedro-Woolley

Glinda Gorr, Market Manager – 360-724-3835

Sedro-Woolley Farmers' Market

P.O. Box 20

Sedro-Woolley, WA 98284

E-mail: swfarmersmarket@fidalgo.net

Colleges and Extensions

Shannon Point Marine Center – Western Washington University

Mission: The mission of the Shannon Point Marine Center is to

increase understanding of the coastal marine environment and

resources of the Puget Sound basin through research and education.

SPMC's academic programs support Western Washington University's

undergraduate and graduate marine science curricula and special

programs that target undergraduate students nationwide.

1900 Shannon Point Road
Anacortes, WA 98221
Phone: 360-293-2188, 360-650-7400
Fax: 360-293-1083
Website: www.ac.wvu.edu/~spmc
E-mail: spmc@cc.wvu.edu

Skagit Valley College
Mount Vernon Campus
2405 East College Way, Mount Vernon, WA 98273
Phone: 360-416-7600
Website: www.skagit.edu

Walla Walla College Marine Station at Rosario Beach
About: The Walla Walla College Marine Station at Rosario Beach exists primarily for the training of undergraduate and graduate students in marine, field, and experimental sciences in a Christian setting.

15510 Rosario Beach Road
Anacortes WA 98221
Phone: 1-866-767-2746
Fax: 360-293-2325
Website: www.rosario.wvc.edu
E-mail: rosarioATwvc.edu

WSU Learning Center – Skagit, Island and San Juan
Debra Lancaster, Learning Center Coordinator - dlancast@wsu.edu
2405 E. College Way
Mount Vernon, WA 98273
Phone: 360-416-7605, 1-866-999-0272
Website: www.learningcenters.wsu.edu/skagit

WSU-Mount Vernon's Northwestern Washington Research & Extension Center
Kathryn Gleissner - nwrec@wsu.edu

16650 State Route 536
Mount Vernon, WA 98273
Main Office: 360-848-6120
Fax: 360-848-6159
Website: www.mtvernon.wsu.edu

WSU- Skagit County Extension

Community Education Programs:

- Commercial Agriculture, Livestock Advisors, and Master Gardeners
- Public Issues Education, Leadership and Community Development
- 4-H Youth Development
- Natural Resource Education (Beach Watchers, Shore Stewards, and Forest Stewardship)
- Family & Consumer Sciences (Ideas for Living, Nutrition and Food Safety, Germ City, and Queso Fresco)

Ned Zaugg, Extension Director – nedz@co.skagit.wa.us

11768 Westar Lane, Suite A
Burlington, WA 98233
Phone: 360-428-4270
Website: www.skagit.wsu.edu
E-mail: suem@co.skagit.wa.us
Volunteer Opportunities: www.skagit.wsu.edu/volunteer.html
Beach Watchers: Contact Chrys Bertolotto at chrys@wsu.edu or 360-333-7977
Master Gardeners: Contact Ellen Cooley at ellenco@co.skagit.wa.us or 360-428-4270 ext. 227

City Websites and Parks and Recreation Contact Information

Anacortes: www.cityofanacortes.org

Anacortes Parks & Recreation
P.O. Box 547
Anacortes WA, 98221
Phone: 360-293-1918
Fax: 360-293-1928
E-mail: gary@cityofanacortes.org

Burlington: www.ci.burlington.wa.us
Burlington Parks and Recreation
900 East Fairhaven Avenue
Burlington, WA 98233
Phone: 360-755-9649
Fax: 360-755-1017
E-mail: bparks@ci.burlington.wa.us

Concrete: www.concrete-wa.com/index.php

La Conner: www.laconner.net
La Conner Public Works
Phone: 360-466-3933
E-mail: publicworks@townoflaconner.org

Marblemount: www.marblemount.com

Mount Vernon: www.ci.mount-vernon.wa.us
Mount Vernon Parks and Recreation
1717 South 13th Street
Mount Vernon, WA 98274
Phone: 360-336-6215
E-mail: mvparks@ci.mount-vernon.wa.us

Sedro-Woolley: www.ci.sedro-woolley.wa.us

Sedro-Woolley Parks Department
405 Alexander
Sedro-Woolley, WA 98284
Phone: 360-855-1661
E-mail: webmaster@ci.sedro-woolley.wa.us

Area Tribes

Samish Tribal Nation

P.O. Box 217
2918 Commercial Avenue
Anacortes, WA 98221
Phone: 360-293-6404
Fax: 360-299-0790
Website: www.samishtribe.nsn.us

