



FY2014 Annual Work Plan Asotin County Conservation District

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Mission of the Asotin County Conservation District

- *"To advocate, educate and assist people in responsible land management and agricultural practices that conserve and improve air, soil and water quality and fish and wildlife habitat for present and future generations."*

Natural Resource Priorities and Goals:

Work in watersheds throughout Asotin County that address factors limiting ESA listed species. (steelhead, spring chinook, fall chinook, bull trout)

- Upland – Decrease sedimentation delivered to streams and improve water quality through upland practices.
- Riparian – Improve riparian areas through tree planting, riparian fencing and off stream water developments.
- Livestock – Improve heavy use and feeding areas associated with streams through fencing, tree planting, nutrient management and off stream water developments. Improve rangelands through managed grazing, fencing and water developments for better grazing distribution and noxious weed management.
- Instream – Complete instream projects to improve fisheries habitat and implement post project tree planting to develop shading in project area.
- Forestry – Promote protection and restoration of functioning forest habitat by replacing culverts, reducing sediments from roads and supporting RMAP activities. Participate in the CWPP, Fire Wise, complete home assessments and complete fuel reduction and forest health projects.
- Monitoring – Evaluate progress and success of projects, water quality and endangered species.
- Noxious Weed Management – Decrease noxious weed populations throughout the entire county.

Information – Education Priorities and Goals:

Promote an awareness and importance of the District and NRCS' role in handling local resource issues and instill a conservation ethic with county producers, youth and others.

- Hold tours emphasizing upland BMPs, stream work, feedlot improvement projects, CREP or other USDA/District programs completed in Asotin County.
- Provide growers with information promoting wise use of natural resources & conservation practices, availability of programs, upcoming events, introduction of new conservation techniques, and reporting on accomplishments made by the District and growers through newsletters, website and articles in newspaper or TV/media coverage.
- Hold an annual meeting and election to update producers and interested citizens on current conservation issues regarding conservation programs and objectives.

- Hold outdoor classroom education days with Asotin County students to evaluate the water quality in Asotin Creek.
 - Recruit volunteers and local community groups to assist with implementation of outdoor education programs.
 - Involve students in natural resource restoration projects if projects become available.
 - Provide classroom instruction regarding conservation practices, sustainability of natural resources, and watershed protection and enhancement.
 - Provide continued support to classrooms with fish-rearing aquariums.
 - Continue the Envirothon competition to involve local students and teachers. Provide necessary coordination to ensure that at least two teams from Asotin County compete in a local contest with one team progressing onto the state contest.
 - Attend training sessions to increase the skills of employees.
 - Attend local committee meetings for County Commissioners, Asotin City Council, Clarkston City Council, Clarkston PUD, Asotin County Wheat Grower's, Cattlemen's and Weed Board as needed.
 - Tree Sale
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District Operations Priorities, Goals & Funding Sources:

Maintain efficient and effective District Operations.

- Maintain annual District budget
 - Administer benefit programs such as health insurance, DCP and cafeteria plan.
 - Attend trainings.
 - Maintain accurate personnel management records.
 - Administer grants effectively.
 - Complete grant applications.
 - Maintain accurate accounting system using BARS.
 - Participate on committees, task forces and work groups.
 - Encourage supervisor participation on committees, at trainings and WACD sponsored events.
 - Anticipated funding sources are Bonneville Power Administration, Department of Ecology, Recreation and Conservation Office/Salmon Recovery Funding Board and Washington State Conservation Commission.
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Current Program Activities by Funding Source

Program Area: Asotin BPA

Goal(s): Continued Coordination and Implementation of Asotin Creek Watershed Projects

Funding Source(s): **BPA**

Activities for FY2014	Target Dates	Time (Days) Required	Estimated Funding
Coordinate fish habitat enhancement and restoration in Asotin Creek Watershed and ensure that projects meet accepted environmental and biological standards	July 1 to June 30	75	\$50,000
Coordinate with other agencies and co-managers working on salmon habitat enhancements and restoration in Asotin Creek	July 1 to June 30	30	\$15,000
Coordinate activities that keep citizen and technical agencies involved in the Model Watershed Process	July 1 to June 30	10	\$5,000

Program Area: Couse/Tenmile BPA

Goal(s): Asotin County Riparian Buffer and Couse and Tenmile Protection and Implementation Projects

