

Valeri Wade



Elected Experience:

- Three years on Whatcom Conservation District Board

Other Professional Experience:

- Owner, Manager, Employee - Wild Bird Chalet
- Wholesale Manager - Fourth Corner Nurseries
- Artist/Painter
- Radiant Heat Design & Installation Contractor
- Weatherization Specialist – Opportunity Council
- U.S. Army Veteran

Education:

- Goddard College, current MFA student
- Western Washington University, BA environmental education
- Aikido, Nidan (second-degree blackbelt)

Community Service:

- Seminars taught: Bess, Fruit Tree Pruning, Wild Birds, Wildlife Habitat
- Habitat Ecology: Installation, maintenance, repair of owl and duck nest boxes

Candidate Statement

Serving on the Whatcom Conservation District board for the last three years has been a pleasure and an education. Whatcom County is diverse with mountains, rivers, sea, farms, forests, international neighbors, and an increasing human population. These varied interests require that we listen and work together to make informed decisions. I translate complicated issues into plain language while taking into account legal mandates.

The Whatcom Conservation District staff has over 150 years of collective experience helping people care for our area. They are ideally situated to help with farm plans, water issues, and emergencies like flooding. I support them by letting them do their work while providing necessary oversight. I enjoy talking to county residents, business owners, legislators, and state and local organizations so we can combine interests to accomplish our goals.

Whatcom County has been my home for more than thirty years, during which time I've worked on environmental restoration as a landowner, small business owner, nursery manager, and educator. It would be my privilege to continue being a Whatcom Conservation District board member.