The landowners featured below were awarded the “Young Tiger Award” by the Washington Association of Conservation Districts. This award is given to a supervisor or associate supervisor who has made an extraordinary effort to help the district meet its goals and objectives in a short period of time.

Sharon Davis, the 2002 award winner from Foster Creek CD, is very active with industry groups such as the Washington Wheat Growers. She was a key member working to establish a Habitat Conservation Plan for farming activities in Douglas County and helped the District receive a grant which was used to complete the HCP.

Chris Mahelona, 2003 award winner from Spokane County CD, served as Auditor and representative to the local Work Group where he has tirelessly worked with other groups to create fair policies for protecting natural resources under Federal Farm Bill programs.

Max Prinsen, 2004 award winner from King CD, serves on two watershed councils and works with elected officials to further the District’s mission. With his wife, Erin, Max conducts educational events at Shadow Lake Bog and hosts an annual Frog Frolic that includes the District’s annual summer meeting.

Albert Roberts, 2006 award winner from Okanogan CD, is an advocate for sustainable agriculture and forestry practices. He meets with many other agencies and groups, promoting the value of working with districts because of their unique methods of delivering conservation.
Conservation Districts assist local landowners with on-the-ground projects to protect natural resources and keep working lands productive. Community members serving as elected or associate board supervisors provide guidance to districts and work together to find creative solutions. They do this by:

- attending monthly board meetings
- participating in WACD* annual activities
- representing the district at community forums
- setting goals and holding people accountable
- establishing priorities for projects
- developing policy

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Contact your district today about leadership opportunities!

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