



FY2015 (7/1/14 – 6/30/15) Annual Work Plan Lewis County Conservation District

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Mission of the Lewis County Conservation District

- *To provide technical, educational, and financial assistance for the conservation, protection and development of natural resources within Lewis County.*

Natural Resource Priorities

- *Water Quality: Provide protection and restoration of water quality in Lewis County. Lower the number of stream segments in Lewis County on the 303d list by 2020. Assist the Department of Ecology, the Department of Agriculture and the Conservation Commission in completing projects in the detailed implementation plans for the Chehalis River TMDL's.*
- *Salmon Recovery: Provide technical and financial assistance to replace fish barriers to open up at least 25 miles of spawning and/or rearing habitat by 2020. Assist landowners with fish habitat projects. These projects are documented as high priority in the Salmon Recovery Plans for the Chehalis and Cowlitz Watersheds. We will work with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office, the Washington State Parks and Recreation Office, and the Conservation Commission to implement these projects.*
- *Flood Control and Water Quantity: Continue to pursue flood control options by attending meetings and applying for funds as eligible sources are found. Work with landowners and agencies to pursue water retention projects and irrigation water management education opportunities. Flood assistance projects include but are not limited to evacuation routes, livestock pads and equipment pads. We will work with the local Flood Authority and the Conservation Commission to fund and implement these projects.*

Natural Resource Priority Program Area: Water Quality

Goal(s): Provide protection and restoration of water quality in Lewis County. Lower the number of stream segments in Lewis County on the 303d list by 2020.

Natural Resource Measurable Result Objective: Lower nutrients entering water bodies from landowner's properties.

Programmatic Measurable Result Objective: A minimum of 5 new conservation plans will be developed and approved, a minimum of 5 conservation plans will be updated and approved and a minimum of 5 BMP's will be installed to implement conservation plans.

Funding Source(s): Washington State Conservation Commission

Activities for FY2015	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time(Days) Required	Estimated Funding	Notes
Provide technical assistance to cooperators in the Upper Chehalis and the Cowlitz River watersheds in Lewis County. Assistance includes but is not limited to conservation planning and taking pictures of BMP's cost shared on after July 1, 2004 that the practice life has not expired for. Input new data and update information in the CPDS.	7/1/14 – 6/30/15	Wilson, Verd, Amrine and Moore	185	\$60,974	
Provide cost share to cooperators within the Lewis County Conservation District.	7/1/14 – 6/30/15	Amrine, Board	n/a	\$122,585	
Grant Administration	7/1/14 – 6/30/15	Amrine, Ames	20	\$6,592	

Natural Resource Priority Program Area: Water Quality – CREP

Goal(s): To establish natural riparian conditions along salmon bearing streams by developing and implementing CREP plans.

Natural Resource Measurable Result Objective: A minimum of 1 mile of stream banks will be planted with native vegetation.

Programmatic Measurable Result Objective: A minimum of 10 contracts will be signed with cooperators.

Funding Source(s): Washington State Conservation Commission and the Washington State Department of Ecology

Activities for FY2014	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time(Days) Required	Estimated Funding	Notes
Provide technical assistance to existing CREP cooperators in Lewis County. Will also assist Grays Harbor, Thurston and Pacific Conservation Districts with CREP.	7/1/14 – 6/30/15	Amrine, Wilson	240	\$79,101	

Work with cooperators to enroll additional acres into CREP in Lewis, Pacific, Thurston and Grays Harbor Counties.	7/1/14 – 6/30-/15	Amrine, Wilson	140	\$46,143	
Provide cost share and maintenance to cooperators.	7/1/14 – 6/30-/15	Amrine, Wilson	n/a	\$35,000	
Grant Administration	7/1/14 – 6/30/15	Amrine, Wilson, Ames	20	\$6,592	

Natural Resource Priority Program Area: Salmon Recovery Program

Goal(s): Provide technical and financial assistance to replace fish barriers to open up at least 25 miles of spawning and/or rearing habitat by 2020. Work with cooperators to design and implement habitat projects.

Programmatic Measurable Result Objective: Provide technical and financial assistance to replace fish barriers to open up at least 25 miles of spawning and/or rearing habitat by 2020. Complete a minimum of 4 fish passage projects. Complete a salmon habitat project utilizing bioengineering along a minimum of 400 feet of streambank.

Funding Source(s): Salmon Recovery Funding Board, United States Fish & Wildlife Service, Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office, Family Forest Fish Passage Program, the Washington State Parks & Recreation Commission and the Chehalis Confederated Tribe.

Activities for FY2014	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time(Days) Required	Estimated Funding	Notes
Administration and engineering for projects	7/1/14 – 6/30/15	Amrine, Ames, Verd, Wilson, Moore	40	\$13,183	
Complete barrier evaluations	7/1/14 – 6/30/15	Amrine, Verd, Wilson	40	\$13,183	
Monitoring of previous culvert replacements	7/1/14 – 6/30/15	Amrine, Verd, Wilson	10	\$3,295	
Complete fish passage and salmon habitat projects	7/1/14 – 3/31/15	Amrine, Verd, Wilson, Moore	n/a	\$346,720	

Natural Resource Priority Program Area: Flood Control and Water Quantity

Goal(s): Continue to pursue flood control options by attending meetings and applying for funds as eligible sources are found.

