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## THE ODESSA WATERSHED PROGRAM

The Odessa Groundwater Replacement Program (OGWRP) has been under development for several years. Now it's time to design and construct the infrastructure needed to deliver the new Columbia Basin Project water to your farm.

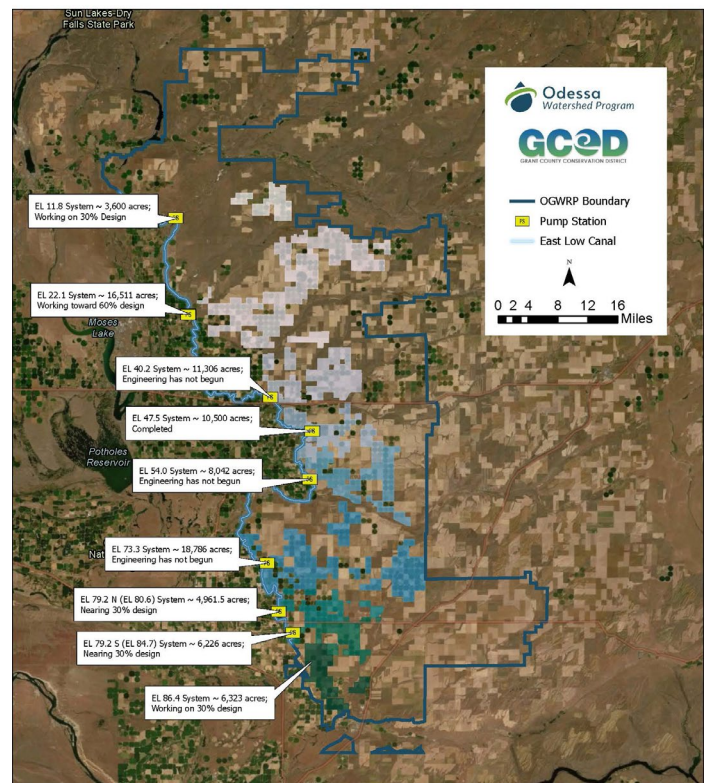
The Grant County Conservation District (GCCD), East Columbia Basin Irrigation District (ECBID), and your legislators are pursuing funding through USDA Farm Bill conservation programs, specifically, the NRCS PL-566 Watershed Program to help implement the next and final phases of OGWRP.

This new initiative, to be known as the **Odessa Watershed Program**, is the starting point for securing significant federal funding through NRCS. Implementation plans will be developed as we work through the watershed planning process. Close coordination between partners is a necessary and critical piece of the implementation plan in order to take full advantage of all sources of funding. This USDA-NRCS funding will build on the investments that are being made by the State of Washington, US Bureau of Reclamation, and OGWRP producers.

The GCCD is available to help provide specific and timely information that producers will need in order to take advantage of the technical and financial services provided through USDA-NRCS programs. Getting involved as early as possible will help ensure you can connect to one of the new OGWRP laterals and take full advantage of these technical and financial resources.

**Ready to get started?**

### Odessa Groundwater Replacement Program (OGWRP) Delivery System



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## MORE ABOUT NRCS FUNDING PROGRAMS

GCCD and ECBID are pursuing funding to help partners and producers implement the OGWRP. The three main federal funding programs under NRCS are the PL-566 Small Watershed Program, the Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP), and the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP).

### PL-566 Small Watershed Program

*Potential future funding for OGWRP pump stations and laterals*

NRCS' [Small Watershed Program](#) (PL-566) can potentially provide funding for pumping plants and lateral lines to OGWRP farms. Covering 100% of engineering and 75% of lateral line construction costs up to \$5 million per project (each pumping plant and lateral would be considered an individual project). Additional PL-566 funding can be allocated per project with congressional authorization. Work could be done over several years. GCCD is working with the ECBID and NRCS to apply for this funding starting in 2022.

### Regional Conservation Partnership Program

*Potential future cost share for on-farm infrastructure*

GCCD will be applying for funds through the [Regional Conservation Partnership Program](#) (RCPP) in the Fall of 2021 for on-farm projects (such as booster pumps, mainlines, or other structural projects) to make hook ups to the new laterals possible. RCPP has a dollar-for-dollar match requirement and has a cap or limit of \$10 million per project. With the required match dollars, there could be up to \$20 million available for projects. The program is available through individual contracts with eligible entities/farms. GCCD is working with individual farms to put together conservation plans that are a requirement for applying for RCPP funds. Details on eligibility requirements, cost share rates, and enrollment details can be found at your local NRCS office.

### Environmental Quality Incentives Program

*Current cost share available for on-farm projects*

NRCS' [Environmental Quality Incentives Program](#) (EQIP) can provide funding for on-farm projects if they are determined to be a priority by the Local Working Group for your area. Cost share rates for EQIP are set by NRCS. Details on eligibility requirements, cost share rates, and enrollment details can be found at your local NRCS office.

