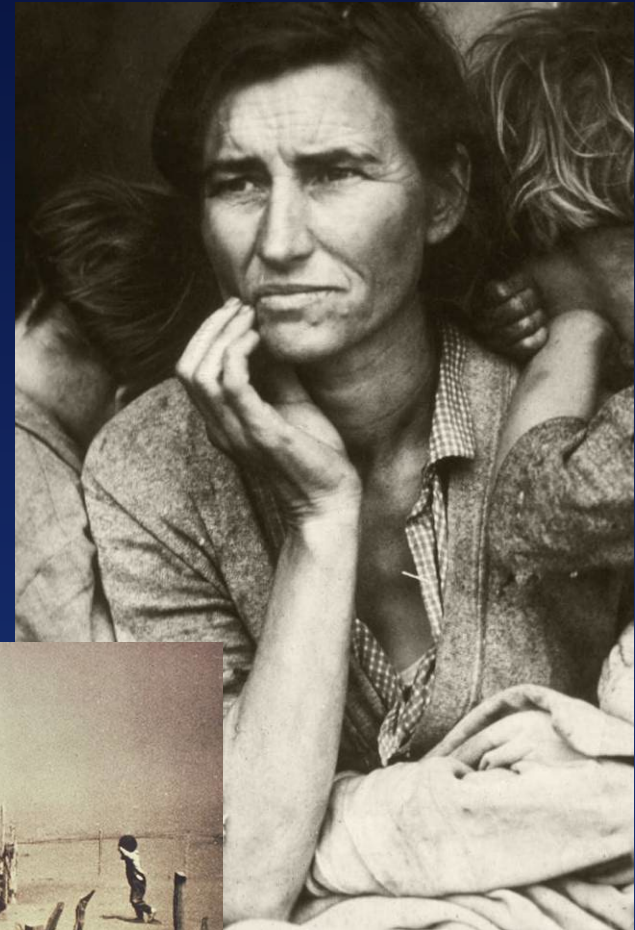


The Natural Resources Conservation Service

Helping people help the land.

Who We Are...

NRCS resulted from troubled times – the Dust Bowl days of the 1930s. Dust storms ravaged the Nation's farmland, stripping away millions of tons of topsoil.



What we do...

Since that time, NRCS has kept a commitment to protecting and conserving soil and other natural resources on America's private lands.



What we do...

NRCS works with farmers, ranchers and non industrial forest landowners on private lands.

NRCS' skilled professionals, have a common purpose and passion for conservation.



Our mission...

Helping people help the land.



Our vision...

Productive lands – Healthy environment



Our major programs...

- **Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)**
- **Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)**
- **Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP)**
- **Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP)**
- **Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)**

Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)

- Supports production agriculture and environmental quality as compatible goals.
- Producers may receive technical and financial help with structural and management conservation practices on agricultural land.

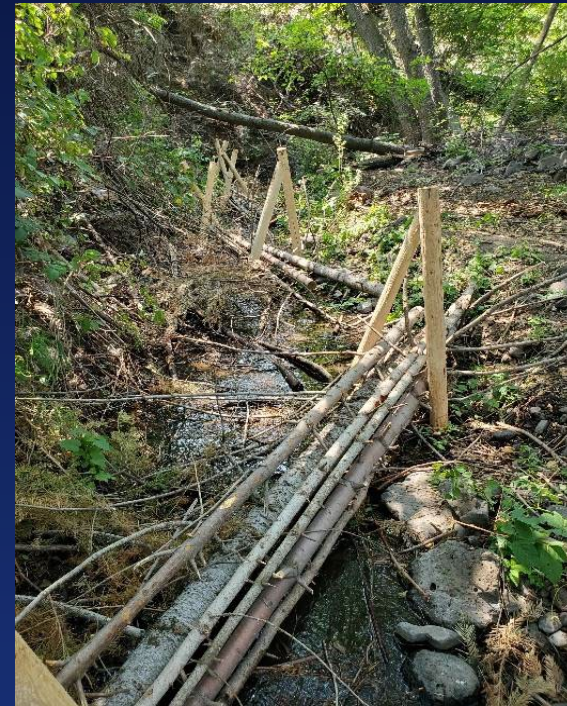
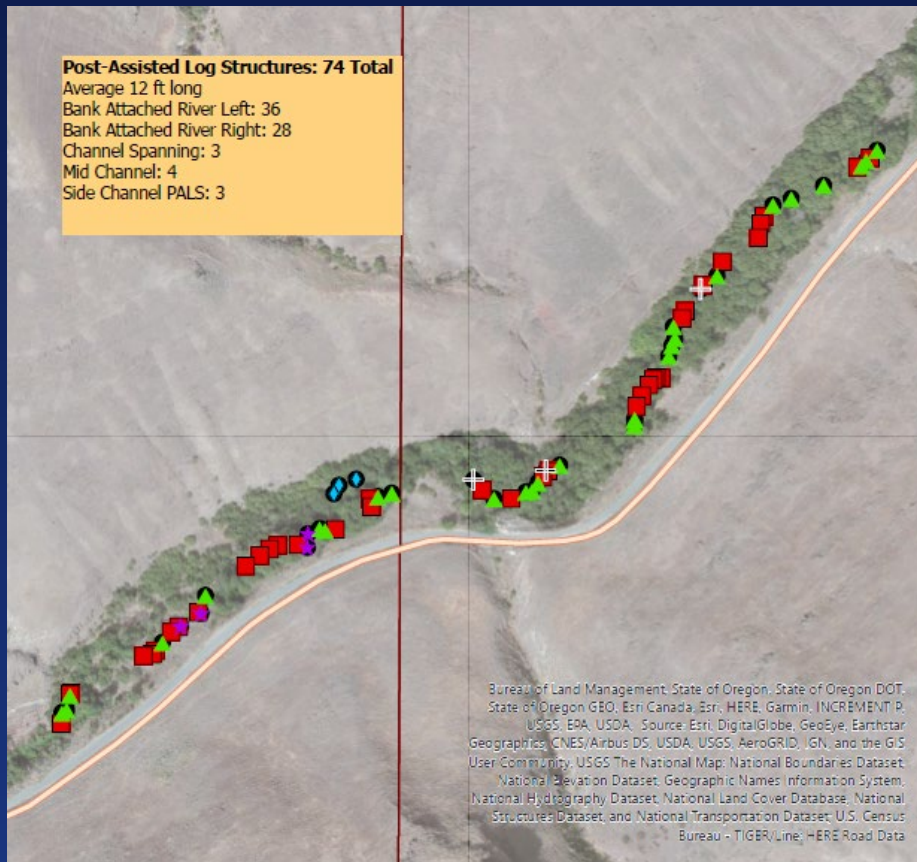


Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)

- Based on locally identified natural resource needs consistent with national EQIP priorities.
- Local Work Groups (LWG) provide advice to NRCS about local priorities within their local area.
- NRCS evaluates applications for funding EQIP contracts consistent with local, state and national priorities.



Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)



Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)

CSP encourages producers to address resource concerns in a comprehensive manner by undertaking additional conservation activities; and improving, maintaining, and managing existing conservation activities.



This is to implement enhancements that go above the normal practices standards from the practices applied with EQIP.

- Whole farm is signed up at once as long as you have control of the ground for the life of the contract, which is 5 years.
- Must have an operation history on the ground for 2 years to be included.
- NRCS runs your operation through a screening tool that checks your operation using tools to see if resource concerns are met to quality criteria and what can be enhanced.

Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)



Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP)

Provides matching funds to help purchase development rights to keep productive farm and rangeland in agricultural uses.

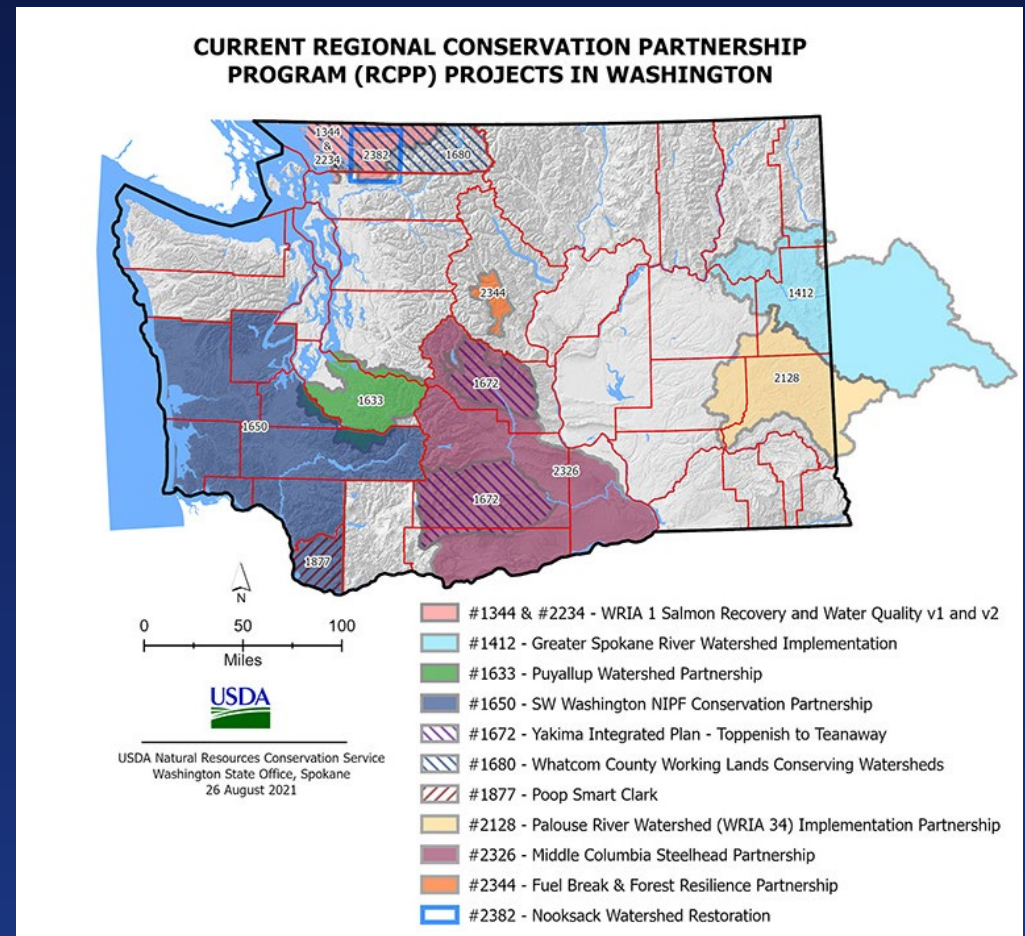
Works through existing programs, USDA partners with state, Tribal, or local governments and nongovernmental Organizations.



