



Clark Conservation District

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Other Accomplishments



Replacement of a fish passage blocking culvert with a fish-friendly bridge and riparian area planting.



Small farm livestock exclusion fencing and riparian planting.



Heavy use area for the workhorses on an organic farm.

2015 Feature Accomplishment: School stormwater projects

RESOURCE CHALLENGE Stormwater runoff from buildings, parking lots, and other hard surfaces picks up pollutants and takes them downstream to creeks and rivers. Schools with large buildings and expansive parking lots and walkways can contribute substantial amounts of water and contaminants to area wetlands and waterways. Stormwater projects, such as rain gardens that absorb, store, and filter stormwater on school campuses, are an important contribution to clean water and an educational opportunity for the community.

PROJECT SUMMARY AND RESULTS The district helped complete student stormwater projects at five different school campuses. Students from each school assisted in developing, designing, and implementing the projects, including installing five rain gardens, a riparian buffer, and planting more than 800 native trees and shrubs. Students in grades 4-12 implemented these projects with help from over 70 volunteers, teachers, and school officials that encouraged and supported the students and activities. This allowed students to engage in a hands-on project from start to finish and take pride and ownership in their results.

KEY PARTNERS: Water Resources Education Center; Washington State Department of Ecology; Battle Ground School District; and Vancouver School District



Students work on a rain garden and rain barrel system for their classroom roof stormwater.



Students construct multiple rain gardens for stormwater from a building on campus.

More Work to Do!

- Restoration of off-channel rearing habitat, spawning gravel placement, and riparian area planting on a salmon and steelhead creek.
- Manure storage and heavy use area for small cattle operation.
- Riparian area planting and streambank stabilization on a neighborhood creek.
- Stormwater workshops and rain garden activities with city homeowners.
- District long term planning and partnership building.