



**Whatcom Conservation District
2025 Supervisor Election**

Candidate Information & Statements

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Valeri Wade

Biography

Elected Experience

Six years Whatcom Conservation District Board of Supervisors. Three years Secretary/Treasurer.

Professional Experience

Artist, Paint, Digital & Multi-media

Owner & Manager, Wild Bird Chalet

Wholesale Manager, Fourth Corner Nurseries

Radiant Heat Design & Installation Contractor, Self-employed

Weatherization Specialist, Opportunity Council

U.S. Army Veteran

Education

Goddard College, MFA Interdisciplinary Arts

Western Washington University, BA Environmental Education

Aikido Peace Education Center, Second-degree Blackbelt

Community Service

Owl Gals: Habitat Ecology (Installation, maintenance, and repair of owl, duck, swallow nest boxes)

Ajo Samaritans: Desert Aid

Seminars Produced: Bees, Fruit Tree Pruning, Pollinators, Wild Birds, Wildlife Habitat

Candidate Statement

Our county is renowned for food production and natural beauty. The Whatcom Conservation District safeguards and improves the land, air, and waters for all of us. As a board member I bring everyone's interests into the discussion, in particular translating complicated issues into plain language while taking into account legal mandates.

During my past two terms I helped promote policies to retain our current valuable talent and entice skilled specialists to join the WCD. This has ensured that we can continue to obtain more funding, extend the reach of current programs and create new ones that support a vibrant quality of life and local economy.

From the mountains to the shore — farmers, businesses, tribal members, renters and landowners, and the voice of the land itself and its wild inhabitants — together we make life better.

Whatcom County has been my home for more than 35 years. It's where I work, play, eat, sleep, and celebrate holidays with family and friends. It would be my privilege to continue giving back to my community as a Whatcom Conservation District board member.