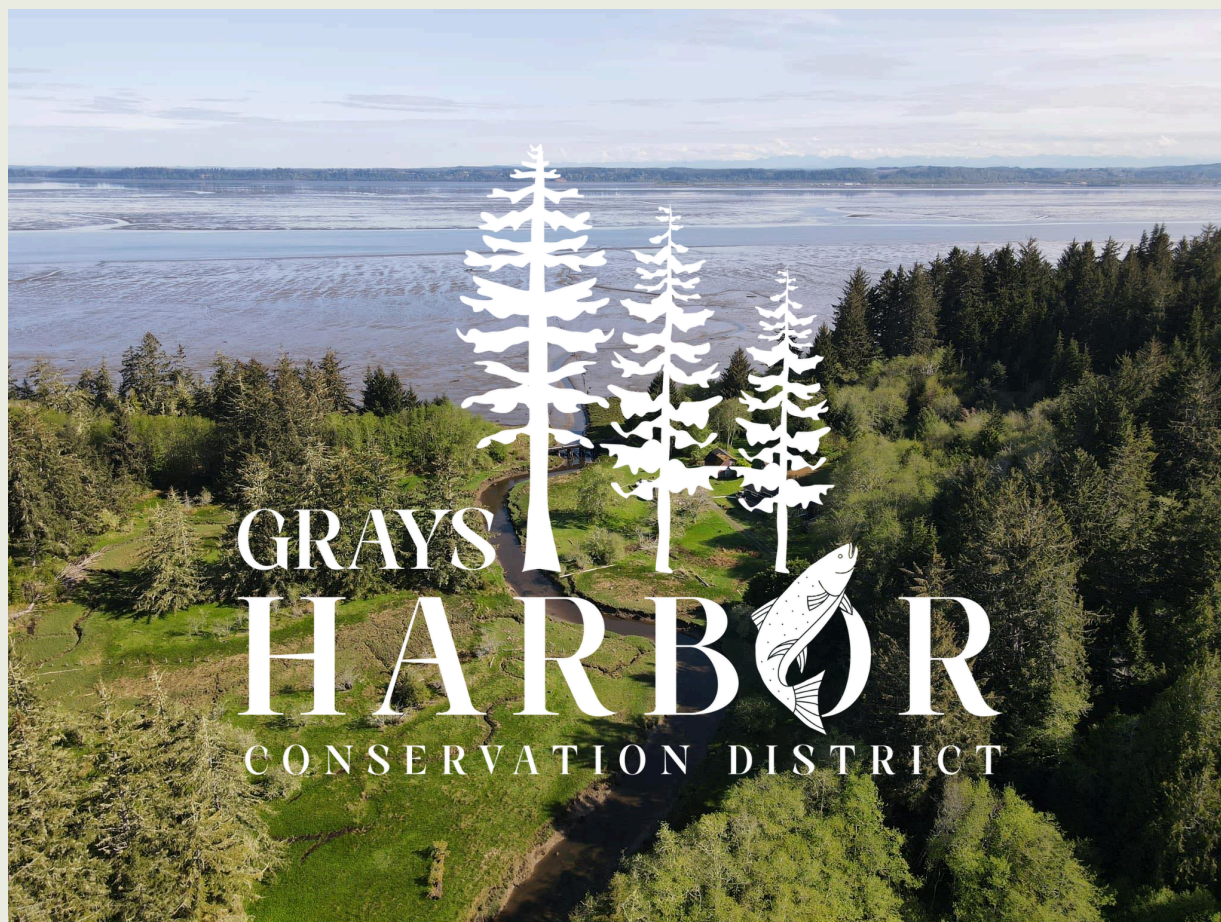


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## From Summer Highlights to Fall Opportunities

With summer winding down and fall just around the corner, Grays Harbor Conservation District has been busy! From community events to large-scale restoration projects, our team has been hard at work making a difference in local habitats.

As the seasons shift, we're moving into a focus on educational opportunities, landowner trainings, and preparing for the upcoming planting season. Fall and winter bring ideal conditions for planting, and with planting season comes a variety of volunteer events—perfect opportunities for you to get involved and help support your local environment.

We can't wait to share updates, highlights, and ways for you to join us this season!



## Volunteer With Us

Join us in making a difference with our new Volunteer Sign-Up Form! Whether you're into tree planting, education, or community events, there's a spot for you! Click the button below to get involved with your local conservation district.

[Sign Up Here!](#)

## Upcoming Events





Washington  
Department of  
**FISH and  
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# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Satsop River Boat Launch Trash Cleanup!

**7th September 1PM-3PM**  
**Double Bridges Boat Launch**  
**Olympic Hwy, Elma, WA**



CONTACT US  
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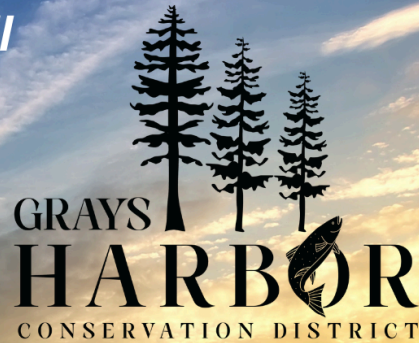
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# Field Demonstration Day

## *Learn to Use a No-Till Drill*

Join us for a hands-on demonstration of how to use a no-till drill for planting. No-till drills help improve soil health, reduce erosion, and establish cover crops and forage without disturbing the soil.



