

Introducing the Voluntary Stewardship Program (VSP)- a new way to enhance agriculture while protecting the environment in Chelan County.



DRAFT

What is the VSP?

It's an incentive-based, voluntary program for agricultural producers that takes the place of county critical areas regulations.

Benefits of Participation

- Participation is voluntary.
- Protects and enhances critical areas while maintaining and enhancing agricultural viability.
- Gives landowners a chance to avoid unnecessary regulations and be recognized for conservation practices.

What areas does the VSP protect?

The VSP protects environmentally critical areas on agricultural lands located in unincorporated Chelan County. Critical areas include:

- (1) fish and wildlife habitat conservation areas
- (2) wetlands,
- (3) frequently flooded areas,
- (4) geologically hazardous areas, and
- (5) critical aquifer recharge areas used for potable water.

See RCW 36.70A and WAC 365-190



Why are we contacting you?

Through an evaluation of critical area locations and agriculture in Chelan County, you may benefit from this voluntary program.

Chelan County VSP Work Group

Chelan County, the Cascadia Conservation District (CCD), Chelan-Douglas Farm Bureau, and local producers and technical experts have formed a VSP Work Group. We look forward to working with you to provide technical assistance and financial incentives to protect and enhance critical areas and maintain agricultural viability in Chelan County.



If you have questions or would like more information, please contact NAME

(509) XXX | XXX

Chelan VSP weblink: [web link here](#)

DRAFT