Sauk-Suiattle Tribe

5318 Chief Brown Lane
Darrington, WA 98241
Phone: 360-436-0131
Website: www.sauk-suiattle.com

Swinomish Nation

P.O. Box 817
11404 Moorage Way
LaConner, WA 98257
Phone: 360-466-3163
Website: www.swinomish.org

Upper Skagit Tribe

2284 Community Plaza
Sedro-Woolley, WA 98284
Phone: 360-854-7039

Skagit County Ports

Port of Anacortes: www.portofanacortes.com

Bob Hyde, Executive Director - hyde@portofanacortes.com

Phone: 306-299-1812

Port of Anacortes

P.O. Box 297

1st and Commercial Avenue

Anacortes, WA 98221

Phone: 360-293-3134

Fax: 360-293-9608

Port of Skagit County: www.portofskagit.com

Includes: La Conner Marina, Skagit Regional Airport, Bayview

Business and Industrial Park (BBIP) and

Hopper Road Business Park

Port of Skagit County Administration Office

P.O. Box 348

15400 Airport Drive

Burlington, WA 98233

Phone: 360-757-0011

Fax: 360-757-0014

E-mail: posc@portofskagit.com

Skagit County Government

Skagit County Official Website: www.skagitcounty.net

Departments and Offices

Skagit County Commissioners

1800 Continental Place Suite 100

Mount Vernon, WA 98273

Phone: 360-336-9300

E-mail: commissioners@co.skagit.wa.us

Skagit County Farmland Legacy Program

Description: The Skagit County Farmland Legacy Program is a county initiative that purchases agricultural easements on Skagit farmland, and works to support policies, programs, and plans that enhance the local agricultural industry.

1800 Continental Place

Mount Vernon, WA 98273

Phone: 360-336-9365

Fax: 360-336-9478

Skagit County Parks and Recreation

Moen Building, 315 South Third

Mount Vernon, WA 98273

Phone: 360-336-9414

Fax: 360-336-9493

E-mail: parksrec@co.skagit.wa.us

Skagit County Planning and Development Commission

1800 Continental Place

Mount Vernon, WA 98273

Phone: 360-336-9410

Fax: 360-336-9416

E-mail: pds@co.skagit.wa.us

Skagit County Public Works

Description: Committed to Community Service in Transportation, Surface Water Management and Solid Waste

1800 Continental Place

Mount Vernon, WA 98273

Phone: 360-336-9400

Fax: 360-336-9369

E-mail: pw@co.skagit.wa.us

Skagit County Recycling Stations

Skagit County Recycling and Transfer Station

14104 Ovenell Road, Mount Vernon

Phone: 360-424-3873

Hours: 8:30am -6:00pm

Closed: New Year's Day, Easter Sunday, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility

Located at Skagit County Recycling and Transfer Station

Sauk Recycling & Transfer Station

50796 Sauk Landfill Road, Concrete

Phone: 360-853-8810

Hours: 9:00am - 5:00pm Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday

Closed: New Year's Day, Easter Sunday, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day.

Clear Lake Recycling & Compactor Site

23159 Howey Road, Clear Lake

Phone: 360-856-5083

Hours: 8:00am - 6:00pm Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday

Closed: New Year's Day, President's Day, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Easter Sunday, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving Day, the day after Thanksgiving, and Christmas Day.

Master Composter/Recycler Program

Frances Ambrose, Reduction/Recycling Educator-

francesa@co.skagit.wa.us

Skagit County Public Works

1800 Continental Place

Mount Vernon, WA 98273

Phone: 360-336-9400

Washington State Government

Official State Government Website: www.access.wa.gov

Natural Resource Conservation Service – Washington (NRCS):

www.wa.nrcs.usda.gov

Mission: The Natural Resources Conservation Service provides leadership in a partnership effort to help people conserve, maintain, and improve our natural resources and environment.

Washington State Department of Ecology (DOE): www.ecy.wa.gov

Mission: Our mission is to protect, preserve and enhance Washington's environment, and promote wise management of our air, land and water.

Padilla Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve

Description: One of 27 National Estuarine Research Reserves (NOAA) and the only one in Washington State (Department of Ecology). We provide resources for research and education about watersheds and estuaries with a special focus on eelgrass and mud flats. Our interpretive center includes exhibits, fish tanks, and a library. We offer educational programs to people of all ages and we provide funding, data, research results and facilities for science and policy decisions about estuaries.