Funding Source(s): **BPA**

Activities for FY2014	Target Dates	Time (Days) Required	Estimated Funding
Coordinate fish habitat enhancement and restoration in Asotin County and ensure that projects meet accepted environmental and biological standards	July 1 to June 30	50	\$35,000
Coordinate with other agencies and co-managers working on salmon habitat enhancements and restoration in Asotin County	July 1 to June 30	25	\$12,000
Coordinate activities that keep citizen and technical agencies involved in the Process	July 1 to June 30	10	\$5,000

Program Area: BPA Cost-Share Programs

Goal(s): Implement Projects

Funding Source(s): **BPA**

Activities for FY2014	Target Dates	Time (Days) Required	Estimated Funding
Riparian Cost-Share Projects – tree & shrub planting, riparian fencing, off stream water developments	July 1 to June 30	See Asotin Administration & Couse/Tenmile Administration	\$215,000
Upland Cost-Share Projects – long term direct seed/residue management projects, farmland conversion, sediment basins and other upland BMPs	July 1 to June 30	See Asotin Administration & Couse/Tenmile Administration	\$190,000

Program Area: BPA Information & Education Programs

Goal(s): Continued Information and Education dissemination for Asotin Creek Watershed Projects and Classroom Activities

Funding Source(s): **BPA**

Activities for FY2014	Target Dates	Time (Days) Required	Estimated Funding
Information – Newsletters,tours and promote conservation practices & maintain website	July 1 to June 30	4	\$6,000
Education – Salmon in Classroom, Envirothon, Water Quality Projects, Misc. educational projects	August 15 to June 10	8	\$2,000

Program Area: CREP Technical Assistance

Goal(s): Enroll landowners into CREP program for purpose of streamside restoration

Funding Source(s): **WSCC**

Activities for FY2014	Target Dates	Time (Days) Required	Estimated Funding
Secure the commitment of landowners to participate in CREP and implement activities associated with the CREP contracts including maintenance. Provide technical assistance to eligible landowners, coordinate with FSA & NRCS, facilitate installation of BMPs, coordinate the PIP loan for CREP & CCRP contracts and coordinate the maintenance portion of the contracts.	July 1 to June 30	75	\$45,000
Implement the CREP grant efficiently. Grant administration, maintain the CREP database, market CREP, attend grant related training and participate on the WACD CREP committee	July 1 to June 30	75	\$25,000

Program Area: CREP Cost-Share & Maintenance Programs

Goal(s): Coordinate WCC and FSA resources to enroll acres in the CREP Program in a cost-effective manner.

Funding Source(s): **WSCC**

Activities for FY2014	Target Dates	Time (Days) Required	Estimated Funding
Cost-Share – Financial assistance to landowners for the implementation of the BMP's necessary to implement the CREP Program.	July 1 to June 30	See CREP Tech. Asst.	\$50,000
Maintenance – Financial assistance to landowners for the maintenance of the BMP's necessary to implement the CREP Program	July 1 to June 30	See CREP Tech. Asst.	(Portion of the CREP C-S)

Program Area: Category 1

Goal(s): Maintain long-term sustainability of cropland and available resources and decrease sediment delivered to the Snake River and its tributaries.

Funding Source(s): **WSCC**

Activities for FY2014	Target Dates	Time (Days) Required	Estimated Funding
Technical Assistance for cost-share projects	July 1 to June 30	10	\$4,500
Administer the Implementation grant	July 1 to June 30	10	\$2,500
Cost-Share Projects – BMPs including but not limited to pasture/hayland planting, windbreaks, cross fencing, sediment basins, multipurpose ponds and critical area planting	July 1 to June 30	See Tech Asst. & Admin.	\$18,000

Program Area: Category 2

Goal(s): Maintain long-term sustainability of cropland and available resources and decrease sediment delivered to the Snake River and its tributaries.

Funding Source(s): **WSCC**

Activities for FY2014	Target Dates	Time (Days) Required	Estimated Funding
Technical Assistance for cost-share projects, noxious weed projects, participate in EQIP Local Working Group, STAC, Community Wildfire Protection Plan Process, Land Stewardship Guide, RC&D and Anatone Sewer Planning	July 1 to June 30	25	\$15,000
Administer the Implementation grant	July 1 to June 30	12	\$10,000
Cost-Share Projects – BMPs including but not limited to water developments, pasture/hayland planting, fencing, sediment basins, multipurpose ponds and critical area planting and non-commercial projects	July 1 to June 30	See Tech Asst. & Admin.	\$25,000

Program Area: DOE STI

Goal(s): Support CREP, CCRP and other buffer restoration projects and conduct water & air temperature monitoring.

