

Clallam Conservation District

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2016 Feature Accomplishment

Onsite septic system repair cost-share program

RESOURCE CHALLENGE

Clallam County has nearly 20,000 onsite septic systems treating human waste. Improperly functioning septic systems pose a threat to public health and are a significant source of water pollution impacting shellfish growing areas. State law requires regular inspections of septic systems to ensure they function properly. However, the vast majority of homeowners don't comply with this regulation, many in fear of discovering a need for costly repairs that may exceed \$25,000.



Installation of new septic tank



Glendon biofilter for septic treatment

assistance for the necessary repairs are referred to the conservation district by Clallam County. To date, seven homeowners have received financial assistance to replace their failing systems, including five near Dungeness Bay, resulting in an upgrade of 272 acres of shellfish beds in 2016.

KEY PARTNERS: Washington State Conservation Commission; Clallam County Environmental Health

PROJECT SUMMARY AND RESULTS

Ongoing water pollution in Dungeness Bay led Clallam Conservation District to develop an incentive program to help homeowners repair or replace failing onsite septic systems. The incentive program was modeled after our cost-share program for implementing agricultural conservation practices. Homeowners with failing septic systems that impact water quality and who need financial

Other Accomplishments



One of two aquifer recharge projects under construction to store water in the shallow aquifer.



Figure 2
Conceptual Reservoir
Dungeness Watershed - Clallam Conservation District - City of Sequim

Washington Water Trust - Clallam Conservation District - City of Sequim
Conceptual design for a 1,500 acre-foot off-channel reservoir in the Dungeness watershed in the planning stages.



Installation of over a mile of irrigation pipeline to replace open irrigation ditch and conserve Dungeness River water.

More work to do!

- Implement irrigation efficiency projects with Dungeness Irrigation District, Agnew Irrigation District, and Sequim Prairie-Tri Irrigation Association.
- Implement aquifer recharge projects with Agnew Irrigation District and Sequim Prairie-Tri Irrigation Association.
- Implement Pollution Identification and Correction project in Golden Sands and Meadowbrook sub-basins.