



Grant County Conservation District

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Other Accomplishments



Installation of a new variable frequency drive controller. This new technology conserves water and energy.



Students wait to release trout fingerlings they raised from eggs. More than 900 kids from 13 schools released 2,500 trout.



Department of Ecology water quality staff touring new farm technology that improves soil and water quality while making agriculture more efficient.

Priorities for 2019...

- ▶ Prepare 70 Voluntary Stewardship Program (VSP) conservation plans.
- ▶ Coordinate 10 educational events and tours.
- ▶ Provide planning and technical assistance for 12 dairies and six feedlots.

2018 FEATURE ACCOMPLISHMENT

Urban Agriculture for Seniors



The GCCD relied on volunteers to help with the project. Here three volunteers fill one of the raised beds with donated compost.

gardens at eight senior retirement facilities using compost from three of the dairies and feedlots located within the District's boundaries.

Project Summary and Results

The objective of the grant was to set up gardens at eight senior facilities in the District. In actuality, nine gardens were started. Several extra yards of compost was available, and the GCCD was able to supply two additional community gardens in Othello and Moses Lake with compost for local gardeners. Every senior facility was eager to participate with the project. The livestock operations were happy to help out too. Volunteers helped assemble the gardens and fill them with compost. District staff did most of the planting and replanting as needed. Results exceeded expectations.

Resource Challenge

Although Grant County is in one of the most productive farming areas of Washington, it's designated as a "food desert" according to USDA definitions. A food desert is defined as an area with low-income residents who have limited access to affordable, nutritious food. Mainly fresh proteins, fruits and vegetables. Grant County Conservation District (GCCD) was awarded a grant from the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) to purchase and setup



Garden structures and tools were supplied to each site. Participants watch as GCCD staff installs a drip irrigation system.

Key Partners

National Association of Conservation Districts; Washington State Conservation Commission