Programmatic Measurable Result Objective: Reduce damage from flood events

Funding Source(s): Washington State Legislature, Flood Authority, Washington State Conservation Commission

Activities for FY2014	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time(Days) Required	Estimated Funding	Notes
Hold meetings to continue the CRM process in the Chehalis Basin.	7/1/14 – 6/30/15	Amrine, Ames, Verd, Wilson, Moore	20	\$6,592	
Attend pertinent meetings	7/1/14 – 6/30/15	Amrine, Verd, Wilson, Board	15	\$4,944	
Apply for funding to reach goals	7/1/14 – 6/30/15	Amrine, Verd, Wilson	10	\$3,295	
Design and construct livestock pads, equipment pads, evacuation routes or other projects that help reduce flood damages.	7/1/14 – 6/30/15	Amrine, Wilson, Verd, Moore	40	\$487,737	
Design and construct habitat/ bank stabilization projects.	7/1/14 – 6/30/15	Amrine, Wilson, Verd, Moore	20	\$56,592	

Livestock pad-

Before



After



Program Area: Education and Outreach

Goal(s): Attend meetings. Provide classroom presentations, run newspaper articles and manage annual Southwest Washington Fair display to advertise District capabilities, achievements and the importance of protecting and restoring natural resources in Lewis County. Provide Irrigation Water Management education to landowners in the Chehalis Basin.

Programmatic Measurable Result Objective: Relay our message to over 50% of the residents by 2018. Reach out to a minimum of 100 landowners on the importance of Irrigation Water Management

Funding Source(s): Washington State Conservation Commission and the Washington State Department of Ecology

Activities for FY2014	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time(Days) Required	Estimated Funding	Notes
Promote natural resource, water quality and water quantity education through participation in community events and public meetings.	7/1/14 – 6/30/15	Amrine, Verd, Wilson	100	\$32,959	
Provide District displays for a minimum of 1 community event. (SWWF)	August 2014	Amrine, Verd, Wilson	12	\$3,956	
Attend various community meetings to promote District partnerships and programs.	7/1/14 – 6/30/15	Amrine, Verd, Wilson	40	\$13,183	

Fish Passage Project- Before



After



District Program Area: District Operations

Goal(s): Continue effective and efficient operations including grant vouchering, personnel management, Supervisor elections & appointments, training & development, annual planning, participating with other agencies and reporting.

Funding Source(s): Washington State Conservation Commission

Activities for FY2014	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time(Days) Required	Estimated Funding	Notes
Develop Memorandum of Understandings	7/1/14 – 6/30/15	Amrine,	5	\$1,648	
Develop the Annual Plan and complete the Annual Report of Accomplishments	September 2014 and May 2015	Amrine, Ames	5	\$1,648	
Attend Annual Meeting, Election , Area Association Meeting, WACD Meeting	7/1/14 – 6/30/15	Amrine, Verd, Wilson, Ames, Board	5	\$1,648	
Local Work Group Meetings NRCS – Federal Programs	Ongoing	Amrine, Board	2	\$660	
Standing Committees: Personnel, No Till Drill, manure Spreaders	Ongoing	Amrine, Board	5	\$1,648	
Staff: Training plans, training sessions & performance reviews	Ongoing	Board, Amrine	12	\$3,956	
Financial Management: Annual budget, monthly payroll, grant vouchering, travel, quarterly and annual reports	Ongoing	Board, Amrine, Ames	132	\$43,505	
Develop other funding sources	Ongoing	Amrine, Verd, Wilson, Ames	10	\$3,295	





FY2015 (7/1/14 – 6/30/15) Annual Budget
Lewis County Conservation District

Income		Expenses	
US Fish Wildlife	\$ 29,000.00	Salaries & Benefits	\$ 330,935.00
RCO/SRFB/FFFPP	339,116.00	Supplies	3,500.00
CC/Basic Funding	12,500.00	Communication	842.00
CC/CREP Tech, CREP C/S Implementation, Engineering	274,125.00	Insurance	5,500.00
Dept. of Ecology	66,556.00	Rent	9,000.00
NS Cost Share	180,585.00	Repairs/Maintenance	1,000.00
Livestock Pad Excavation Routes	494,552.00	Miscellaneous/Dues etc.	10,000.00
Manure Spreader Rent	1,000.00	Fuel	3,500.00
No Till Drill Rent	2,200.00	Travel/Per Diem/Training	7,500.00
Interest	1,000.00	CREP Cost Share/Maintenance	35,000.00
		Culvert Replacement	346,720.00
		NS Cost Share	172,585.00
		Livestock Pad Excavation Routes	474,552.00
TOTAL	\$1,400,634.00	TOTAL	\$1,400,634.00