ACEP acquires conservation easements or other interests in land from landowners.

Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP)

Through RCPP:
NRCS seeks to
co-invest with partners to
implement projects
that demonstrate **innovative solutions**
to **conservation challenges**



Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)

Farm Service Agency Program
with NRCS and Conservation
District Assistance

- Continuous CRP (CCRP)
- Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)



Other activities include...

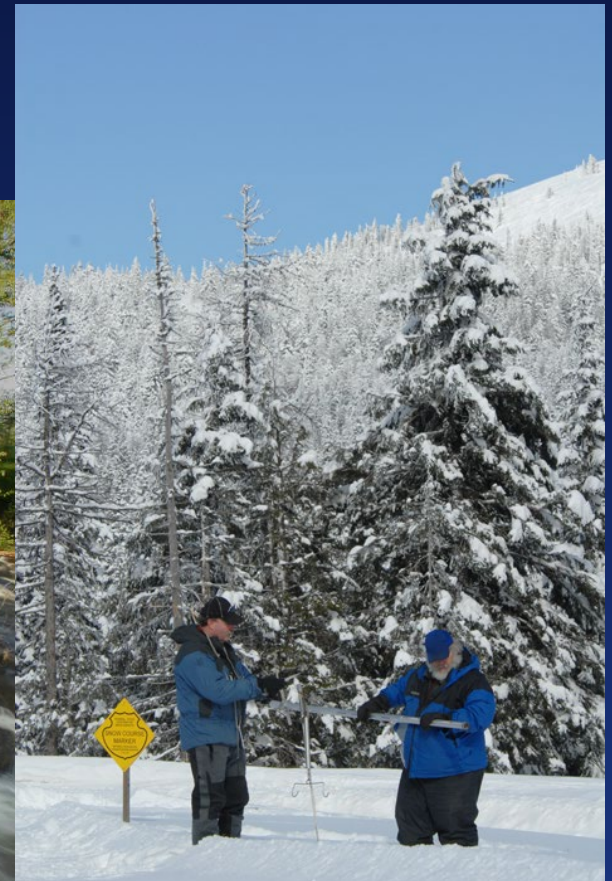
Conservation Technical Assistance

NRCS provides assistance to land-users in planning and implementing conservation systems.



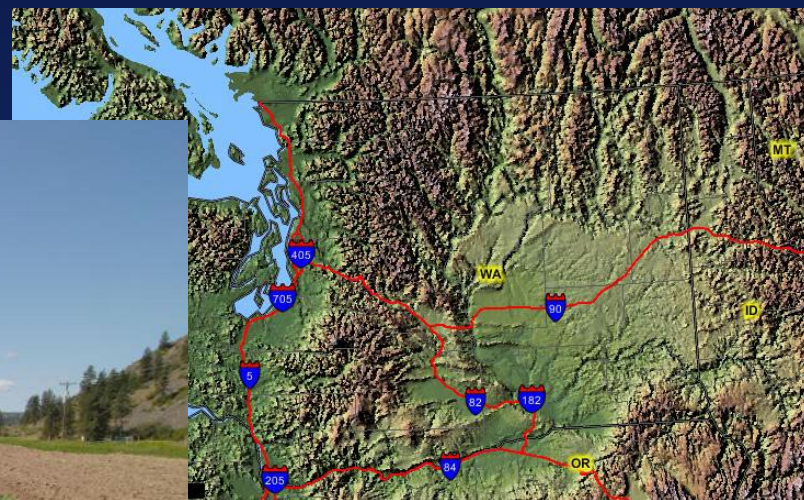
Other activities include...

Snow survey and water supply forecasting



Other activities include...

Soil Survey/Web Soil Survey



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Our purpose. Our passion.

Our promise.

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our professionals are helping people help the land.**

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