CREP

The Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) is a voluntary program designed to compensate landowners for establishing vegetated buffers along streams, wetlands and ditches.

100% of Planting Costs Covered

Landowners are reimbursed for **100%** of the eligible costs for CREP buffer establishment and maintenance. In addition landowners may be reimbursed for livestock exclusion fencing, livestock watering facilities, and in some cases livestock crossings. 3. 15.6 acre on the Clallam River

Get Paid to Plant Trees

Landowners also receive annual rental payments ranging from \$70 to \$150 per acre for the length of the contract, 10 to 15 years.

Get Help Controlling Weeds

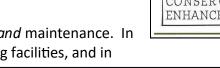
CREP is a great program for landowners who are fed up with trying to control invasive plants such as reed canary grass and Himalayan blackberry. CREP pays to replace non-native vegetation with native vegetation.

CREP in CLALLAM COUNTY

| # of projects to date: | 35 |
|--------------------------|--------|
| Miles of buffer: | 10.39 |
| Acres of buffer: | 138 |
| Seedlings planted: | 68,700 |
| Feet of livestock fence: | 6,605 |

Buffers Planted Throughout Clallam County on:

Bear Creek (trib. to Salt Creek), Bell Creek, Big River, Chicken Coop Creek, Clallam River, Cassalery Creek, Elwha River, Indian Creek, Jimmy Come Lately Creek, Lotzgesell Creek, Matriotti Creek, Meadowbrook Creek, Nelson Creek, Pysht River, Salt Creek, and Tumwater Creek



(see map on next page)

What are the Tubes on the Plants?



Year 5 They are plant protectors to keep mice and voles from

girdling newly planted trees and shrubs, and protect plants from weed whackers.

CREP pays for plant protectors to be installed on all of the trees planted through the program. They are typically either blue or white in color.

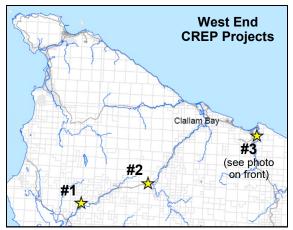
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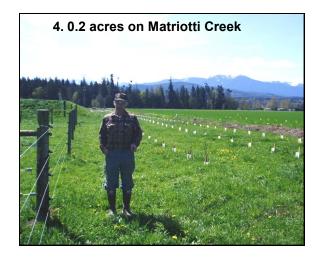


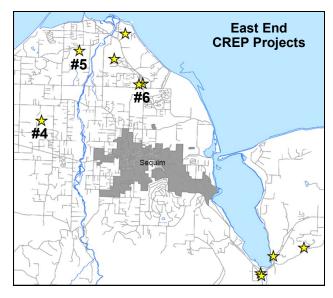


1. 3.8 acres planted on Trout Creek



2. 4.8 acres planted on the Big River





Is Your Land Eligible for CREP?

- Land eligible for CREP must have a history of being either cropland or land capable of providing forage for a grazing animal
- The proposed buffer area must not already be thickly forested with conifer trees.

Three Program Options to Suit Landowner Needs:

Riparian Forest Buffer - Planting of trees and shrubs along a stream

- Must be along a CREP eligible stream.
- The width of the buffer (the area to be planted) may vary from 50 to 180 feet in width. Up to 30% of the buffer can be less than 50 feet in width to account for structures, roads, etc.

<u>Hedgerow Planting</u> - Planting a narrow strip of vegetation along a waterway

- Must be along a waterway within ten miles of a CREP eligible stream.
- Buffer width can range from 15 feet to 35 feet

Want to Learn More?

For more information, or to schedule a free no-obligation meeting with a Conservation Planner to see if your property is eligible for CREP, please call the Conservation District at (360) 775-3747 ext. 5 or email <u>info@clallamcd.org</u>

CREP is funded by United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and Washington State Conservation Commission (WSCC). Clallam Conservation District administers the program.



5. 16.4 acres planted on Matriotti & Lotzgesell Ck.



6. 2.2 acres planted on Cassalary Creek