

*Alexandra James – Agricultural Conservation Easement Program Liaison (ACEP Liaison)*

*Alexandra James joins Skagit Conservation District as a seasoned farmer, environmental educator, and land conservationist. She earned a master's degree in environmental studies from The Evergreen State College in 2019, focusing on land management and environmental education. Alex served as the first Student Board Fellow at Capitol Land Trust from 2018-2019. That experience inspired her master's thesis, which evaluates the mitigation and adaptation strategies of Washington State land trusts, specifically examining the role of conservation easements in supporting climate-resilient land conservation. Before joining Skagit CD as the ACEP Liaison, Alex worked as the Conservation Specialist for Blue Mountain Land Trust where she focused on agricultural and natural land preservation through the utilization of conservation easements. As the ACEP Liaison, Alex will assist the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Washington State land trusts, and Conservation Districts with successfully implementing Agricultural Land Easements (ALE) under the ACEP program offered by NRCS. She is excited to unite her passion for farming, education, and land conservation as the ACEP Liaison and looks forward to stewarding a legacy of farmland preservation that benefits all Washingtonians.*