

## *Yamhill County Landowner Perspectives on the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program*

“When we became aware of the CREP program, we decided that this would offer us a great opportunity to beautify and increase the value of our property along the Yamhill River and protect water quality. Excellent technical and financial help were provided that allowed us to improve the wildlife habitat we so highly value.”

*Andy & Char Eldien, Carlton*



“As landowners in the Yamhill River watershed, we take our responsibilities as stewards for our water and wildlife seriously. Enrolling the 9.5 acres of riparian areas on our land in CREP was an easy decision, since it allowed us to plant trees and fence off sensitive lands. While we had planned on doing these things anyway, the cost-sharing elements of CREP allowed us to do it quicker than we could have by ourselves.”

*Rich & Val Blaha, Mossback Farms, Yamhill*

“Our participation in CREP allowed us to paint a living landscape that changes with the seasons and the migration of wildlife. CREP gives us enough flexibility to make our acreage unique while maintaining a diverse habitat for the local wildlife.”

*Michael & Patty Green, Deux Vert Vineyard, Yamhill*

“Riparian areas provide a wide range of ecological services and functions to the environment. Active management of these areas, such as controlling noxious weeds and planting native trees, can greatly improve the benefits for both wildlife and people, but can be costly to do. Programs such as CREP are a great way for landowners to improve their properties. CREP can help provide valuable technical and financial assistance needed to get things done.”

*Brad Withrow-Robinson, Extension Forester, Oregon State University Extension Service*



“Living along the Yamhill River is one of the great benefits of our property. CREP is allowing us to improve our stretch of the river, mitigate damages caused by others around us and upriver, and turn our little piece of land into our own private forest preserve to enjoy now, and, hopefully, leave for the benefit of future generations of Yamhill County residents.”

*Jeffrey Jacobs & Dawn Yelk, McMinnville*