



The Dirt is intended to provide a monthly summary of recent activities and inform you of upcoming events and important information. We have other mailing lists that target specific land uses or topics and communications are sent throughout the year. If you are interested in receiving additional information from ACCD, please contact us at info@asotincd.org or 509-552-8117.

ACCD HAS OFFICIALLY MOVED

Be sure to save our new address, 1397 Port Drive, Clarkston. We look forward to showing our new space to you as soon as the final renovations are completed!

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

The Washington State Conservation Commission (WSCC) received a significant amount of funding in the FY23 supplemental budget. The funds are available to Conservation Districts in Washington state to implement best management practices that address specific resource concerns.

Salmon Recovery Funding – Riparian

A portion of funds in the state operating budget were appropriated to the Salmon Recovery Account. There was a funding proviso stating funds were solely for the Commission to provide grants for riparian restoration projects with landowners.

Voluntary Stewardship Program

The legislature appropriated funds from the State Building Construction Account capital budget to the Voluntary Stewardship Program. Projects must be in a VSP watershed and designed to meet a county work plan goal or benchmark. The Asotin County VSP work group must approve all projects prior to submittal to WSCC.

Engineering & Design

WSCC received funds to support Conservation District Engineering which has supported area engineers who provide support to multiple conservation districts in each region of Washington for several years. For FY23, additional funds were allocated to the Engineering budget. In addition to fully funding the area engineers, conservation districts can request funds to support additional engineering and design activities.

Funding Details

The Asotin County Conservation District will be accepting applications for projects that fit the Salmon Recovery Funding and Voluntary Stewardship Program funding. All projects must be completed by June 30, 2023 and will require cultural resources surveys for projects that include ground disturbing activities.

Project Applications

Landowner and Cooperators are encouraged to contact the District by email info@asotincd.org or phone 509-552-8117. Technical staff will develop project plans for review by the ACCD Board of Supervisors. Any projects seeking VSP funds must also be approved by the Asotin County VSP Workgroup.

The ACCD Board of Supervisors will be reviewing projects in August and September to allow adequate time to complete the environmental compliance requirements and implement projects prior to the June 30, 2023 funding deadline.

Funds are available on a first come first serve basis in addition to a committee review by WSCC to confirm funding criteria is met.

ENVIROTHON KITS

Palouse Conservation District is excited to announce new community resources. Residents of Whitman, Asotin, Garfield, Columbia, Walla Walla, Spokane, Lincoln, Adams, Franklin, and Latah Counties can check out Soil Health and Envirothon kits from the PCD office. Test and educate others on soil health topics with their soil health kits, as well as learn about forestry, aquatic ecology, soils, and wildlife with their Envirothon kits. Find out more on their website <https://www.palousecd.org/checkout-library>.

WILDFIRE SEASON PREPAREDNESS

- Create your defensible space – Create and maintain 30-100 feet of defensible space around your home.
- Harden your home – Use ember-resistant building materials to protect your home.
- Get your kit ready – Create your own emergency supply kit
- Create your own wildfire action plan – Develop your family communication and evacuation plans.
- Prepare now! – Wildfire danger is on the rise. Prepare your home and family now.

UPCOMING DATES

- **ACCD Monthly Board Meeting: August 11th at 6pm** – In person and virtual options available. *The meeting link is available upon request.*

FUN FACT!

On average, 1.2 million acres of U.S. woodland burn every year. Forest fires move uphill faster than they do downhill.



Hay harvest 2022



Cover crops are thriving!