Glen Alexander, Educational Coordinator - alex@padillabay.gov

Padilla Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve

10441 Bayview-Edison Road

Mount Vernon, WA 98273

Phone: 360-428-1558

Website: www.padillabay.gov

Breazeale Interpretive Center

Wednesday-Sunday, 10am-5:00pm

Volunteer Information:

www.padillabay.gov/involvevolunteer.asp

Programs: Coastal Training Program, Education Program, Stream Team

Contact Glen Alexander – alex@padillabay.gov or 360-428-1070

Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW):

www.wdfw.wa.gov

Mission: Sound stewardship of fish and wildlife.

Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR):

www.dnr.wa.gov

Mission: To provide professional, forward-looking stewardship of our state lands, natural resources, and environment.

Washington State Parks: www.parks.wa.gov

State Parks in Skagit County: Bayview, Deception Pass, Larrabee, Rasar, Rockport

Federal Government

U.S. Forest Service: www.fs.fed.us

Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest

21905 64th Avenue W

Mountlake Terrace, Washington 98043-2278

Phone: 425-775-9702 or 1-800-627-0062

Website: www.fs.fed.us/r6/mbs

Mount Baker Ranger District

Mt. Baker Ranger District

Jon Vanderheyden, District Ranger

810 State Route 20

Sedro-Woolley, WA 98284

Phone: 360-856-5700 ext. 515

Skagit Wild and Scenic River Manager: www.fs.fed.us/r6/mbs/skagit-wsr

E-mail: skagit-wsr@fs.fed.us

Volunteer Information:

www.fs.fed.us/fsjobs/forestservice/volunteers.html

North Cascades National Park

Description: National Park Service areas are living libraries, laboratories, and classrooms where all can learn. National Parks protect our cultural and natural heritage. North Cascades National Park and the two adjacent National Recreation Areas (Ross Lake and Lake Chelan) managed with it, are a treasure trove of natural habitats that is preserved for all to enjoy and experience. *Natural Notes* is a biennial publication available on-line

<http://www.nps.gov/noca/naturescience/2007-natural-notes.htm> or in print that highlights many of the values of the North Cascades.

Chip Jenkins, Superintendent

Cindy Bjorklund, Interpretive Specialist – cindy_bjorklund@nps.gov

Paula Ogden-Muse, Education Specialist – paula_ogden@nps.gov

North Cascades National Park

810 State Route 20

Sedro-Woolley, WA 98284

Phone: 360-854-7200

Fax: 360-856-1934

Website: www.nps.gov/noca

North Cascades National Park Visitor Center – Newhalem

Directions: Across the Skagit River from the North Cascades Highway (State Route 20) near milepost 120 and the town of Newhalem.

Adjacent to Newhalem Creek Campground.

Phone: 206-386-4495

Wilderness Information Center –Marblemount
Phone: 360-854-7245

Volunteer Information:

<http://www.nps.gov/noca/supportyourpark/volunteer.htm>

Programs: Stream Team, Mountain Steward, Eagle Watcher
National Park Service's Volunteer Page:

www.nps.gov/gettinginvolved/volunteer/index.htm

Or write to:

Charles Beall

NPS-Volunteer Coordinator

810 State Route 20

Sedro-Woolley, WA 98284

E-mail: charles_beall@nps.gov

Additional Information

Agriculture

List of Skagit Valley Farm Stands

www.skagitonians.org/publications.cfm

Skagit Valley Food Co-op

202 South First Street

Mount Vernon, WA 98273

Phone: 360-336-9777

Website: www.skagitfoodcoop.com

E-mail: svcoop@skagitfoodcoop.com

Tilth Producers of Washington

Description: Tilth Producers of Washington, a Chapter of Washington Tilth Association, is the premier organic farming and sustainable agriculture organization of Washington State. A membership organization of over 400 Washington growers, Tilth Producers fosters and promotes ecologically sound, sustainable agriculture in the interest of environmental preservation, human health and social equity.

Website: www.tilthproducers.org

Washington Agriculture Institute

Mission: The mission of Washington Agricultural Institute is to strengthen the viability of the regional agricultural economy through development and promotion of equitable programs and policies that enhance profitable agricultural operations. The Institute strives to develop approaches to agricultural viability that can be applied and adopted across the full spectrum of agricultural operations and regions. The Institute serves as a focal point for debate and thoughtful examination of critical issues affecting the state of agriculture.

