

# WALLA WALLA COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

## 2024-25 Featured Accomplishments



### River Restoration

Restoring rivers helps with flooding, salmon habitat, and water quality. We worked with 17 landowners covering more than 3.3 river miles protecting 66 acres of floodplain. We have 7 more projects in development for the next 3 years that will address unsavory conditions on 6 river miles and 380 acres with 25 landowners.

*Photo Caption: Walla Walla River, Grant Traynor, Walla Walla County Conservation District*



### Water Storage

Every drop helps. Seven irrigation systems were replaced with high efficiency pivots. This resulted in 4 cubic feet per second of water savings. These on the ground projects are in addition to basin-wide discussions on water use. The Walla Walla Basin Advisory Committee is one of a long list of forums to gather the community and work through complex water supply concerns.

*Photo Caption: New Pivot, Walla Walla County*



### Riparian Areas

Working with 45 landowners to voluntarily commit to protecting wildlife and agriculture along streams; over 18,000 trees and shrubs were planted on over 132 acres. More projects are in the works. An additional 25 landowners will be helped in the next two years. We couldn't do this work without the funding from the Washington State Conservation Commission and support of Washington legislators.

*Photo Caption: Dry Creek, Joanna Cowles Cleveland, Walla Walla County Conservation District*

## Other Accomplishments



**Soil Health:** We distributed 46 soil health kits, purchased and rented a narrow machine allowing replanting on 14 acres, and helped area partners on establishing a soil baseline and testing for long term pH trials.



**Voluntary Stewardship Program:** We brought many partners together to address fish passage, water quality, wildlife habitat, and wetlands.



**Heritage Gardens:** We certified our first native plant garden with six more in progress.