



FY2018 (7/1/18 – 6/30/19) 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, 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
 - 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, increased management of landuse 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 landowner to develop RMS plans, implement cost share projects that improve/protect water quality, # landowners assisted with permit applications

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

Activities for FY2018-2019	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/VanCleave	325	150,000	100,000 cost share
Education, training and outreach focused on agriculture practices impacts to water quality	All year	Hellie	12	3,000	
Lake Spokane water quality/USGS partnership. Implement monitoring and education plan and start implementation	All year	Kessler	36	30,000	Completes Dec, 2018
Improve working relationships with all agencies and commodity groups working with or concerned with water quality	All Year	Hellie/Kessler	5	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	3,000	
ALCOA and PUD agreements	All Year	Hellie/Kessler	6	6,000	

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 funds, County

Activities for FY2018-2019	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time(Days) Required	Estimated Funding	Notes
Outreach and marketing, improve landowners' awareness of District programs and ability to assist in a non-regulatory situation	All Year	Hellie	15	10,000	
Strengthen working relationships with other agencies, fact sheet for landowners with services available	All Year	Hellie	10	1,000	
Voluntary Stewardship Program (VSP) – Lead for outreach, education and plan development with landowners, involve WSU Extension Ag critical area interaction	All Year	Hellie/VanCleave	260	120,000	20,000 WSU
Administer CC/PE NE Engineering Grant	Monthly	Hellie	10	75,000	\$69,000 to contract engineer for projects
Veterans Conservation Corps and Vets on the Farm – provide support to VCC intern and assist in development of Vets on the Farm Program	All Year	Kessler/McKern	5	0	

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

Activities for FY2018-2019	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	4	2,000	
Participate in State Commission Disaster Preparedness committee and County Haz Mitigation Planning, local focus on assistance after wildfire and flooding	All Year	Hellie	8	3,650	
Implement 2018 3F2P projects Pheasant and DesRosiers	July/December	Hellie/VanCleave	36	160,000	\$148,000 implementation
Sponsor 2019 3F2P projects	Jan/Feb	Hellie	5	2,000	
Reforestation Tree Sales, Evaluate program for future.	Sept	Hellie	1	750	

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): USFS Grants, Building rental income, District funds, Conservation Commission, Rural Resources, Work First Washington

Activities for FY2018-2019	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	2020	Bowers/Hellie	10	12,000	
Upper Columbia Children's Forest	All Year	Bowers	15	7,000	USFS grant
Forestry Education Program 2019 local contest and teacher workshop	April/May	Bowers	16	4,500	
Bio-Blitz, Firewise	May	Bowers	8	1,500	
Big Tree Contest	August	Bowers	6	2,000	
Water Festival, County Activity Day, other youth education activities	September	Bowers	4	3,225	
Other: Classroom, Fair activities	August	Bowers	10	1,000	
Career Connect, Education for Intern phase and promotion of program	Summer 18 and 19	Bowers	30	\$25,000	Rural Resources Partner

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, # District landowners contacted and provided service

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

Activities for FY2018-2019	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time(Days) Required	Estimated Funding	Notes
Tree Sales, review program workgroup update policy	April	VanCleave/Bateman	15	40,000	
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	3,000	
Review of Risk Management Plan and District Policy	Monthly	Bateman	2	1,000	
Building Management and maintenance, long range plan	Monthly	Hellie	21	40,000	
Research Stable funding issues		Staff/Bergstrom	10	2,000	

