



CLARK CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Clark Conservation District to start accepting RCPP Poop Smart Clark applications

Vancouver, Wash. (October 1, 2023) - Clark Conservation District and USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service will start accepting applications for their Poop Smart Clark Regional Conservation Partnership Program funding beginning October 1, 2023, until January 19th, 2024. This RCPP covers all of Clark County, but the focus areas are the East Fork Lewis River and Lacamas Creek Watersheds.

Primary Resource Concern Categories are:

- Field Sediment, nutrient, and pathogen loss
- Storage and handling of pollutants
- Degraded Plant Condition
- Terrestrial habitat
- Aquatic habitat

Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) is a voluntary program that provides financial and technical assistance to agricultural producers to plan and implement conservation practices that improve soil, water, plant, animal, air, and related natural resources on agricultural ground. Eligible producers and entities interested in applying for financial assistance through this special RCPP sign-up may apply now.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service will work with partners through the Regional Conservation Partnership Program to provide financial and technical assistance for landowners and producers wanting to address natural resource concerns in Clark County, Washington.

RCPP funding is limited, and applications will be subject to a ranking system. To be eligible, it is important that interested parties visit their local Farm Service Agency offices as soon as possible to ensure that their farm records are established.

All applicants must have their farm records established and their eligibility paperwork completed with the USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) prior to submitting and applying for participation in NRCS programs. This is the third sign-up for this five-year program, which has a total of \$980,000 in financial assistance to implement conservation practices.

Poop Smart Clark is a new partnership program led by Clark Conservation District that provides technical assistance and funding for livestock producers for land management activities.

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