

# What is CREP?

The Oregon Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) was established in 1998 in partnership between the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the State of Oregon. Its purpose is to work with agricultural landowners to establish riparian vegetation along streams, protecting water quality and restoring fish and wildlife habitat.

Agricultural landowners can enroll eligible riparian lands into a 10 or 15 year CREP contract and receive an annual conservation payment for the contracts lifespan. Landowners can also receive signup incentives and reimbursement for the eligible costs of riparian restoration practices.

## Am I Eligible?

If you own agricultural land in Crook, Deschutes or Jefferson County bordering a stream that demonstrates a need for restoration, you may be eligible. Contact the USDA Service Center to find out, see information on back.

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# What Are The Financial Incentives?

## Annual Payments:

- Receive annual conservation rental payments for enrolled acreage.
- Qualified CREP enrollments can include an additional "irrigated" rate if the land has a valid surface water right.

## Cost-Share Payments:

- Receive cost-share payments for restoration practices once the practices are completed.

## One-Time Payments

- Receive a Signing Incentive Payment (SIP) for contracts that include a filter strip or riparian forest buffer.
- Receive a Practice Incentive Payment (PIP) for contracts that include a filter strip or riparian forest buffer
- If a landowner or multiple neighboring landowners enroll over 50% of the stream-bank within a 5-mile segment of a stream into CREP, they receive a Cumulative Impact Incentive Bonus (CIIB).

## Before



## After



# What does CREP do?

One of the primary goals of CREP is to improve water quality, restore, enhance and protect fish and wildlife habitat. Many streams in Crook, Deschutes and Jefferson Counties show adverse effects due to human alteration or historic grazing practices.

Common restoration practices can include one or many of the following:

- Tree and Shrub Planting
- Grass Seeding
- Invasive Weed Mitigation
- Wildlife-Friendly Fencing

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