THANKS TO YOU:

7 comment letters and petitions were written in response to seven times the EPA tried to limit science or roll back protections from pesticides

10th annual Growers Own Conference was held in Twin Falls, Idaho where 56 agricultural professionals increased their knowledge of alternative practices

51 landscaping professionals attended a stormwater facilities workshop, learning how to install and maintain rain gardens to protect aquatic species

55 farmers, gardeners, educators, agency personnel, and others attended a field day on pollinators and beneficial insect habitat in Boise

1000 feet of on-farm native plant habitat was installed or enhanced, with NCAP's total habitat installation reaching nearly half a mile

6400 acres of Seattle parks and open space are now protected from glyphosate (RoundUp)

NCAP works to protect community and environmental health and inspire the use of ecologically sound solutions to reduce the use of pesticides.
NCAP partners with community leaders to advocate for stronger protections where people live, learn and play.

- As technical advisors for the City of Seattle, we provided assistance as the city reclassified glyphosate. Roundup can now only be used on City property as a last resort.
- We engaged impacted communities to oppose changes to Oregon law that would require people in employer-provided housing to "shelter in place" when pesticides are sprayed.
- We launched a pilot Pesticide-Free Neighborhoods project where we provided resources to over 1,000 residents and asked them to take the pesticide-free pledge.
- We advocated for Garden City and The City of Mountain Home in Idaho to conduct Integrated Pest Management (IPM) feasibility assessments.
- We assisted with a coalition effort to ban chlorpyrifos in Oregon. This dangerous insecticide is extremely harmful for farmworkers and rural communities in close proximity to conventional agriculture. We will continue to advocate for a ban in Oregon and Washington in the 2021 legislative session, as well as at the federal level.

HEALTHY WILDLIFE & WATER

All living things need clean water and healthy habitat. This year, NCAP protected pollinators and aquatic species from the harms of pesticides through a variety of approaches.

- NCAP hosted Soaking It In, a workshop for landscaping professionals to learn how to design, install and maintain rain gardens, planters and filter strips. These types of facilities filter urban runoff to protect salmon downstream. The workshop will be repeated this summer in Spanish.
- We shared information about how to protect pollinators at two NCAP hosted workshops and at three community events.
- We monitored the actions of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and responded to seven potential rollbacks in pesticide protections for wildlife and communities by writing comment letters, generating member comments and publishing editorials to inform and engage Northwest residents.

HEALTHY FOOD & FARMS

NCAP continued to provide science-based educational forums focused on alternatives to pesticides for growers.

- Farmers and others interested in learning alternative methods for growing attended NCAP’s 10th annual Grower’s Own Conference in Idaho.
- NCAP partnered with the Oregon Organic Hazelnuts Cooperative to host their 4th annual Summer Farm Tour to demonstrate non-chemical options for managing filbert moth and suppressing weeds.
- While many farmers are interested in establishing habitat for pollinators and other beneficial insects, they find site preparation and weed management to be a significant challenge. NCAP helped two farms in the Magic Valley install or enhance 1,000 feet of on-farm habitat for pollinators and other beneficial insects.
- As a member of the National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition, we successfully lobbied for increased federal support for organic and sustainable farming systems to be included in the 2018 Farm Bill.
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