Mary Heinrich, Executive Director - maryheinricht@earthlink.net

426 Lochwood Drive

Camano Island, WA 98282

Phone: 360-572-4356

Fax: 360-672-4356

Website: (coming soon)

Washington Sustainable Food and Farming Network (The Network)

(See Non-profits, Clubs and Organizations)

Website: www.wsffn.org

Economic

Economic Development Association of Skagit County – EDASC:

www.skagit.org

Mission: The mission of the Economic Development Association of Skagit County is to enhance Skagit County's quality of life through the creation and preservation of healthy businesses and good jobs.

Economic Development Association of Skagit County

P.O. Box 40

204 W Montgomery

Mount Vernon, WA 98273

Phone: 360-336-6114

Fax: 360-336-6116

E-mail: info@skagit.org

Education and Environment

Environmental Education Association of Washington

Mission: EEAW promotes excellence in environmental education through a broad and effective network of practitioners and stakeholders, and serves educators for the purpose of achieving environmental literacy, a healthier environment, better quality of life and a more sustainable economy and ecology.

Website: www.eeaw.org

Futurewise

Mission: Futurewise is a statewide public interest group working to promote healthy communities and cities while protecting farmland, forests and shorelines today and for future generations.

Main Office

814 Second Ave, Suite 500

Seattle, WA 98104

Phone: 206-343-0681

Fax: 206-709-8218

Website: www.futurewise.org

Huxley College of the Environment – Western Washington University

Mission: The Huxley College of the Environment mission is to pursue programs of environmental education, research, and community service that reflect the broadest possible view of humans in a physical, biological, social and cultural world.

Bradley Smith, Dean

Phone: 360-650-3520

Website: www.wvu.edu/depts/huxley

E-mail: huxley@cc.wvu.edu

Northwest Interpretive Association

Mission: Educating for the future: Linking People, Nature, and History through interpretation. NWIA works in cooperation with the National Park Service, U.S. Forest Service, and other public agencies to provide books, maps, and other items related to learning about and enjoying public lands in the Pacific Northwest.

Website: www.nwpubliclands.org

Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation

Mission: The Elk Foundation's mission is to ensure the future of elk, other wildlife and their habitat.

Website: www.rmef.org

Slow Food – Skagit River Salish Sea

Mission: Slow Food works to defend biodiversity in our food supply, spread taste education and connect producers of excellent foods with co-producers through events and initiatives.

Carol Havens, Convivium (Chapter) Leader – chavens@cnw.com

Website: www.slowfood.com

Storming the Sound

Description: Storming the Sound is an annual conference for environmental educators in the north Puget Sound region, including the counties of Whatcom, Skagit, Snohomish, Island, San Juan, Jefferson, and Clallam. This is a great opportunity for teachers, environmental organizations with education programs, and students with an interest in a career in environmental education.

Website: www.padillabay.gov/storming/index.html

Storming the Sound Directory:

www.padillabay.gov/storming/Directory.pdf

Energy

Puget Sound Energy: www.pse.com

Phone: 1-888-225-5773

Seattle City Light: www.seattle.gov/light

Phone: 206-684-3000

E-mail: respond.scl@seattle.gov

Skagit County Newspapers:

Skagit Valley Herald, Anacortes American, Burlington Argus and Sedro-Woolley Courier-Times: www.goskagit.com

Local Volunteer Websites

American Towns – Anacortes, Bow, Burlington, Concrete, Conway, Hamilton, La Conner, Lyman, Marblemount, Mount Vernon, Rockport, Sedro-Woolley: www.americantowns.com/wa

Craig's List – Bellingham: www.bellingham.craigslist.org

Go Skagit Community Calendar:

www.goskagit.com/index.php/events

“The Community Calendar is free to use and is intended for non-profit, community based events.”

Skagit County Community Action Agency Volunteer Center:

www.1-800-volunteer.org/1800Vol/skagit

Calendar of Community Events: www.1-800-volunteer.org/1800Vol/skagit/viewCalendar.do?publicView=1

National Volunteer Websites

1-800-Volunteer: www.1-800-volunteer.org

The Corporation for National and Community Service:

www.nationalservice.gov

AmeriCorps: www.americorps.gov

Senior Corps: www.seniorcorps.org

Idealist: www.idealists.org

Volunteer Match: www.volunteermatch.org