At this event, you'll:

- See a no-till drill in action
- Learn how it can be used for pasture, cover crops, and forage planting
- Get tips on successful operation and seeding

🕒 **Date & Time:** Friday, September 19 at 11:00 AM  
📍 **Meeting Location:** 509 4th St. South, Elma, WA 98541  
(Park here and we will carpool to the demonstration site)

### **Interested in renting a no-till drill?**

Grays Harbor Conservation District, Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife, and Montesano Farm & Home have partnered to make a no-till drill available to rent for local ag producers!

***To rent, call Montesano Farm & Home at  
360-249-4611***



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## Restoring Wynoochee River Headwaters



Grays Harbor Conservation District has been working with Green Diamond Resource Company to restore natural function to the headwater streams of the Wynoochee River.

This one-mile project in the Schafer Creek watershed includes 115 post-assisted log structures (PALs), simple, low-impact wood structures that mimic natural woody debris.

PALs slow erosion, store sediment and water, and create more complex in-stream habitat for aquatic species. By jumpstarting the process, we're helping streams regain these functions in decades instead of centuries.

Thanks to Green Diamond's donation of pre-commercial thinning material, Washington Conservation Corps crews and GHCD's Restoration Crew are building posts to anchor the PALs securely into the stream bed.



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## **Cranberry Farm Drainage Project Supports Agriculture and Watershed Health**



The Grays Harbor Conservation District worked with a local cranberry grower to restore a drainage ditch, with support from the Washington State Conservation Commission's Shellfish Investments Program. This project helps reduce localized flooding, improves water quality for downstream shellfish beds, and supports both healthy farms and healthy watersheds.

A big thank-you to the landowners who contributed labor and materials—partnerships like this make projects possible!

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## Connecting the Community: Grays Harbor Stream Team

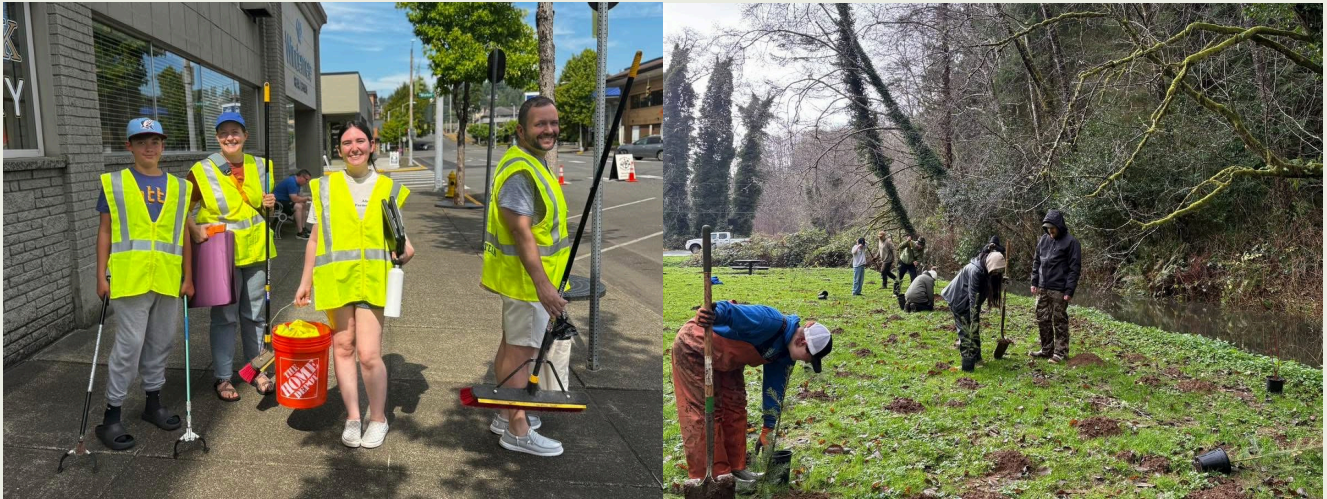


Since welcoming a new coordinator in October 2024, the Grays Harbor Stream Team—housed within the Conservation District—has been busy engaging the community in local restoration and habitat projects. From volunteer plantings and storm drain



cleanings to river and boat lodge trash sweeps and even trivia nights, the Stream Team creates hands-on opportunities to make a difference in our waterways.

Getting involved is a great way to meet neighbors, learn about local habitats, and contribute to conservation efforts that benefit the entire community. Follow the Stream Team on social media to stay updated on upcoming events and find out how you can join in!



