



Where can I find help with conservation planning and ecosystem services?

Pierce County is home to a number of organizations committed to preserving farmland, protecting our water supply, and preserving the natural habitat of wildlife. To visit a webpage, click on the title or copy and paste the link into your browser.

[American Farmland Trust](#)

American Farmland Trust is a national conservation organization dedicated to protecting farmland, promoting sound farming practices, and keeping farmers on the land. Their site also features studies and reports related to farming.

<http://www.farmland.org/>

[Forterra](#)

Forterra is the largest conservation and community building organization in Washington State. Forterra works to conserve land for forests, farms, shorelines, parks, and natural areas. They also work to restore critical landscapes.

<http://www.forterra.org/>

[Great Peninsula Conservancy](#)

Great Peninsula Conservancy is a private non-profit land trust that works to protect rural landscapes, natural habitats, and open spaces of the Puget Sound's Great Peninsula. Their focus is the conservation of forests, wetlands, salmon streams, and shorelines in Pierce County and beyond.

<http://www.greatpeninsula.org/>

[Nisqually Land Trust](#)

The Nisqually Land Trust acquires and manages the critical lands of the Nisqually River watershed. They maintain the land to protect the water, wildlife, natural areas, and scenic vistas.

<http://www.nisquallylandtrust.org/>

[PCC Farmland Trust](#)

PCC Farmland Trust partners with landowners and farmers to protect farmland so that it stays in agriculture forever. They look for land that is 20 or more acres in size with active water rights and prime agricultural soils to permanently protect as farmland in Pierce County and beyond.

<http://www.pccfarmlandtrust.org/>





[Pierce Conservation District](#)

The primary role of the Pierce Conservation District is to encourage, provide information, education and provide assistance to help landowners manage and use their natural resources wisely. They help landowners create a conservation plan that is tailored to an individual piece of property.

<http://www.piercecountycd.org/>

[Pierce County Assessor-Treasurer](#)

Washington State RCW 84.34 allows taxpayers a reduction in land value on properties used for commercial agricultural purposes.

<http://www.co.pierce.wa.us/>

[Pierce County Planning and Land Services](#)

Pierce County's Transfer of Development Rights Program in Pierce County is a market-based approach that shifts development rights from ecologically sensitive and resource rich lands to lands that are more suitable for development.

<http://www.co.pierce.wa.us/>

U.S. Department of Agriculture

The U.S. Department of Agriculture offers a number of programs to help you maintain and preserve your agricultural land:

[Farm Service Agency](#)

The Farm Service Agency oversees a number of voluntary conservation-related programs with the goal of equitably serving all American farmers and ranchers and sustaining quality agricultural communities.

<http://www.fsa.usda.gov/>

[Natural Resources Conservation Service](#)

The Natural Resource Conservation Service works with landowners through conservation planning and assistance designed to benefit the soil, water, air, plants, and animals. The Natural Resource Conservation Service works to ensure private lands are conserved, restored, and more resilient to environmental challenges, like climate change.

<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/>

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