CREATING URBAN RIPARIAN BUFFERS (CURB)

Started: 2006 On-going Program

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

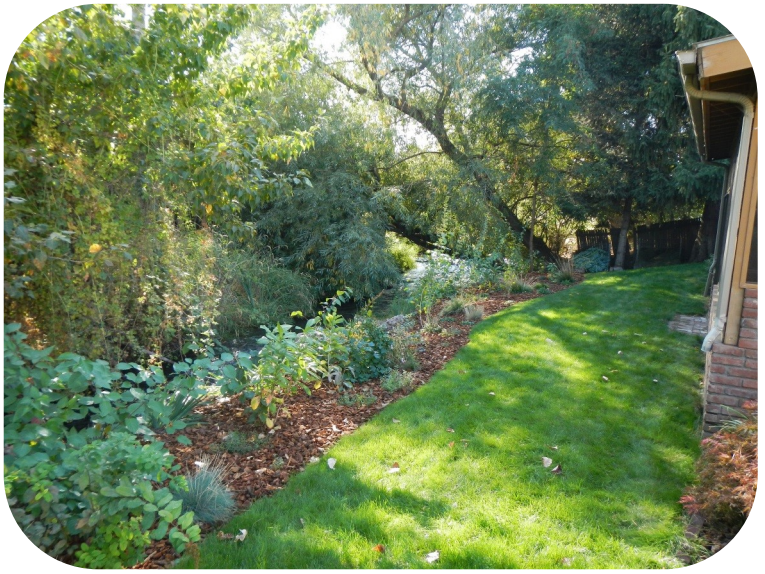
The Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) had proved to be an outstanding program for restoring riparian forest buffers along streams in Walla Walla County Unfortunately, only the working lands outside of the incorporated areas of the county were eligible. The WWCCD recognized that there also was an important need to restore riparian zones in the urban areas as well. In fact, this was thought to be an even more daunting educational challenge.

Central to the CURB program is the required educational outreach to urban residents. This is accomplished through community workshops, public presentations and booths, informational mailings, and project tours. The focus is on the value of riparian areas and best management practices for lawn care, proper disposal of pet waste, water conservation, and runoff control.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS TO DATE

URBAN CREEKS INCLUDE YELLOWHAWK, RUSSELL, GARRISON, CALDWELL, & MANY OTHERS:

- 41 Urban Riparian Buffers installed
- 11,928 feet of stream bank cover restored
- Over 7,200 trees, shrubs & perennials planted
- Over 3,000 volunteer hours contributed



FUNDING SOURCES

WA—Dept. of Ecology

OTHER PARTNERS

Tri-State Steelheaders
Walla Walla County Conservation District
Land Owners
Kooskooskia Commons

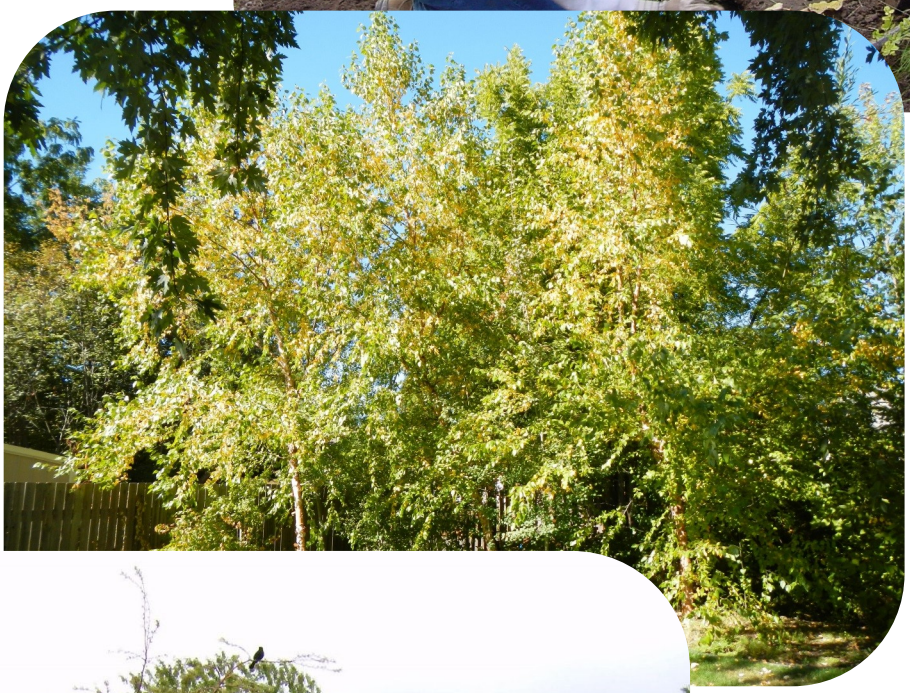
SPECIES BENEFITED

Aquatic species
Neo-tropical bird species
Misc. mammals

JOBS CREATED BY CURB

Technical Assistance (TSS/WWCCD)

State Program Administration

District Financial Administration

Private Plant Materials Suppliers (Nurseries)