



FY2020 (7/1/20 – 6/30/21) Annual Work Plan Stevens County Conservation District

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Mission of the Stevens County Conservation District

- *“To promote the wise use of natural resources”*

Natural Resource Priorities

- *Water Quality and Quantity*
 - *Natural resource priority description: Land use including development, agriculture and forestry impacting riparian health and water quality*
 - *Is this a state and or regional natural resource priority along with being a local priority? Yes*
 - *Source of data relied upon to indicate the resource concern: 303d listings, information from Ecology staff and importance of Ecology Ag Water Quality Advisory Committee, increasing regulatory agency outreach. Landowner concerns for availability of water and current drought statistics*
 - *Other entities engaged in addressing this resource concern: NRCS, Ecology, WDFW, Stevens County Commissioners, USGS, USACE, WSUAgWeatherNet*
- *Forest Health*
 - *Natural resource priority description: High fuel loading, overstocked properties especially state and federal ownership, high insect populations and diseases creating high risk for wildfire over large acreage*
 - *Is this a state and or regional natural resource priority along with being a local priority? Yes*
 - *Source of data relied upon to indicate the resource concern: DNR forest health reports, landowner reports and visual observations*
 - *Other entities engaged in addressing this resource concern: NRCS, DNR, WSU Extension, Local Mills and Consultants*
- *Wildlife*
 - *Natural resource priority description: Fish passage issues on Family Forest Property, wildlife conflict issues*
 - *Is this a state and or regional natural resource priority along with being a local priority? Yes*
 - *Source of data relied upon to indicate the resource concern: State funding through the FFFPP program,*
 - *Other entities engaged in addressing this resource concern: RCO, WDFW, County Commissioners*
- *SWAPA+H*
 - *Natural resource priority description: All natural resources, their interaction, land managers, management and impacts, traditional customs and culture*
 - *Is this a state and or regional natural resource priority along with being a local priority? Yes*
 - *Source of data relied upon to indicate the resource concern: Regulatory agencies and landowner concerns*

- Other entities engaged in addressing this resource concern: NRCS, and all regulatory natural resource agencies state and federal

Natural Resource Priority Program Area: Water Quality

Goal(s): Increase landowner awareness of state water quality issues within agriculture production and forestry, develop outreach program to engage and provide information to new landowners promoting low impact development, work with regulatory agencies in the understanding of landowner objectives and goals

Natural Resource Measurable Result Objective: Improve riparian area health, improve soil health and water quality through proper management and application of manure and fertilizers, increased management of land use in and near riparian areas and wetlands

Programmatic Measurable Result Objective: Increase outreach and education through news articles and workshops, provide basic technical assistance to landowners, work with landowners to develop RMS plans, implement cost share projects that improve/protect water quality, #of landowners assisted with permit applications

Funding Source(s): Ecology, Conservation Commission, District, County

Activities for FY2020 -2021	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time(Days) Required	Estimated Funding \$	Notes
Conservation/farm planning with individual landowners including dairy nutrient management (Technical and/or Cost-share) Assistance	All year	Hellie	150	112,000	NRI cost share 100,000
Education, training and outreach focused on agriculture practices impacts to water quality	All year	Hellie	12	2,200	
Livestock TA Assist dairy and other livestock operations with regulatory requirements	All year	Hellie	60	20,000	
Improve working relationships with all agencies and commodity groups working with or concerned with water quality (Priority Deep Lake)	All Year	Hellie/Kessler	25	50,000	Hussman and EWU projects Deep Lake
Advocate for local programs to identify and work with agriculture and nonpoint pollution rather than waiting for regulatory action	All Year	Hellie/Kessler	5	3,000	
ALCOA and PUD agreements	All Year	Hellie/Kessler	12	10,000	

Natural Resource Priority Program Area: Working Lands/Conservation Planning

Goal(s): Increase the number of landowners evaluating and improving all resources on the property

Natural Resource Measurable Result Objective: Improve overall health of the natural resources of Stevens County

Programmatic Measurable Result Objective: Increase outreach and education through news articles and workshops, provide basic technical assistance to #of landowners worked with, develop RMS plans, and implement cost share projects to improve/protect natural resources.

Funding Source(s): Conservation Commission, District funds, Stevens County, SARE

Activities for FY2020 -2021	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time(Days) Required	Estimated Funding	Notes
Develop and work with local entities to improve food security, local agriculture product distribution and availability	All Year	Hellie	8	2,500	
Strengthen working relationships with other agencies, fact sheet for landowners with services available	All Year	Hellie	10	2,000	
Farm Planning RMS and Resources other than specific to water quality. Including livestock technical assistance production, wildlife conflict. Drought awareness and preparation	All Year	Hellie	35	12,000	
Voluntary Stewardship Program (VSP) – Lead for outreach, education and plan development with landowners, SCCD Assist with Farm Planning, Implementation, POCD	All Year	Hellie/Case-Cohen	600	145,000	
Soil Health – Support the Soil Health Stewards group meetings, coordinate workshops and develop soil health research and demonstration projects	All Year	Case-Cohen/Hellie	40	35,000	20-23 SARE Grant and District
Administer CC/PE NE Engineering Grant	Monthly	Hellie	10	75,000	\$69,000 to contracts
NACD TA – Provide NRCS NE Team with .75 resource tec.	All Year	Hellie	175	52,000	

