Assessing and improving nutrient management in North Puget Sound Counties

Focused in Whatcom, Skagit, and Snohomish counties, WSDA partners with local Pollution Identification and Correction (PIC) programs to identify and correct bacterial runoff from agricultural activities.

Survey, sample, and resolve issues
WSDA accomplishes this through water sampling, field surveys, investigations, and technical assistance, backed by being the regulatory authority for formal enforcement.

DAIRY NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT
Dairy Nutrient Management is a water quality program administered by WSDA. Through outreach, technical assistance and regulatory enforcement, WSDA has multiple tools to identify problems and find solutions that support our farmers, clean water and shellfish growing areas.

Success
Through NEP grants, PIC partnerships and stakeholder support, great strides have been made, resulting in:

Portage Bay – 801 shellfish acres upgraded
Drayton Harbor – 810 shellfish acres, reopened
Birch Bay – 129 shellfish acres, reopened

WHAT YOU CAN DO
Many fixes are as simple as learning a different way to manage water or animals on your property. Local Conservation Districts (CD) can provide free and confidential technical assistance and even funding opportunities for bigger projects.

Small steps can make a big difference. Connect with your community and volunteer for restoration or cleanup projects in your area.

FOR MORE INFORMATION
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