

# Lewis County Conservation District

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2015 Feature Accomplishment:

## Conservation Commission funding goes out to cooperators

**RESOURCE CHALLENGE** The Lewis County Conservation District (LCCD) has numerous landowners with approved conservation plans waiting to get cost share to implement practices. We also had several landowners concerned with protecting their livestock from future flooding who requested funding for livestock/equipment pads or evacuation routes. The practices vary in type and cost, but all lead to the protection of natural resources or animals. Our main priority is protecting water quality for future generations.



Dry stack facility.  
Photo: Lewis County CD



Livestock/Equipment pad.  
Photo: Lewis County CD

### PROJECT SUMMARY AND RESULTS

Lewis County Conservation District provided cost share to 23 cooperators, completing an evacuation route, eight livestock pads, and three equipment pads. We also implemented 13 best management practices, including a separator, agitator, underground mainlines, walkways and trails, heavy use area, cover crop, four fish

habitat projects, and four dry stack facilities. The district was able to provide 75 or 100 percent cost share to the landowners for these projects. Total expenditures were \$753,632 with \$629,766 provided as cost share. Livestock owner John Brunoff stated, "I have a sense of security knowing that if we ever have a flood event I can run my cows right up the critter pad and they will be safe."

**KEY PARTNERS:** The Washington State Conservation Commission was our main partner in constructing these projects, providing technical assistance and travel funds in addition to the cost share dollars to ensure the money is put on the ground as planned. Lewis County was instrumental in helping with permitting. The City of Centralia permitted one of the livestock pads. We also worked with the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife to permit the fish habitat project, and local tribes were notified during the permit process for the pads.

## Other Accomplishments



Constructing dry stack  
Photo: Lewis County CD



Livestock/Equipment pad  
Photo: Lewis County CD



Compost Facility  
Photo: Lewis County CD

## More Work to Do!

- Additional cost share projects - two dry stacks currently going through cultural resource review.
- Fish passage projects.
- Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program plantings.
- Irrigation Water Management education and plans.