Funding Source(s): **DOE**

Activities for FY2014	Target Dates	Time (Days) Required	Estimated Funding
Project Administration/Management – Provide effective administration and management of this grant project, maintenance of all project records, Submit all required performance items, progress reports, financial vouchers, and maintenance of all project records.	July 1 to June 30	3	\$25,000
Best Management Practice Implementation – Design cost-effective off-stream watering facilities, make sure riparian improvements and BMP implementation projects are consistent with NRCS and/or professional engineering standards and with riparian buffer requirements.	July 1 to June 30		\$65,000
Outreach & Education – provide educational opportunities for landowners including a workshop, articles in the newsletter and handouts/mailings	July 1 to June 30	12	\$5,000
Monitoring – conduct tidbit water & air temperature monitoring	July 1 to June 30	12	\$5,000

Program Area: Lead Entity

Goal(s): Coordinate a Citizen and Technical Committee to Submit a Snake River Habitat Project List for SRFB Funding Cycles

Funding Source(s): **Walla Walla Community College**

Activities for FY2014	Target Dates	Time (Days) Required	Estimated Funding
Identify potential projects and work with sponsors/landowners	July 1 to June 30	5	\$1,500
Coordinate Citizen and Technical Group Membership for Asotin County	July 1 to June 30	2	\$500
Assist the Lead Entity Program Manager with the Habitat Work Schedule by providing information about current, past and potential future projects funded by but not limited to the SRFB process.	July 1 to June 30	3	\$1,000
Attend Planning Meetings (i.e. WRIA 35 watershed planning, Regional Recovery Meeting, Lead Entity and Regional Technical Team meetings and LEAG meetings at the request of the Lead Entity Coordinator.)	July 1 to June 30	6	\$5,000

Program Area: National Fire Plan

Goal(s): Coordinate a Firewise Program in Asotin County; provide home assessments, plans and implementation cost-share to landowners

Funding Source(s): **DNR**

Activities for FY2014	Target Dates	Time (Days) Required	Estimated Funding
Conduct fuels reduction projects	July 1 to Nov 30	5	\$15,000

Program Area: Save Water Save Energy

Goal(s): Coordinate a SWSE program in Asotin County; provide agricultural lighting assessments, plans and assist with rebate options for energy saving projects from the local utility company

Funding Source(s): **South Central RC&D**

Activities for FY2014	Target Dates	Time (Days) Required	Estimated Funding
Conduct energy audits and identify potential projects	July 1 to Sept 30	6	\$3,000

Program Area: Headgate Dam Fish Passage

Goal(s): Remove a fish Passage barrier by notching Headgate Dam allowing juvenile fish to migrate upstream to additional rearing habitat

Funding Source(s): **RCO/SRFB**

Activities for FY2014	Target Dates	Time (Days) Required	Estimated Funding
Complete designs and secure permits of implementation	July 1 to June 30	6	\$14,000
Administer grant	July 1 to June 20	2	\$2,500

Program Area: Rattlesnakee FFFPP Fish Passage

Goal(s): Remove 2 fish Passage barrier by removing/replacing existing crossings to allow fish access to 1.12 miles of habitat

Funding Source(s): **RCO/SRFB**

Activities for FY2014	Target Dates	Time (Days) Required	Estimated Funding
Remove fish barriers	July 1 to Sept 30	10	80,000
Administer grant	July 1 to Nov 30	6	9,000



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	Administrative	Consultants	Cost-Share	Totals
Asotin BPA	65,000	10,000	205,000	280,000
Couse/Tenmile BPA	45,000		200,000	245,000
CREP*	70,000		50,000	120,000
Category 1	7,000		18,000	25,000
Category 2	25,000		25,000	60,000
DOE STI	35,000		65,000	80,000
Lead Entity	9,000			9,000
National Fire Plan			15,000	15,000
SWSE	3,000			3,000
SRFB Headgate	2,500	14,000		16,500
SRFB Rattlesnake	9,000		80,000	89,000
Totals	270,500	24,000	658,000	952,500

*This budget does not include the CREP PIP Loan and other miscellaneous income received by the District.