

Thurston Conservation District

Putting Conservation on the Ground in the Deschutes



What are conservation districts

- A unique form of non-regulatory government
- We assist private landowners with voluntary actions - aimed at improving water quality



Opportunity for Success

- Three-Pronged Approach:
 - ❖ Technical Assistance
 - ❖ Education & Outreach
 - ❖ Implementation



Technical Assistance

- Completion of a farm inventory
- Conservation Planning
- Assistance with developing specifications for implementing BMPs.



Education

- Production and Distribution of TMDL brochure
- Workshops & Tours
- Launch Watershed Stewards Program
 - Pet Steward
 - Indoor Water-Wise Steward
 - Outdoor Water-Wise Steward
 - Stream Steward



Implementation

Goal of the grant was to implement 50 Best Management Practices (BMPs).

The Results... 137 practices installed!

- ☑ 11,496 feet of riparian fence installed
- ☑ 361 acres of nutrient management achieved
- ☑ 9 manure storage structures installed
- ☑ 11 acres of riparian planting
- ☑ 274 acres of prescribed grazing
- ☑ 11 riparian planting projects



Manure storage - Before



Manure Storage - After



Future Work to be Done



- More outreach and implementation to be done
 - Submitted DOE grant application to continue work
 - We continue to provide ongoing assistance as our current fund allows.
 - Lead Entity - Salmon related projects ongoing
 - Workshop program is planned for 2011





Q & A

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