

Help your operation while helping the environment and avoid regulatory involvement.

Project funding options:

OWEB Small Grants

Up to \$15,000

The Small Grant Program enables landowners across the state to benefit water quality, water quantity, and fish and wildlife with voluntary projects on their properties.

OWEB Restoration Grants

Up to \$75,000

The Board provides grants, as funds are available, for watershed projects that protect or restore watershed functions.

CREP Program

In addition to contributing to improvement of the environment in multiple ways, those enrolled in CREP receive an annual rental payment for their enrolled acres and may be eligible for additional incentives. Additional funding can help offset the costs associated with installing the conservation practices.

Benefits of streamside vegetation:

- Moderation of stream flow and therefore sediment transport
- Capture of suspended sediment
- Retention of floodwater and ground-water recharge
- Stabilization of streambanks by plant roots
- Creation of diverse stream channel characteristics to accommodate the various stages of fish reproduction
- Provide habitat for local biodiversity
- Shade to reduce solar heat input
- Source of large woody debris for aquatic habitat



Streamside vegetation in winter

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For landowners in the

SIA

(Strategic Implementation Area)

**Lower Birch Creek, Stewart Creek,
and McKay Creek**

The Umatilla County Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) can provide **technical, educational, and financial** assistance to help you meet your conservation goals to **prevent and control agricultural water pollution.**



The Umatilla County SWCD is here to assist with the design, installation, and maintenance of projects.

Examples of project types include:

- Livestock exclusion fencing for creeksides with off-stream water
- Streamside vegetation planting
- Erosion management
- Water gap development (livestock crossing)
- Manure management
- Hardening of a livestock heavy use area to reduce muddy conditions



SWCD will assist in completing a grant application through OWEB (Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board) or potentially enroll your property in CREP (Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program) in accordance with your project selection and financial needs.



Water gap



Livestock watering trough



Streamside vegetation planting

The Umatilla Agricultural Water Quality Management Area Plan allows flexibility in the projects you choose. Associated regulations will be enforced by the Oregon Department of Agriculture if landowners with identified water quality concerns do not address the problems.



The SWCD can help you choose recommended practices from the Area Plan that suit your property and work with your self-assessment. SWCD will help you choose technically sound and economically feasible methods for your project.