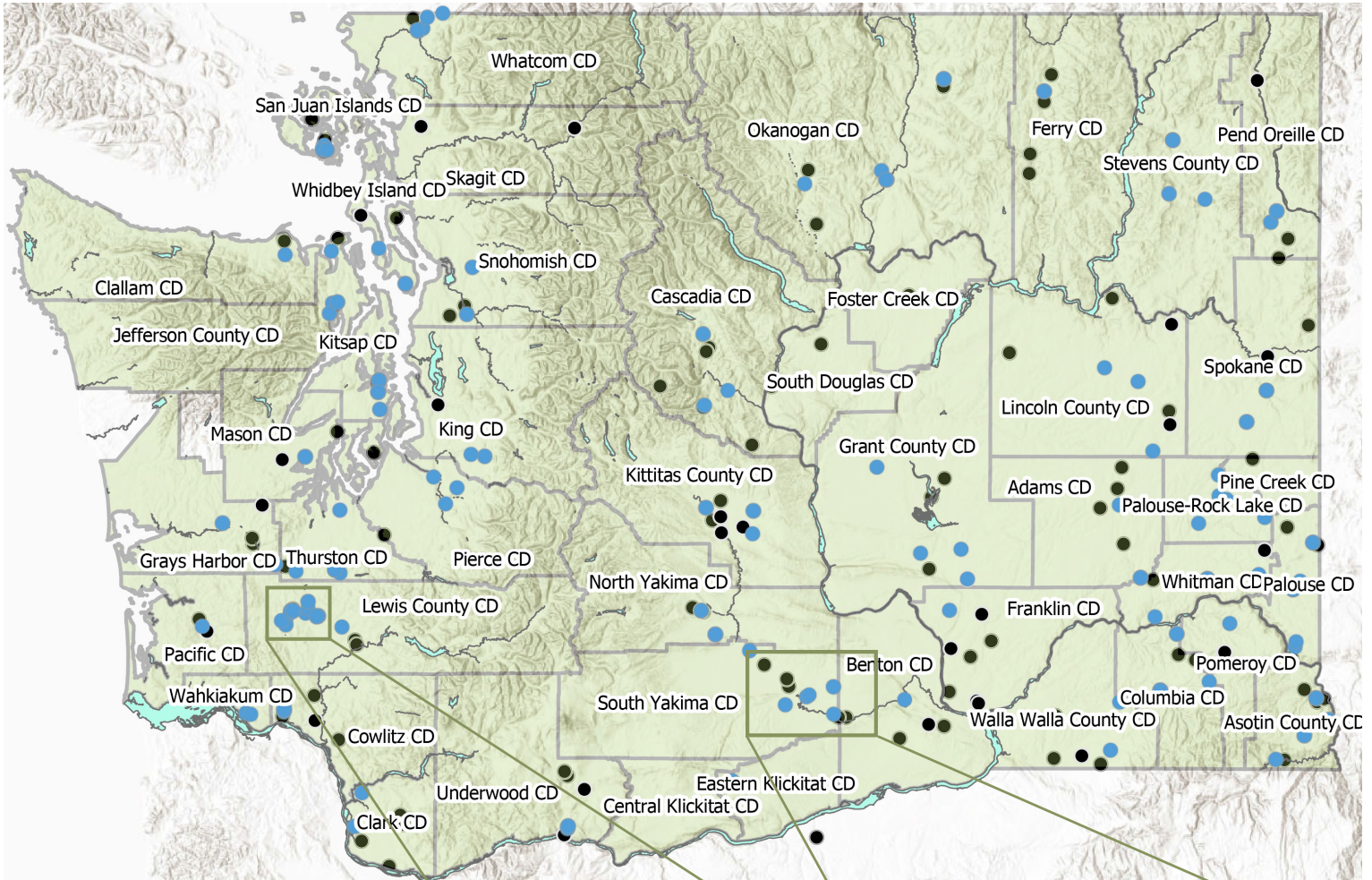






Natural Resource Investments (NRI)

Conservation districts use NRI funding to cover a portion of the cost of best management practices (BMPs) as an incentive for landowners to implement them on their properties. BMPs advance progress toward natural resource objectives, such as improved water quality and habitat, and are farm-friendly.

Funding expended in fiscal year 2019: \$3.4M



Legend

-  Conservation district boundaries
-  BMPs completed in fiscal year 2019
-  BMPs completed in fiscal year 2018
-  Impaired waters / TMDL list (see inset maps)

- NRI projects are strategically located to address natural resource concerns.
- For example, many water quality projects are located along impaired water bodies where pollutant levels exceed the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL), as shown in the inset maps above.



Lewis Conservation District leveraged NRI funding from the State Conservation Commission and secured multiple grants to help landowners install 26 screens on irrigation diversions in the Chehalis Basin that protect fish from being drawn into pump intakes.

The TMDL (total maximum daily load) Plan for Hangman Creek in Spokane County identifies loss of riparian function as one of the major reasons for water quality degradation in this watershed.

Spokane Conservation District leveraged NRI dollars and other funding to complete streambank stabilization and restoration projects along approximately two miles of Hangman Creek.

Projects have improved fish habitat and water quality.

Photos show project site before (top) and after project implementation (bottom).



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best management
practices installed



24,497

trees and shrubs
planted



49,471

feet of stream
protected

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