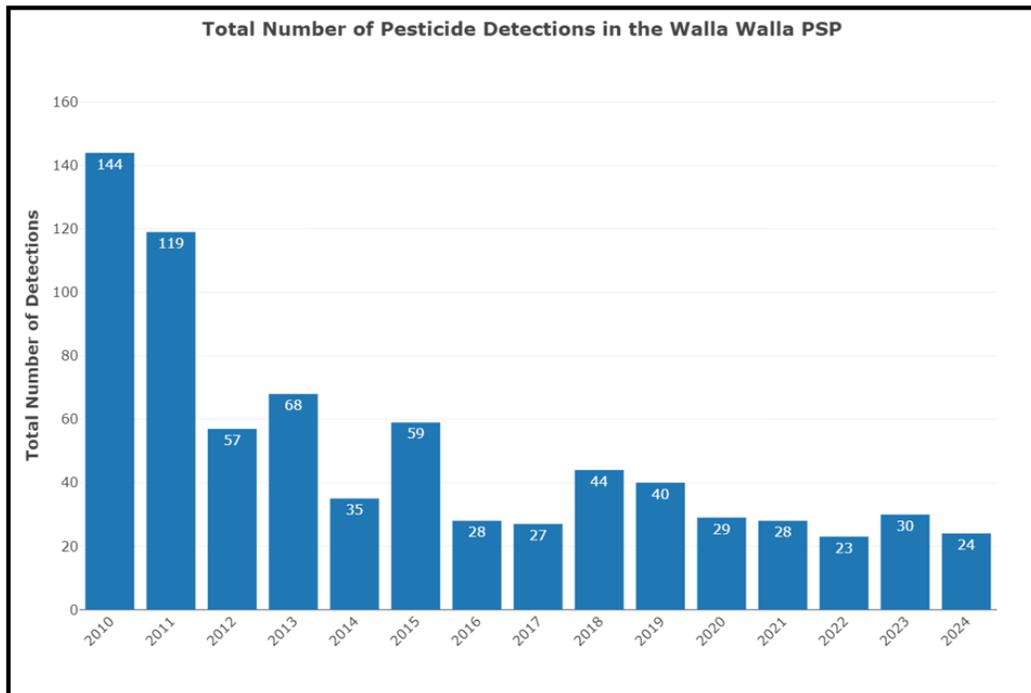


## Local Farmers Lead the Way in Reducing Pesticide Pollution

In the Walla Walla Basin, farmers are proving that voluntary stewardship can deliver real environmental results. Since 2005, local growers have partnered with the Pesticide Stewardship Partnership (PSP) to improve pesticide practices and protect water quality, with the WWBWC leading local implementation through water quality sampling, landowner engagement, and promotion of voluntary stewardship practices.

Thanks to these efforts, pesticide detections in surface water have dropped by more than **80% since 2010**. That means cleaner water for fish, wildlife, and communities, without sacrificing crop productivity.



The PSP combines water quality monitoring with local knowledge to identify when and where pesticides appear in streams. From there, the program supports practical solutions like better spray timing, buffer zones near waterways, and integrated pest management practices that reduce pesticide use overall.

Best of all, it's entirely **voluntary**. This is a homegrown success story powered by collaboration, not regulation. Together, we're showing that farming and healthy rivers can thrive side by side.

🔗 Learn more: [wwbwc.org/otr/pesticide-stewardship-partnership](http://wwbwc.org/otr/pesticide-stewardship-partnership)

🚗 **Are you a pesticide applicator?**

Please take our short [Walla Walla Basin Pesticide Best Management Practices \(BMP\) Survey](#). Thank you!

