



CLALLAM CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Legislative District: 24 Congressional District: 6

Other accomplishments:



Assisted Sequim High School with installation of a roof water collection demonstration project.



Hosted farm tour showcasing an innovative feeding slab in a horse boarding facility.



Replaced over three miles of irrigation ditch with pipelines, saving approximately three cubic feet of Dungeness River water per second.

2017 FEATURE ACCOMPLISHMENT

RESTORING DEGRADED RIPARIAN AREAS, ONE ACRE AT A TIME

Resource challenge

Lack of adequate riparian (streamside) vegetation, excessive sediment in waterways, and degraded water quality are all limiting factors in the recovery of endangered salmon. Clallam Conservation District uses the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) as a tool to assist landowners and organizations in establishing vegetated buffers along agricultural riparian areas. Installing buffers helps lower water temperature, reduce sediment, and provide a source of long-term woody debris.



Washington Conservation Corps crew planting a CREP project.



A 3.45 acre vegetated CREP buffer installed along Nelson Creek on the North Olympic Land Trust's Lyre Conservation Area.

Project summary and results

CREP successfully has assisted landowners with implementing conservation plans and has strengthened partnerships with organizations and tribes. A recent partnership between the district and the North Olympic Land Trust used CREP to help restore 13 acres of river and wetland buffer on two of the Land Trust's properties. To date, Clallam Conservation District has assisted with 29 CREP projects, totaling 116 acres of vegetated buffer along 8.9

miles of waterways. Already for 2018, the district has over 21 acres of vegetated buffers along 1.15 miles of salmon-bearing streams, wetland, and ditches slated for planting.

Key partners: Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe; Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe; North Olympic Land Trust; North Olympic Salmon Coalition; Washington Conservation Corps; Washington State Conservation Commission; USDA Farm Service Agency

MORE WORK TO DO

- ▶ Implement pollution identification and correction project in the Matriotti and Lotzgesell Creek Watersheds.
- ▶ Assist dairies with implementation of conservation practices funded through the Dungeness Regional Conservation Partnership Program.
- ▶ Complete design work for irrigation ditch piping to be initiated in fall of 2018.