

# FY2018 (7/1/18 – 6/30/19) Annual Work Plan

## Grays Harbor Conservation District

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- **Mission of the Grays Harbor Conservation District** *To sustain and enhance the quality of and preservation of natural resources while providing for their use by current and future citizens of Grays Harbor County through locally led conservation practices.*

### Natural Resource Priorities

- Water Quality
  - Improve the water quality in the Grayland Ditch so that it is removed from the 303(d) list.
  - Work to reduce the water bodies on the 303(d) list.
  - Design and plan of action on the outfall for the Cosmo Specialty Fibers mill.
  - In partnership with the county.
  - Implement an ambient water quality monitoring program.
  - Immediately start working with partners to develop an oil spill prevention plan.
  - Immediately work on implementation practices developed by the ocean acidification blue ribbon panel recommendations.
  - Develop and implement a program on storm water management practices for landowners.
  - Reduction in TMDL listings within the WRIA's #22, 23, and 24
  - Eliminate pesticide contaminant of surface water from applications
  - Continue to provide technical assistance to cranberry producers to install BMP to reduce pesticides in surface waters
- Stream Restoration
  - Fish Passage and instream habitat
  - Riparian Restoration
- Agricultural, Forestry and aquaculture land
  - Promote and maintain long term forest health and productivity on non-industrial private forest land.
  - Improve water quality on forest land by addressing potential erosion and sediment delivery issues.
  - Develop a program for small-size livestock operations that is capable of serving 10 landowners per year.
  - Immediately be engaged in the development of a VSP plan.
  - Write farm plans.
  - Complete Phase 2 of the sediment study for Grays Harbor.
  - Increase the number of acres available for shellfish farming.
  - Assist in upgrading shellfish grounds.
- Soil Quality
  - By 2018 develop a program to educate landowners on best practices to maintain soil quality.
  - District will work to increase soil quality in Grays Harbor Conservation District.
- Vegetation management

- Work to control of knotweed in the Wynoochee, Hoquiam, Williams, and Rock Creek.
  - In cooperation with partners, develop a strategy and education plan for managing invasive plant species
  - Work to complete a joint operation with Grays Harbor Noxious Weed Board to identify areas and impacted infestations of noxious water weeds, and assist to eradicate key noxious weeds
  - Establish a working relationship with Noxious Weed Board for identification or eradication of noxious weeds
- Food security public education
    - Explore opportunities for local foods, community gardens and other programs to address food security in Grays Harbor County.
  - Energy – conservation and education
    - Work with Grays Harbor County PUD to explore ways to partner.
    - Work with NRCS to implement energy audits.
    - Reduce usage of non-renewable energy.
  - Air

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*Picture of Natural  
Resource Project*

Natural Resource Priority Program Area: Water Quality

Natural Resource Goal(s): Reduction in TMDL listings within the WRIA's #22, 23, and 24

Natural Resource Measurable Result Objective: No new TMDL listings

Programmatic Measurable Result Objective:

Funding Source(s): Conservation Commission

Activities for FY2018	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time(Days) Required	Estimated Funding	Notes
Investigate a path to develop a PIC plan to work on water quality hot spots	July 2018 – June 2019	Mike Nordin	10	See Budget	
working with partners to develop an oil spill prevention plan	July 2018 – June 2019	Mike Nordin	10	See Budget	
Work on implementation practices developed by the ocean acidification blue ribbon panel recommendations.	ongoing	Courtney Hagain & Jim Getchman	10	See Budget	
Provide technical assistance for and cost share to non-dairy livestock producers to install needed BMP's	ongoing	Megan Martin & Jim Getchman	30	See Budget	
provide technical assistance to cranberry producers to install BMP to reduce pesticides in surface waters	ongoing	Courtney Hagain & Jim Getchman	40	See Budget	

Natural Resource Priority Program Area: Stream Restoration

Natural Resource Goal(s): Reduction of riparian habitat degradation and increased salmonid passage within the WRIA's #22, 23, and 24.

Natural Resource Measurable Result Objective: Improve riparian habitat and remove salmonid barriers.

