

COLUMBIA CONSERVATION DISTRICT

2024-25 Featured accomplishment

Resource concern

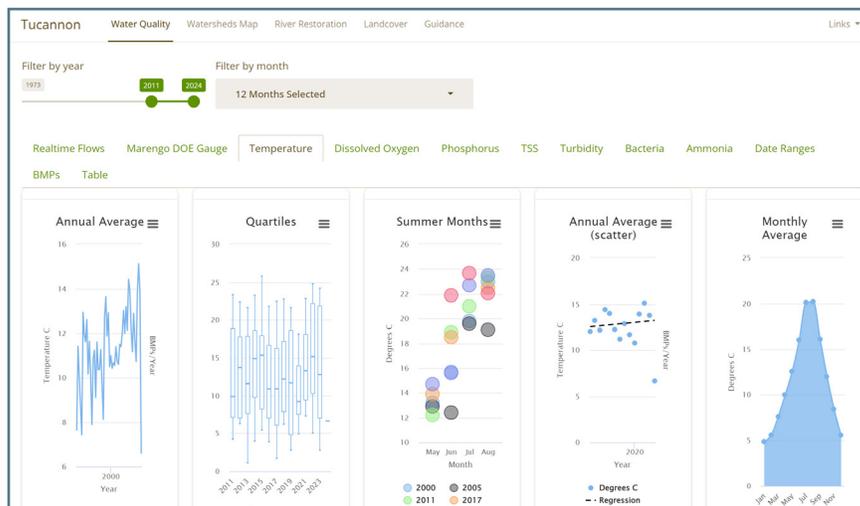
As a part of the Voluntary Stewardship Program's requirements to monitor resource concerns, the Touchet Subbasin Pilot Model Watershed was formed in collaboration with the State Conservation Commission's Science Hub. With similar needs at a greater scale and with more funding available, Columbia Conservation District sought out to address the challenge of telling the District's conservation story. This challenge affects all conservation districts seeking funding to address resource concerns in local areas that impact communities.

Featured project

With the need to monitor, assess data gaps, prove voluntary practices work, provide easy access to educational information and resources for landowners, and technical information for our staff and partnering agencies, the District in collaboration with the Science Hub, is creating a web-based portal, a social marketing plan, and a collaborative research group to address these challenges. The web-based portal, social marketing and research group will serve to centralize resources, streamline workflows, enhance collaboration, and improve the overall efficiency and experience for the community, producers, partner agencies and legislation.

Costs & partners

Funding for this project included \$19,000 from the State Conservation Commission through the Science Hub, and \$30,000 from SCC through the Voluntary Stewardship Program. Partners include: the State Conservation Commission, Palouse Anglers, Snake River Salmon Recovery Board, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, City of Dayton, Columbia County, Washington State University, and Palouse Conservation District.



Water Quality Data from the Web Based Portal - Built by Palouse Anglers based off CCD Vision

Other accomplishments



Nutrient Management Research Group: the District is working hard to process and analyze the soil nutrient data that has been collected since 2013 supporting ag viability.



Forest Health Management funding has increased, opening new cost-share opportunities for landowners. Between Natural Resource Investment and Voluntary Stewardship Program funds, Columbia Conservation District has allocated roughly \$65,000 towards cost share in 2025. The District is looking forward to the growth of this program.



Livestock & Wildlife Management continues to be a priority. The last two years have consisted of fencing, pasture and hay planting, watering facilities, spring development projects and more. Between Natural Resource Investment and Voluntary Stewardship Program funds, approximately \$54,000 was allocated towards cost share.

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