Natural Resource Priority Program Area: Forestry

Goal(s): Reduce wildfire risks and losses, improve forest health on private lands, improve fish habitat

Natural Resource Measurable Result Objective: Provide all district cooperators with forestry issues

Programmatic Measurable Result Objective: # of landowners providing information or referral to other agencies NRCS, DNR, WSU or USFS. Documentation of miles habitat opened up or improved for fish

Funding Source(s): Conservation Commission, District, RCO

Activities for FY2020 -2021	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time(Days) Required	Estimated Funding	Notes
Provide information to public of programs and assistance provided by district and other agencies	All Year	Hellie	4	4,000	
Promote Firewise program, apply for funding if available	All Year	Hellie	5	2,000	
Implement 2019 3F2P projects Wagner and Nicholson	March/November	Hellie	74	240,000	\$220,000 implementation
Work with DNR partnership on fire wildfire prevention and recovery	All Year	Hellie	1	500	
Sponsor 2021 3F2P projects	Jan/Feb	Hellie	5	2,000	
Reforestation Tree Sales evaluate seed collection, contract growing	Sept	Hellie	4	1,200	
Youth Education – Forestry contests, teacher workshop, Big Tree Contest	All Year	Bowers/Hellie	10	1,000	See Education for larger program

District Program Area: Youth Education**Goal(s): Get kids outdoors and interested in natural resource utilization and sustainability****Programmatic Measurable Result Objective:** #of Events hosted and participated in, # of youth and adults involved**Funding Source(s): USFS Grants, District funds, Conservation Commission, SFI**

Activities for FY2020 -20121	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time(Days) Required	Estimated Funding	Notes
Program development, goal to have a FTE equivalent tri-county for natural resource youth education and programs	2021	Bowers/Hellie	10	9,000	
Upper Columbia Children’s Forest / Snow Investigations	All Year	Bowers	15	12,500	USFS grant
Forestry Education Program 2021 local contest and state contest	April/May	Bowers	16	4,500	
Big Tree Contest	August	Bowers	6	2,000	
Water Festival, County Activity Day, BioBlitz other youth education activities	September	Bowers	4	3,225	
Other: Classroom, Fair activities, virtual training	August	Bowers	10	1,000	
Conservation Commission State coordination Education Program	All Year	Bowers	30	7,500	
Lakeside High School Education	Feb/May	Kessler	14	3,000	Ongoing program

District Program Area: District Operations

Goal(s): Be respected as the landowner or land manager's resource for natural resource management

Programmatic Measurable Result Objective: Doors open, # of District landowners contacted and provided service

Funding Source(s): District funds, building rental income, Conservation Commission grant

Activities for FY2020 -2021	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time(Days) Required	Estimated Funding	Notes
Tree Sales, review program workgroup update policy	April	Bateman	15	38,880	
Financial Operations including Audit	All Year	Bateman/Bergstrom	36	21,000	
Budgeting	Dec/June	Hellie	3	1,000	
Develop annual plan of work and review long range plan	May	Hellie	2	4,160	
Review of Risk Management Plan and District Policy	Monthly	Bateman	2	1,000	
Building Management and maintenance, long range plan	Monthly	Hellie	15	38,075	
Research Stable funding issues		Staff/Bergstrom	10	2,000	
Website, Outreach improvements	Monthly	Hansen/Hellie	6	1,500	



FY2017 (7/1/20 – 6/30/21) Annual Budget Stevens County Conservation District

Income		Expenses	
Federal Grants		Salaries and Benefits	
UCCF	\$16,000	Core	\$314,718
SARE	\$25,000	NACD TA	\$52,500
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		Cost Share	
State Grants		Commission NRI	\$99,750
Commission Basic Funding	\$12,500	RCO 3F2P	\$209,000
Commission Implementation	\$84,000	SARE	\$7,500
Commission PE	\$75,000	ECY Hussman	\$35,000
Commission NRI	\$123,000		
Commission Livestock TA	\$20,000		
Commission State Education	\$7,500		
ECY Floating Wetlands	\$3,500	Supplies	\$60,891
ECY Hussman	\$45,000		
RCO 3F2P	\$230,000	Travel	\$22,050
County Grants		Dues/Contracts	
County Grant	\$22,000	Misc	\$51,325
VSP Stevens County	\$92,000	Commission PE	\$69,000
Building Rent	\$12,806		
Plant Sale	\$30,000		
Agreements			
POCD/Ferry Education	\$3,000		
POCD VSP	\$36,800		
ALCOA	\$6,000		
AVISTA	\$5,000		
Stevens County PUD	\$6,850		
WLGIP and SCD Loan Program	\$4,500		
CASH Reserves	\$19,278		
\$921,734		\$921,734	