Programmatic Measurable Result Objective:

Funding Source(s): Conservation Commission

Activities for FY2018	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time(Days) Required	Estimated Funding	Notes
Implement 2-10 new CREP projects.	July 2018 – June 2019	Jim Getchman	70	See Budget	
Implement 1-2 miles of flood mitigation projects.	July 2018 – June 2019	Tom K. & Brandon Carmon	100	See Budget	
Complete 5 culvert barrier correction projects.	July 2018 – June 2019	Brandon Carman & Tom Kollasch	80	See Budget	
Complete 2 miles of instream habitat projects.	July 2018 – June 2019	Brandon Carmon, Tom K.	100	See Budget	

Natural Resource Priority Program Area: Agricultural, Forestry and aquaculture land

Natural Resource Goal(s): Increased productivity of working lands with improved ecological practices

Natural Resource Measurable Result Objective:

Programmatic Measurable Result Objective:

Funding Source(s): Conservation Commission

Activities for FY2018	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time(Days) Required	Estimated Funding	Notes
completing 12 forest stewardship plans	July 2018 – June 2019	Dave Houk & Jim Getchman	105	See Budget	
12 landowners per year with forestry technical assistance and/or BMPs.	July 2018 – June 2019	Dave Houk & Jim Getchman	105	See Budget	
Improve water quality on forest land by addressing potential erosion and sediment delivery issues by inventorying and planning on forest roads.	ongoing	Dave Houk & Brandon Carman	30	See Budget	
Immediately be engaged in the development of a VSP plan	Immediately	Anthony Waldrop	20	See Budget	
Complete the writing of 5 farm plans.	By June 2019	Megan Martin & Jim Getchman	65	See Budget	
Complete Phase 2 of the sediment study for Grays Harbor.	By June 2019	Mike Nordin	10	See Budget	

Natural Resource Priority Program Area: Soil Quality

Natural Resource Goal(s):

Natural Resource Measurable Result Objective:

Programmatic Measurable Result Objective:

Funding Source(s): Conservation Commission

Activities for FY2018	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time(Days) Required	Estimated Funding	Notes
Educate landowners on best practices to maintain soil quality.	ongoing	All Staff			
Work to increase soil quality in Grays Harbor Conservation District.	ongoing	All Staff			

Natural Resource Priority Program Area: Vegetation management

Natural Resource Goal(s):

Natural Resource Measurable Result Objective:

Programmatic Measurable Result Objective:

Funding Source(s): Conservation Commission

Activities for FY2018	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time(Days) Required	Estimated Funding	Notes
Develop a plan for control of knotweed in the Wynoochee, Williams, and Rock Creek.	July 2018 – June 2019	Mike Nordin	10	See Budget	

Establish a working relationship with Noxious Weed Board for identification or eradication of noxious weeds	ongoing	Mike Nordin		See Budget	
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Natural Resource Priority Program Area: Food security public education.

Natural Resource Goal(s):

Natural Resource Measurable Result Objective:

Programmatic Measurable Result Objective:

Funding Source(s): Conservation Commission

Activities for FY2018	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time(Days) Required	Estimated Funding	Notes
Explore opportunities for local foods, community gardens and other programs to address food security in Grays Harbor County.	ongoing	Anthony Waldrop	5		

Natural Resource Priority Program Area: Energy – conservation and education

Natural Resource Goal(s):

Natural Resource Measurable Result Objective:

Programmatic Measurable Result Objective:

Funding Source(s): Conservation Commission

Activities for FY2018	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time(Days) Required	Estimated Funding	Notes
Work with Grays Harbor County PUD to explore ways to partner.	ongoing	Mike Nordin & Anthony Waldrop			
Work with NRCS to implement energy audits.	ongoing	TBD			

Natural Resource Priority Program Area: Air

Natural Resource Goal(s):

Natural Resource Measurable Result Objective:

Programmatic Measurable Result Objective:

Funding Source(s): Conservation Commission

Activities for FY2018	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time(Days) Required	Estimated Funding	Notes
Promote and educate about air quality	ongoing	All Staff			



