

# FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

## Water Quality Initiative

### WHAT THIS GRANT IS FOR:

The Medford National Water Quality Initiative (NWQI), a program managed by the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), provides funding to enhance water quality. Through a collaborative partnership with the Jackson Soil and Water Conservation District and the Farm Service Agency, NRCS offers funding to Jackson County residents for land improvement projects that directly benefit the water quality of the Rogue River.

### PROGRESS SO FAR:

Since 2012, NRCS has worked with more than 5,600 producers to adopt conservation practices on more than 1,190,000 acres in priority watersheds through NWQI. To date, at least 16 impaired water bodies have been improved and subsequently scheduled for de-listing or otherwise removed from NWQI due to successful water quality improvements.

<https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs-initiatives/national-water-quality-initiative>

### STEPS FOR ASSISTANCE:

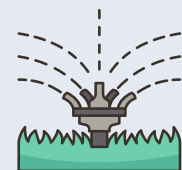
see contact info on back page

1. Contact Josh Bilbao (JSWCD)
  - Determine if you're in the project area (see map on back page) and schedule an initial consultation
2. Set-up meeting with Angela Powell (FSA)
  - Establish farm records & file eligibility paperwork
3. Contact Peter Winnick or Ezra Huebner (NRCS)
  - Complete NWQI application
4. Project Planning + Cost/Reimbursement Estimates
5. Final NRCS Approval
6. Start Project
7. Completion Inspection by NRCS
8. Reimbursement from NRCS

### POSSIBLE IMPROVEMENTS:



Grazing Management



Irrigation Efficiency Improvements



Streamside Vegetation Management



Soil Health + Erosion

...among many others!

Jackson Soil and Water  
Conservation District



[jswcd.org](http://jswcd.org)

Natural Resource  
Conservation Service



[nrcs.usda.gov](http://nrcs.usda.gov)

Farm Service Agency



[fsa.usda.gov](http://fsa.usda.gov)

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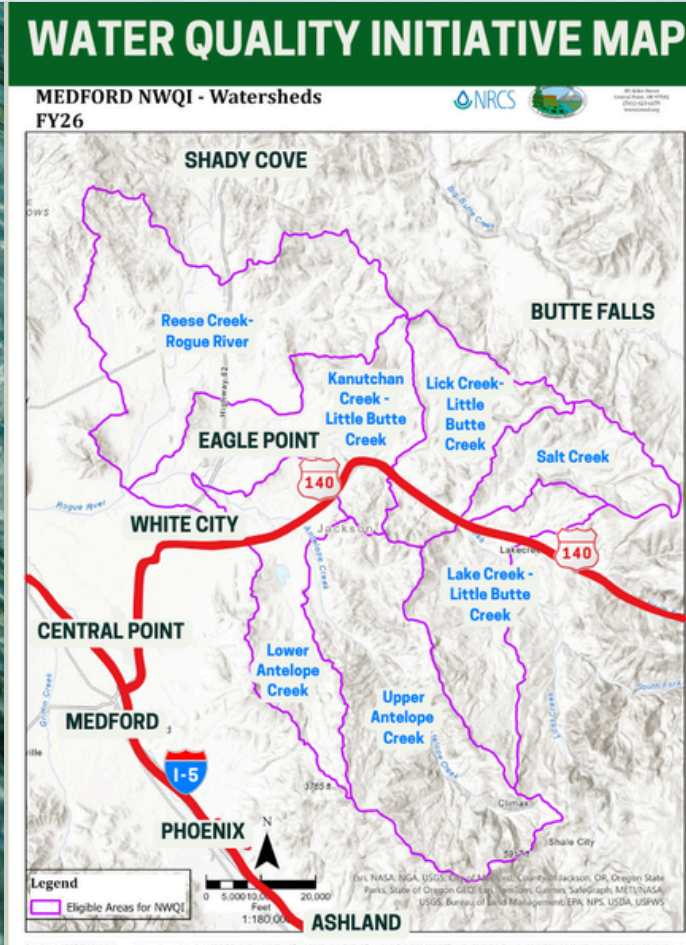


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Project Watersheds are labeled with approximate boundaries shown in **purple**.