

# Palouse Conservation District

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Feature 2013 Accomplishment:

## Wetland Restoration and Education Site Completed

*Project Summary:* Palouse Conservation District partnered with the Port of Whitman and the Palouse Discovery Science Center to enhance wetlands adjacent to our offices. The partnership also designed and installed interpretive signs and an interactive computer kiosk adjacent to a nature path. In addition to public use, the wetland is used as an outdoor classroom for local natural resource conservation programs. Funding was provided by Washington State Conservation Commission and U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.



## Conservation Tour

The conservation tour highlighted natural resource conservation projects related to direct seed systems, precision agriculture, livestock operation enhancements, Palouse Prairie protection and restoration, streambank restoration, and conservation education.



## Other Accomplishments



Direct Seed Incentive and Education Program expanded



Internship program established to provide interns with valuable hands-on experience in natural resources conservation, enhance local participation in conservation, and raise community awareness of local conservation issues.



Palouse Prairie education and outreach campaign launched.

## More Work to Do!

- North and South Fork Palouse River TMDL Implementation: Installing riparian buffers and continuing water quality monitoring.
- Palouse Prairie Phase II: Restoring and protecting native plants, migratory songbirds and pollinators with USFWS and WDFG.
- Direct Seed Program: Increasing enrollment, outreach, and monitoring.
- Education and Outreach: Providing conservation education programs to local landowners, residents and schools.
- Partners for Fish and Wildlife: Improving habitat and providing technical assistance to landowners.