

Innovative Partnership provides incentives to help landowners in the Palouse Watershed

Projects will improve soil, water, and habitat

LOCATION – Pullman, WA.

The Palouse Watershed Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) will help landowners and producers establish voluntary incentive-based conservation practices that enhance producer operations, and improve soil and water quality and wildlife habitat. The Partnership will provide a total of \$11 million in funds over the next five years for technical assistance and on-the-ground projects including more than 250 acres of riparian buffer installation, 45,000 acres of conservation tillage, and 520 acres of agricultural conservation easement through multiple funding sources in partnership with NRCS programs like EQIP, CSP, and ACEP. Unique components of the Partnership include: 1) conservation planners from multiple partners will work together to combine their diverse experience in soil health, water quality, and habitat to provide enhanced technical assistance and conservation planning to help producers and landowners meet their conservation goals, 2) through the Partnership, planners will have access to multiple funding sources that can be combined to offer

producers and landowners competitive conservation practice payments and incentives, 3) qualifying producers will have the opportunity to apply for funding to implement conservation practices necessary to be certified through the Pacific Northwest Direct Seed Association's Farmed SMART Certification, a value-added marketing opportunity for farming operations that meet a set of conservation standards.

Funds and support are provided by 16 Partners including the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) authorized through the 2014 Farm Bill, the Washington State Conservation Commission, 8



Conservation Districts, WSU and U of I, Department of Ecology, the Palouse Land Trust, the Pacific Northwest Direct Seed Association, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, and Idaho Department of Fish and Game. Palouse Conservation District, the lead partner for the Partnership, will also be hiring coordinators and conservation planners over this fall and winter to support the project.

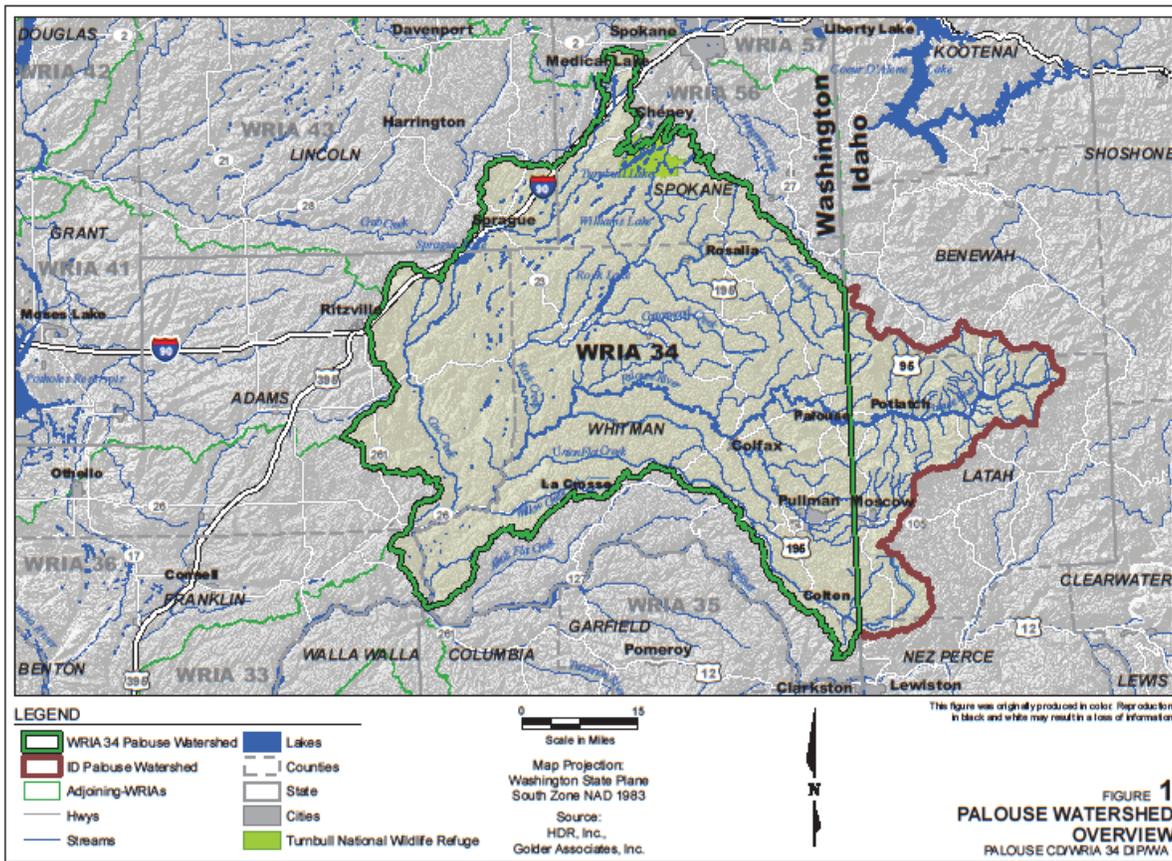


Top right. Conservation tillage in the Palouse region. Bottom left. Partners of the Palouse Watershed Regional Conservation Partnership Program. *Photo by Gina Kerzman.*

This is a new way of providing regional conservation planning to help landowners find the best conservation solutions and combination of funding sources to meet their individual conservation goals, while providing enhanced financial incentives to support the implementation of conservation practices and projects. NRCS Chief Jason Weller says, "RCPP puts our partners in the driver's seat. Projects are led locally, and demonstrate the value of strong public-private partnerships that deliver solutions to natural resource challenges."

