



Wahkiakum Conservation District

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Other Accomplishments

- ▶ Obtained funding and initiated a knotweed treatment and streamside vegetation project in the Elochoman Valley Watershed.
- ▶ Successfully obtained funding for three additional project sites in cooperation with landowners in the Elochoman River Community Watershed Project.
- ▶ Completed a 1.5 mile restoration project in East Valley Skamonawa Creek as part of the Skamokawa Creek Community Watershed Project.

2018 FEATURE ACCOMPLISHMENT

Grays River Restoration - Satterlund Site

Resource Challenge

The Satterlund family requested assistance from Wahkiakum Conservation District (CD) with clearing invasive species from the river bank and establishing woody vegetation. Resource concerns included accelerated river bank erosion, invasive species, and loss of function due to the lack of woody vegetation along the river. The CD introduced the Satterlunds to the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP), which met most of their needs and offered an opportunity to improve in-river habitat for salmon.

Project Summary and Results

The landowners enrolled the site in CREP. Wahkiakum CD planted native trees along the river and submitted a funding request to the Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board for salmon recovery work, which was funded two years later. After completing the design and permitting process, instream work began. Then the Satterlunds acquired an adjoining parcel and asked to expand the project. The CD submitted a funding request to the Washington Coast Restoration Initiative and expects to complete the next phase of work on this site in fiscal year 2019.

Key Partners

Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program; Salmon Recovery Funding Board; Washington Coast Restoration Initiative



Left: Property before project. Bank erosion was causing Grays River to divert from its channel and migrate toward adjacent open agricultural land. Right: Site after large woody debris jam was installed. This picture was taken after a 25-year flood event.

Priorities for 2019...

- ▶ Continue securing state capital project funding for up to five landowners working on river restoration projects that address salmon recovery and water quality resource concerns.
- ▶ Continue treating knotweed in the Elochoman Valley Watershed.
- ▶ Continue working with landowners to plan projects and apply for project funding.