

# North Yakima Conservation District

# Jack Field Project

- Project stemmed from the NYCD having a comprehensive planning process that identified Natural Resource needs of the priority Ahtanum Watershed (Ag Preservation, W/Q, W/Q, livestock issues, and fish and wildlife priorities of NYCD) .
- Through landowner contact the NYCD and Mr. Field identified needs and opportunities.
- Initial project focused on off-site watering needs and funding development.
- Additional BMP's were discussed and funding development was completed and BMP's implemented. They included pasture management and fencing.

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Working with Jack, presenting ideas that would further enhance his agricultural operations, discussing high priority Natural Resource needs of the watershed and identifying where common goals could be accomplished led the NYCD to engage (with Jack's assistance) with other landowners within the same stream reach to develop what we call the "62<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Project".

# Ahtanum Creek Restoration

- For the past several years the NYCD has worked with the Yakama Nation Fisheries program to develop a reach scale project on Ahtanum Creek.
- The Project includes landowners and Yakama Nation trust properties reaching from 62<sup>nd</sup> avenue upstream to 79<sup>th</sup> avenue downstream (1.36 miles).
- Project goals include restoring, enhancing and protecting riparian and floodplain habitats, addressing ESA listed Steelhead and bull trout limiting factors, stabilizing streambanks and providing off-site watering for livestock.
- NYCD initiated the overall project by working directly with the private landowners and securing pre-design funds.
- Yakama Nation secured final design funds and partnered with NYCD on a funded RCPP proposal for construction.
- NYCD secured funding for the full restoration and BMP's .

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