



# FY2016 (7/1/15 – 6/30/16) 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*
- *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*
- *Wildlife*
  - *Natural resource priority description: Fish passage issues on Family Forest Property, wildlife conflict issues are concerns locally*
  - *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*
- *SWAPA+H*
  - *Natural resource priority description: All natural resources, their interaction, land managers, management and impacts*
  - *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 with agriculture production and forestry, develop outreach program to reach 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

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

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

<b>Activities for FY2015</b>	<b>Target Dates</b>	<b>Person Responsible</b>	<b>Time(Days) Required</b>	<b>Estimated Funding \$</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Conservation/farm planning working with individual landowners including dairy nutrient management	All year	Hellie	146	43,000	TA to landowner
Lake Spokane water quality/USGS partnership. Initiate grant and develop work and educational outreach program	All year	Kessler	1	500	2015 Ecology Grant prioritized but not funded
Education and outreach focused on agriculture practices impacts to water quality	All year	Hellie	5	8,000	
Implementation cost-share project management Stevens County BMP grant	All year	Hellie/Kessler	30	100,000	\$80,000 cost share
Voluntary Stewardship Program – If funding available advocate for lead role for process, and at least be a technical advisor		Hellie	2	500	Increase staff if funding received
Improve working relationships with all agencies and commodity groups working with or concerned with water quality	All Year	Hellie/Kessler	2	500	
Advocate for local programs to identify and work with agriculture and nonpoint pollution rather than waiting for Ecology to take actions	All Year	Hellie/Kessler	5	2,000	

**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 # landowners, work with landowners to develop RMS plans, implement cost share projects to improve/protect natural resources.

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

<b>Activities for FY2015</b>	<b>Target Dates</b>	<b>Person Responsible</b>	<b>Time(Days) Required</b>	<b>Estimated Funding</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Outreach and marketing, improve landowners awareness of District programs and ability to assist in a non-regulatory situation	All Year	Hellie	10	5,000	
Strengthen working relationships with other agencies, fact sheet for landowners with services available	All Year	Hellie	4	500	
Develop working list and timeline for county specific fact sheets for all resources, BMP's	All Year	Hellie	6	3,000	
Develop formal cooperators contracts to improve service to landowners	June	Hellie	2	500	
WSDA Crop Survey update	September	Hellie	20	6,000	
Sand Creek Weed Abatement Grant	2015/2016	Hellie	8	10,000	\$8,500 to community contracts for work
Administer NE CCPE Engineering Grant	Monthly	Hellie	6	75,000	69,000 to contract engineer for projects

**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:** # 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**

<b>Activities for FY2015</b>	<b>Target Dates</b>	<b>Person Responsible</b>	<b>Time(Days) Required</b>	<b>Estimated Funding</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Provide information to public of programs and assistance provided by other agencies	All Year	Hellie	1	500	
Promote Firewise program, apply for funding if available	All Year	Hellie	4	500	
Participate in State Commission Disaster Preparedness committee, local focus on assistance after wildfire and flooding	All Year	Hellie	6	1,500	
Implement 3F2P projects Ogan and Munk	Sept	Hellie	36	172,000	\$168,000 implementation
Sponsor 2016 3F2P projects	Jan/Feb	Hellie	10	2,000	

**District Program Area: Youth Education**

**Goal(s): Get kids outdoors and interested in natural resource utilization and sustainability**

**Programmatic Measurable Result Objective:** # Events hosted and participated in, # of youth and adults involved

**Funding Source(s):**

<b>Activities for FY2015</b>	<b>Target Dates</b>	<b>Person Responsible</b>	<b>Time(Days) Required</b>	<b>Estimated Funding</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Upper Columbia Children's Forest (Development)	All Year	Carrigan	160	33,000	Secure stable funding
Forestry Education Program (Evaluate, Enhance)	September	Hellie	2	1,000	
Local Forestry Contest	April	Carrigan	10	2,000	
6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Conservation Tour	May	Carrigan	4	1,500	
Big Tree Contest	August	Hellie	5	2,000	
Water Festival	September	Carrigan	3	700	
Land Judging	September	Hellie	4	1,000	
Lakeside High School Science Program	All Year	Kessler	14	8,000	
Other: Classroom, Fair activities	August	Hellie/Carrigan	5	1,000	

**District Program Area: District Operations**

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

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

**Funding Source(s):**

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Tree Sales	April	Carrigan	25	20,000	\$17,000 Resale purchases and supplies
Financial Operations including Audit	All Year	Bateman/Bergstrom	36	18,000	
Budgeting	Dec/June	Hellie	3	721	
Develop annual plan of work and review long range plan	May	Hellie	2	500	
Review of Risk Management Plan and District Policy	Monthly	Bateman	2	500	
Building Management	Monthly		16	45,000	\$40,000 building expenses including janitorial
Research and analyze Rates and Charges for stable funding		Staff/Bergstrom	2	500	
NRCS and open space lease updates	ASAP	Hellie/Baum	10	4,000	
Analysis of Building for long range plan	June	Hellie	5	1,100	



# FY2015 Annual Budget

## Stevens County Conservation District

Income		Expenses	
Federal Grants		Salaries and Benefits (Core Staff)	193,313
UCCF	33,000	Salaries and Benefits (Temp Project Specific)	5,000
RAC Sand Creek	10,000	Meetings (Annual, Area, WACD)	2,000
State Grants		Supplies (Office, operating, refreshments)	2,208
Commission Basic Funding	12,500	Communications (Postage, Phone, Internet)	1,000
Commission Implementation	67,125	Travel (Mileage, Meals, lodging)	6,000
Commission PE	75,000	Membership Dues (WACD, NACD)	5,400
Ecology BMP	100,000	Training (WADE, Other)	1,000
RCO 3F2P	175,000		
County Grants	7,500	Insurance (Liability, Property in Building Maintenance)	5,000
Building Rent	54,396	Building Maintenance	35,000
Plant Sale	20,000	Plant Sales	17,500
Agreements		Cost share	225,000
WSDA Crop Survey	4,000	Audit	4,100
PUD	4,000	Engineering Contracts	69,000
Alcoa	9,000		
	<b>\$571,521</b>		<b>\$571,521</b>