

Oregon Department of Agriculture's Strategic Implementation Area

The Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) recently evaluated properties within selected watersheds to identify possible impacts of water quality. ODA collaborated with local agencies to choose the "Strategic Implementation Area" (SIA) that would benefit the most from this program. The evaluation considered the condition of streamside vegetation, bare ground, and potential livestock impacts. The process involved both a remote evaluation and field verification from publicly accessible areas (primarily road sides). ODA then followed up with letters to the landowners explaining their findings.

The SIA evaluation categories consist of the following:

- **Limited Opportunity for Improvement:** ODA identified that there are likely no regulatory concerns.
- **Low Opportunity for Improvement:** ODA identified that there are likely no regulatory concerns, but there may be an opportunity for improvement to watershed health.
- **Opportunity for Improvement:** ODA identified that agricultural activities may be impairing water quality, or evaluation was inconclusive using remote and field verifications.
- **Potential Violation:** ODA identified during the remote evaluation, and verified during the field evaluation from a publicly accessible location, that there is a potential violation.

ODA is currently working with Coos Soil & Water Conservation District to offer assistance to property owners. Coos SWCD is a local, non-regulatory source of conservation information and technical assistance. Coos SWCD would like to offer possible financial and technical assistance to complete a conservation project on your property.

Our goal at Coos SWCD is to help every landowner in need. We are a non-regulatory organization equipped to help landowners with free technical support for improving in-stream process & function, fish passage, wetland & riparian process, road impact reduction, water quality & quantity, and irrigation efficiency. We also assist landowners in obtaining financial assistance for their projects that have a direct benefit to watershed health.



Collapsing culvert replaced with concrete slab bridge at a livestock crossing



Riparian fencing to exclude livestock from streams and protect riparian vegetation.



Four-bay manure storage and composting facility, installed at a local horse boarding operation

How Coos SWCD Can Help You

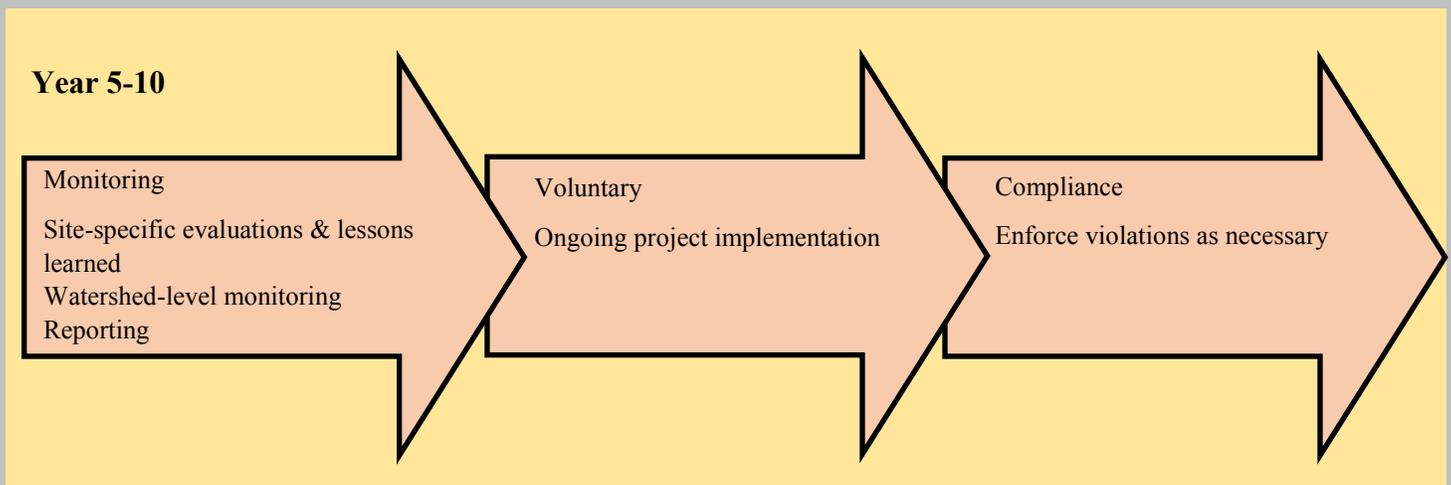
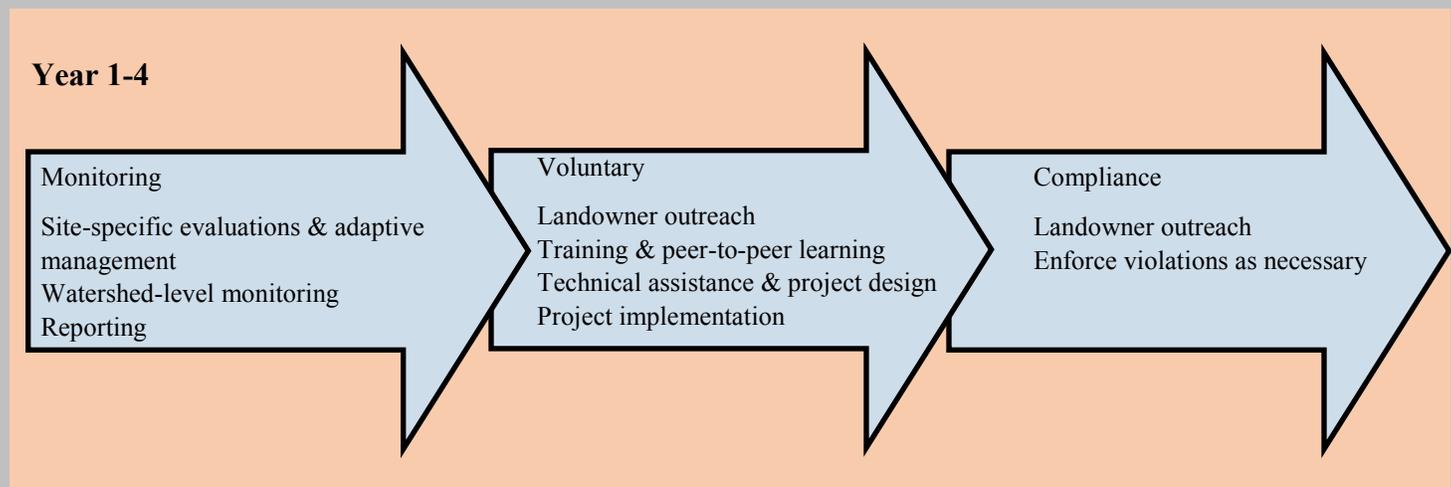
1. We start with a site visit to your land. Our Watershed Technical Advisor comes to walk your land with you to discuss your goals and any issues/concerns you have with your land. This visit is a free service we offer and you are under no obligation to use our services.

2. We will help you come up with an action plan to improve your land by reducing weeds, correcting erosion, managing manure, irrigating efficiently, improving wildlife habitat, increasing soil health, managing pastures, utilizing native plants, creating wildlife habitat, and so much more.

3. Once we have your action plan completed, we come up with a timeline of when we can complete your project, and finally we identify any and all financial assistance available and take care of all of the paperwork for you.

Call or email us today to find out what we can do for you. 541-396-6879 or info@coosswcd.org

Coordinated Streamside Management Timeline



If you would like to work with Coos SWCD, please call us at (541)396-6879 or email us at info@coosswcd.org to set up your appointment to find out what we can do for you and your land.