



Palouse Conservation District

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Other Accomplishments



Volunteers document plant diversity and celebrate native Palouse prairie at the citizen science-style Steptoe Butte Botany Blitz. Photo credit: James Riser



New bridge and instream habitat improvement replace barrier culvert and allow passage for adult and juvenile Snake River steelhead. Photo credit: Lovina Englund



Cover crop and soil health conversations included farm tours and the Palouse Alternative Cropping Symposium, a grower driven event. Photo credit: Jennifer Boie

2018 FEATURE ACCOMPLISHMENT

Pullman Community Gets Hands Dirty at Stream Cleanup

Resource Challenge

The South Fork of the Palouse River and tributaries run through the town of Pullman, but many residents and students are unaware of these waterways and the waste that accumulates along them. The Stream Cleanup gives an opportunity for the community to beautify these areas while building a relationship with their river and streams. Palouse Conservation District and the City of Pullman have built a close partnership to implement this volunteer event, along with stormwater education programs.

Project Summary and Results

252 community members and university students participated in the 14th Annual Stream Cleanup, removing 640 pounds of trash that ranged from single-use plastics to dilapidated bikes. Over the past 13 years, participants removed more than 100 cubic yards of trash and recyclables. While the number of volunteers has increased every year, the amount of trash removed from the streams has decreased, illustrating successful cleanup efforts and positive community engagement. As one family noted “We refer to them as our streams, so our kids have a sense of community and ownership to help maintain them.”

Key Partners

City of Pullman Stormwater Services and local businesses in the City of Pullman.



Palouse Conservation District Staff and Community Volunteers. Photo credit: Anthony Hatcher



Generations of Pullman Volunteers. Photo credit: Stephen Johnson

Priorities for 2019...

- ▶ Continue research and monitoring with landowners and producers to measure the effectiveness of conservation practices.
- ▶ Showcase the voluntary efforts of the agricultural community to protect critical areas through the Voluntary Stewardship Program.
- ▶ Install over 100 acres of streamside vegetation by compensating farmers based on adjacent crop and upland tillage practices.