



GRANT COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Legislative District: 9, 12, 13 Congressional District: 4

Other accomplishments:



Dairy waste storage pond at large dairy. Lined structure will prevent contamination to nearby creek and residential wells. Photo by Lyle Stoltman



Berming and runoff containment at custom feedlot to protect large fresh water pond from contaminated runoff near Othello. Photo by Lyle Stoltman



Trout release with students from area schools. Trout were raised from eggs and released providing students with field experience. Photo by Lyle Stoltman

2017 FEATURE ACCOMPLISHMENT

SOAP LAKE CITY PARK RESTORATION



Neighbors didn't like the renovation plan at first, but an arborist said the trees were dying and should be replaced. Photo by Lyle Stoltman

Resource challenge

The Soap Lake Recreation Committee approached the Grant County Conservation District (GCCD) with the hope of renovating an important stand of trees in the City's oldest park. Providing wildlife habitat, efficient irrigation, natural weed suppression, planting pollinator plants, and using compost were all components of the renovation plan. The district was eager to partner with the group because of their commitment to resource management, coupled with extensive volunteer participation and impressive community involvement.

Project summary and results

After meeting with the volunteer group on-site and reviewing the plans, the GCCD put together cost estimates and material lists for plan implementation. Native trees and pollinator species were carefully selected, as were the components of the trickle irrigation system. Weed control during establishment was accomplished by applying a thick, dense layer of recycled mulch from chipped trees. Trees were planted using volunteer labor, and today all of the plants have survived. None of the trees have been lost due to adverse conditions or pest damage. Monitoring is an important aspect and is ongoing.



Healthy trees were planted using volunteer labor. Trickle irrigation was installed and mulch applied for weed control. Photo credit: Lyle Stoltman

Key partners: Soap Lake Recreational Committee; City of Soap Lake

MORE WORK TO DO

- ▶ Prepare nutrient plans and updates for dairy and livestock producers, and offer services, technical assistance, and cost-share to farmers and residents in Grant County.
- ▶ Develop strategies for implementing rates and charges funding sources that is transparent and cost-effective.
- ▶ Continue educational programs in schools that improve soil health while reducing degradation of soil, water, and air resources.