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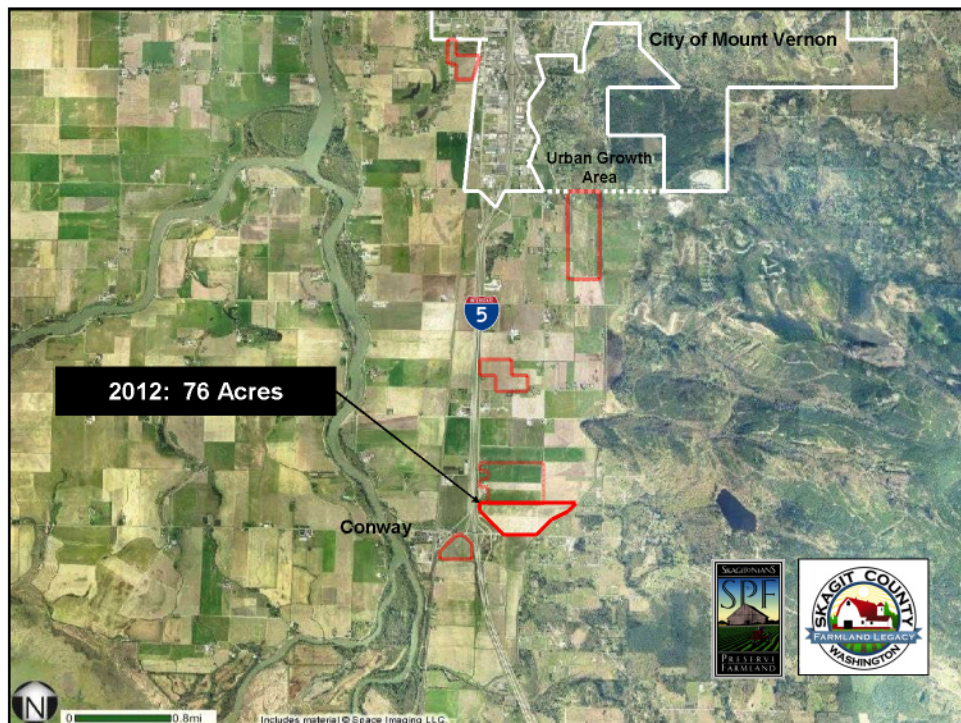
Harvest Dinner & Auction Raises \$116,000

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Community Support for Skagit Farmland Makes the Difference!

Thanks to amazing support, Skagitonians to Preserve Farmland's 13th Annual Harvest Dinner & Auction on September 24 raised \$116,000. It is truly a generous community—of almost 400 individuals, businesses and organizations—whose contributions to this event make it possible for SPF to advance its mission: *to ensure the continued viability of Skagit County agriculture and its required infrastructure.*

During the auction's special fund appeal, more than \$36,000 was raised to help protect an additional 76 acres of prime farmland at the Conway interchange of Interstate 5, within the state's newly designated Agricultural Scenic Corridor and within SPF's number one priority area for protection. Every dollar raised at the event for the protection of this farmland will be matched by a generous SPF donor! This parcel is located immediately south of 79 acres of farmland that was protected in part with funds raised at the 2010 Harvest Dinner & Auction.



SPF is honored to partner with Skagit County's Farmland Legacy Program (FLP) to preserve Skagit farmland in perpetuity, by raising private donations to help secure agricultural conservation easements. Since 2010, SPF's partnership with FLP and others has protected 186 acres at the I-5 Conway interchange!

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Meet Our Members



Name: Claire Molesworth

Where I Live: Capitol Hill in Seattle

What I Do: I'm an attorney at Graham & Dunn in Seattle. Some of my most rewarding work has been helping local businesses resolve disputes, both in and out of the courtroom. It's a far cry from one of my first jobs – in middle school, I directed traffic in a makeshift parking lot at Roozengaarde during the Tulip Festival. And it was a very wet and chilly spring that year!

How Long I Have Been a Member of SPF: 3 years

Why I Support SPF: The world has changed and the economy doesn't support working farms the way it used to do. But SPF is working to protect farmland and preserve the Skagit Valley's agricultural heritage. We are fortunate to have some of the most fertile farmland in the world, and that should not disappear just to make room for another suburb of Seattle. No matter where I live, the Skagit Valley will always be the place I call home, which is why I support SPF's work to protect our farmland.

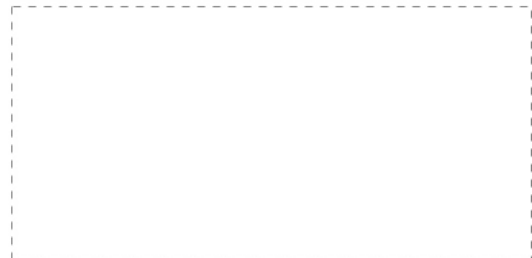
Would you like to share your story as a member of SPF?
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Harvest Dinner (Continued from p. 1)

Behind the scenes, it is SPF's dedicated volunteers whose gifts of time, talent and treasure help to produce the auction and dinner. Special thanks to

- Alice Collingwood, Ann DeMarras, Pam Faber, Dee Raudebaugh, Lisette Roozen Mast, Casey Schoenberger and Jodi Thomas.
- the Culinary Arts Program at Skagit Valley College and Nell Thorn Restaurant in La Conner.
- more than 50 additional volunteers who helped to set up and work at the event.
- Harvest Dinner & Auction sponsors: Darigold, Fisher & Sons, Inc., People's Bank, Skagit Farmers Supply, Washington Bulb Company, Washington State Potato Commission, Whidbey Island Bank, Aztec Self-Storage, Champion Seed Company, Charlie's Produce, Northwest Farm Credit Services, Osborne Seed Company, Pat Rimmer's Les Schwab Tire Centers-Burlington, and Skagit State Bank.



Emcee Jake Whittenberg, KING 5 TV News North Bureau Chief, welcomes Mount Vernon High School's cheerleaders to help get the live auction underway.