

OKANOGAN CONSERVATION DISTRICT

2024-25 Featured accomplishments



Irrigation efficiencies successes

Okanogan Conservation District's Water Resources Program received 41 requests, seven Irrigation Efficiencies Grant Program applications, and funded five projects totaling \$483,763 with 734,861 gallons of water saved per day. The District plays a crucial role at the local level, and this program directly supports efforts for agricultural resilience, water conservation, and environmental stewardship.

Photo Caption: A new pivot installed for a high-ranking irrigation efficiency project.



Culvert replacement project

After receiving an assistance request following a significant 2018 flooding event, the District partnered with the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation to install a culvert-to-bridge upgrade on Loup Loup Creek— a key tributary in Okanogan County. \$350,000 improved fish passage, provided benefit to federally listed Steelhead species, and reduced flood risk.

Photo Caption: Culvert replacement project.



Well relocation project

Landowners received cost-share for a well relocation project in a high priority watershed for Tribal partners. The project included the well decommissioning, a new water well, and a three-acre critical area planting. Improvements to critical infrastructure, water resources, and wildlife habitat were direct impacts of implementing this project.

Photo Caption: After photos for the well relocation project, a critical area planting and the relocated well.

Other accomplishments

- Developed the 2024 Community Wildfire Protection Plan with input from 1,000+ community members and 100+ partners, 21 requests for wildfire assistance, and 73 home risk assessments.
- Hosted 23 clean air events serving 475 community members, 145 tons of debris removed, and utilized \$70,448 on chipping disposal services.
- Received 22 requests for water quality and habitat improvements, installed 926 plants with five projects, launched a water quality monitoring program.
- 78 adults and 75 youth installed 12 plastic-free floating wetlands made from natural plant materials to offer a new tool for clean water.
- Provided 3,366 youth with education lessons. Supported eight school gardens with curriculum and teacher trainings. Attended 30 community events and connected 2,200 adults to resources.

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