RCPP will serve landowners and operators living in the Palouse Watershed, located in parts of Whitman, Adams, Lincoln, and Spokane Counties in Washington, and NW Latah County in Idaho. Eligible applications will work with RCPP staff over winter to develop conservation plans that can

be used to apply to federal and partner-assisted financial assistance programs. Multiple funding sources are available. Ranking for NRCS RCPP EQIP funds will begin November 20, 2015. To apply for assistance or learning more, see Page 6 for contact information. Please visit your local Conservation District or NRCS office, the Palouse Conservation District at 509-332-4101, the Palouse Land Trust, or the Pacific Northwest Direct Seed Association.



RCPP- WRIA 34
RCPP Sign up WORKSHEET - Fiscal Year 2016

Instructions: Please have applicants interested in applying for funding through the Regional Conservation Partnership Program fill out and sign.

Applicant Name:	Affiliated Partner:
Applicant mailing address:	Fund Pool (if known):
Applicant phone (include area code):	Applicant email:
Location of proposed project <i>or attach map</i> : Lat long/ Township range (WRIA 34?)	Questions?
<p>General description of your project goals:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Direct seed? Estimated acres _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Riparian buffers? Estimated acres _____</p> <p>Does your project meet these resource concerns?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Water quality?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Soil health?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Habitat?</p>	
Do you have a current conservation plan (must meet NRCS standards/specs)?	Preferred dates for site visit with planner:

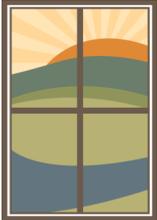
Applicant's signature (s): _____

Date: _____ **Time:** _____ (please indicate AM/PM)

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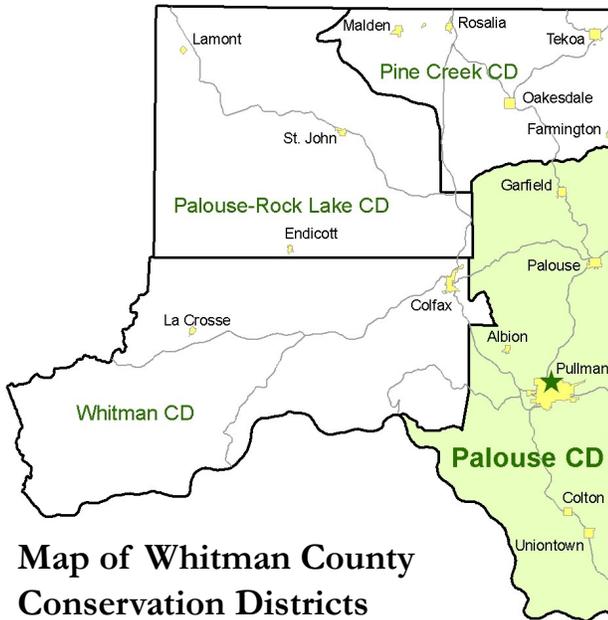


Lincoln County Conservation District



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Map of Whitman County Conservation Districts



University of Idaho





**To learn more or apply, please contact
your local Conservation District, NRCS Office, or Partner!**

Partner	Address	Phone	Website
Adams Conservation District	118 East Main Ave. Ritzville, WA 99169	509-659-1553	http://www.adamscd.com/
Latah Soil and Water Conservation District	Gritman Medical Park 220 East 5th Street, Suite 208 Moscow, Idaho 83843	509-338-2549	http://www.latahsoil.org/
Lincoln Conservation District	1310 Morgan Street Davenport, WA 99122-0046	509-725-4181	http://www.lincolncd.com/
Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS)	805 S Vista Point Dr. Colfax, WA 99111	509-397-4636	http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/site/national/home/
NRCS Idaho	1848 S. Mountain View Rd., Ste. 3 Moscow, ID 83843	208-882-4960	http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/site/id/home/
NRCS Washington	8815 E. Mission Ave. Spokane Valley 99212	509-924-7350	http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/site/wa/home/
Palouse Land Trust	PO Box 8506 Moscow, ID 83843	208-669-0722	http://www.palouselandtrust.org/
Palouse Conservation District	1300 Henley Court #6 Pullman, WA 99163	208-596-4496	http://www.palousecd.org/
Pine Creek Conservation District	401 S. SR27 Oakesdale, WA 99158	509-285-5122	http://www.pinecreekcd.com
Pacific Northwest Direct Seed Association	PO Box 5 Colton, WA	509-995-6335	http://www.directseed.org/
Palouse-Rock Lake Conservation District	3 North Park Street Saint John, WA	509-648-3680	http://www.prlcd.org/
Spokane Conservation District	210 N. Havana St. Spokane, WA 99202	509-535-7274	http://www.sccd.org/
Whitman Conservation District	601 N Main Colfax, WA 99111	509-288-4644	http://whitmancd.org/