

GRAYS HARBOR CONSERVATION DISTRICT

2024-25 Featured accomplishments



Restoring Wynoochee River headwaters

The Grays Harbor Conservation District teamed up with Green Diamond Resource Company to restore Wynoochee River headwaters. In Schafer Creek, crews installed 115 post-assisted log structures using donated wood. These low-impact structures slow erosion, store water and sediment, and create complex aquatic habitats, helping streams regain natural function decades faster.

Photo Caption: Building better streams: A District crew member installs post-assisted log structures at Schafer Creek in the Wynoochee headwaters, helping restore aquatic habitat and slow erosion.



River Roots: brewing conservation, one beer at a time

River Roots, a pale ale brewed with salmon-safe hops, is the result of a partnership between the District and Mount Olympus Brewing. Each beer plants a tree in the Chehalis Basin— over 12,037 so far. Volunteers join in at parks and riverbanks, expanding efforts basin-wide. It's a creative blend of outreach, habitat restoration, and community action.

Photo Caption: Raising a pint for the planet: River Roots beer meets the Satsop River, where every sip helps plant a tree in the Chehalis Basin.



Sustaining local access: Grays Harbor Conservation District and the Aberdeen Farmers Market

The District secured grant funding to sustain the Aberdeen Farmers Market, a vital community asset. Held every Saturday in downtown Aberdeen during summer, the market provides access to locally grown produce and crafted goods, supports farm-to-table connections, and offers Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program users a way to purchase fresh, healthy food, strengthening local food access and community resilience.

Photo Caption: Connecting the community to fresh, local food: District staff and the Aberdeen Farmers Market manager showcase SNAP Market Match at the market info booth.

Other accomplishments



Since May 2023, the District has trapped 63,010 European Green Crab over 264 days in Grays Harbor, removing 25 percent of the 247,697 crabs removed from the estuary over the last four years.



In fiscal year 2025, treated 338 acres with Natural Resources Conservation Service forest stand improvement practices. Utilizing funds from the State Conservation Commission's Forest Health and Community Wildfire Resiliency grant (\$97,971.00 reimbursed to four Grays Harbor landowners).



During the 2025 fiscal year, the District's watershed programs planted 53,850 stems across 107 acres, restoring habitats and improving water quality throughout local watersheds.