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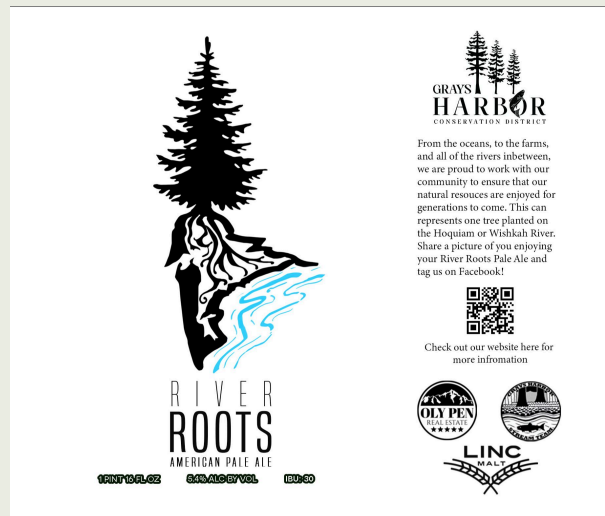
## River Roots: Brewing Conservation, One Beer at a Time

The Conservation District has teamed up with Mount Olympus Brewing to create River Roots, an American pale ale brewed with salmon-safe hops. This unique collaboration blends community outreach with environmental stewardship—each beer sold supports tree planting in the Chehalis Basin, with the District pledging to plant one tree for every beer purchased. Since the start of the partnership in late 2023, over 12,037 beers have been sold, and the initiative continues to grow.

Beyond enjoying the beer, community members can roll up their sleeves and help plant the trees themselves.

Volunteer events have taken place at Kurt Cobain Memorial Park, Zelasko Park, Stewart Memorial Park, and on local landowner properties along the Wishkah and Hoquiam Rivers. The program is now expanding throughout the Chehalis Basin to bring plantings to additional river systems across the county.

This collaboration is a creative way to engage the community, improve local habitats, and make every sip count toward a healthier watershed.



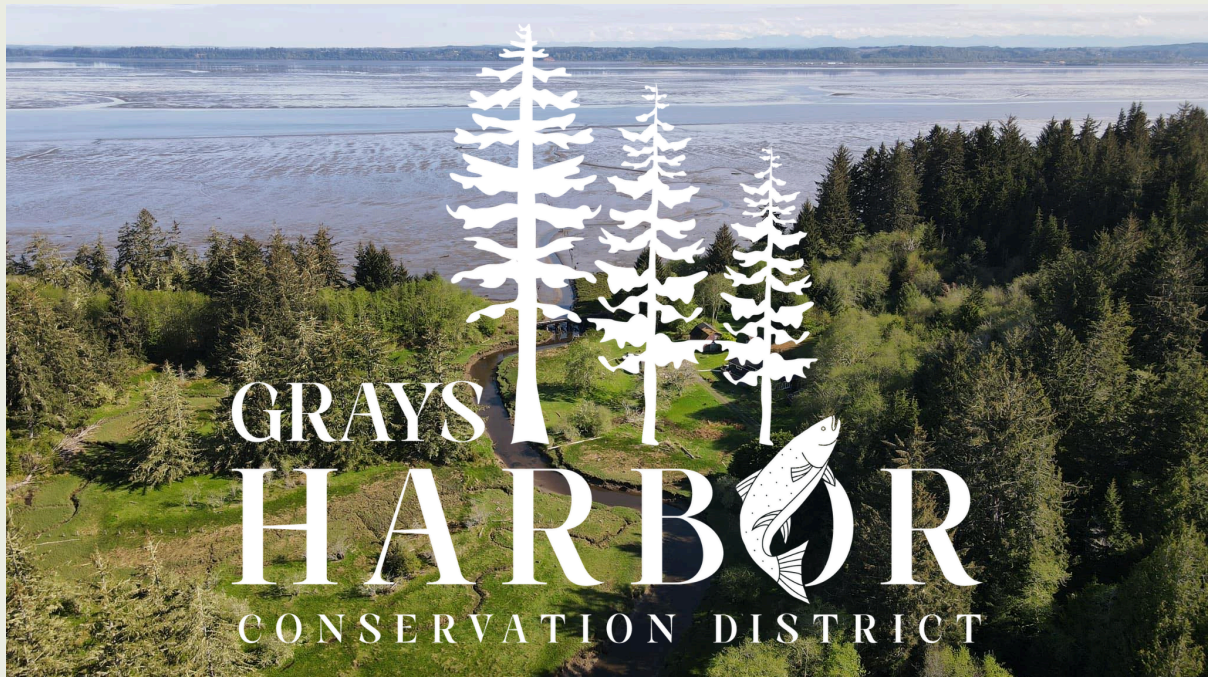
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Thank you for staying connected with Grays Harbor Conservation District! We hope you've enjoyed learning about our recent projects, upcoming events, and ways to get involved. Your support—whether through volunteering, attending events, or spreading the word—makes a real difference in our community and local ecosystems.

For the latest updates, event announcements, and ways to get involved as they happen, be sure to visit our website at [graysharborcd.org](https://graysharborcd.org) and follow us on social media [@graysharbor.cd](https://twitter.com/graysharbor.cd).

We'll be back with our next newsletter in December, bringing more highlights and opportunities to engage with the District. Until then, enjoy the changing seasons, and we hope to see you at one of our fall and winter volunteer events!





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