



# Grays Harbor Conservation District

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## Other Accomplishments



This Mitigation Report shows excessive sedimentation on Grays Harbor oyster beds.



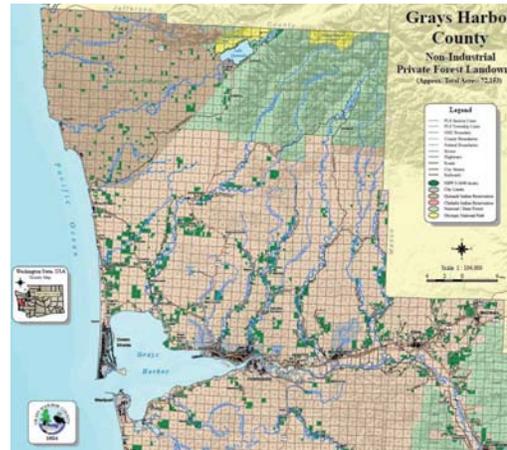
Cranberry producer assistance: Installed eight chemigation units and 1,075 feet of crib and covers.



Two Chehalis flood plain farm pads constructed

2015 Feature Accomplishment:

## Forest Stewardship Program: Keeping forests healthy and productive



GHCD small forest landowners map

**RESOURCE CHALLENGE** Without a good forest management plan, a timber crop will decrease in overall forest health and production. Essentially, a forest management plan is a road map that will help guide your management decisions to reach your goals while protecting the health of your forest. Forest management plan activities might include timber harvesting, wildlife habitat development, and invasive species, road management, and erosion control.

**PROJECT SUMMARY AND RESULTS** The Grays Harbor Conservation District (GHCD) service forester completed five forest stewardship plans totaling 639.2 acres. In addition, he certified two new tree farms into the American Tree Farm System totaling 574.6 acres, and renewed seven more certifications totaling 697 acres. GHCD provided forestry technical assistance for a total of 2075 acres. The GHCD service forester was named consultant for the Western Sustainable Agriculture Research & Education project testing efficacy of different modes of western red cedar seedling protection. The research site consists of approximately seven acres located in Grays Harbor County. He also hosted the Spring Forestry Workshop at Grays Harbor College.

**KEY PARTNERS:** Grays Harbor College; Washington Farm Forestry Association; American Tree Farm System; WA Department of Fish and Wildlife; USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service; and the Department of Natural Resources Small Landowner Office



Grays Harbor College forest field day

## More Work to Do!

- Water resources: Continue to remove identified fish passage barriers and to work with cranberry producers on installation of approved water quality best management practices.
- Forestland: Continue to provide forest management plans, technical assistance, and educational opportunities to non-industrial private forest landowners.
- Cropland: Work with agricultural producers on conservation plans and ensure shellfish production continues.