



FY2018 (7/1/17 – 6/30/18)

Annual Work Plan Eastern Klickitat Conservation District

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Mission of the Eastern Klickitat Conservation District

To improve, conserve, and promote the wise use of natural resources by providing technical, financial, educational, and research assistance for landowners, users of natural resources, individuals & organizations interested in natural resource issues within EKCD.

Natural Resource Priorities:

- Offer opportunities for landowners to sell development rights to protect farmland and keep farms operating in the traditional and natural manner while protecting habitat and wildlife. Work with Office of Farmland Preservation for funding and prioritization
- Enhance natural resources through the planning and application of an economically and environmentally sound conservation approach
- Utilize a common sense management approach with emphasis on maintaining and improving water quality conditions within the District Boundaries
- Maintain leadership in watershed planning, salmon recovery processes, and future watershed efforts.
 - Continue active role in Rock Creek TMDL process and WRIA 31 Management Plans
- Offer programs to involve cooperators in adopting conservation practices

Natural Resource Priority Program Area: Farmland Preservation

Goal(s): Protect high-quality agricultural land, wildlife habitat, and riparian areas from development for uses that will diminish their current availability for food and fiber production, or their habitat and water quality functions.

Natural Resource Measurable Result Objective: Protect 6000 acres of vulnerable farmland from the threat of residential development

Programmatic Measurable Result Objective: Finalize easement contracts on projects already in process; provide four additional landowners with information on the ACE process; attend two watershed or other relevant meetings

Funding Source(s): WSCC Implementation; Office of Farmland Preservation

Activities for FY2018	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time(Days) Required	Estimated Funding
Contingent on successful applications in FY18: Arrange for appraisals and negotiate terms of easement contracts.	June 2018	Loren Meagher Kaci Bartkowski	30	\$26,000
Continue work with WDFW and Western Pacific Timber regarding purchase and joint management of WPT property (in cooperation with CKCD)	June 2018	Loren Meagher	10	\$6,000

Finalize easement contract and establish monitoring program on project currently in-process. Conduct baseline resource inventory	Sept 2017	Loren Meagher Kaci Bartkowski	60	\$44,000
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Natural Resource Priority Program Area: Water Quality

Goal(s): Maintain or improve water quality conditions in the district, with emphasis on WRIA 31 streams; continue progress toward getting Rock Creek de-listed as a Category 5 stream on the 303(D) list.

Natural Resource Measurable Result Objective: Protect and/or restore riparian areas and reduce surface water contamination by developing off-channel livestock watering sources. Improve habitat for native salmonids in Rock Creek by reducing non-native, invasive, aquatic vegetation.

Programmatic Measurable Result Objective: Provide cost share for four water quality livestock BMPs; provide technical assistance to five landowners. Apply for funding to control Eurasian water milfoil in the pool at the mouth of Rock Creek.

Funding Source(s): Department of Ecology Centennial Clean Water and Aquatic Weeds Mgt. Fund grants
WSCC Implementation

Activities for FY2018	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time(Days) Required	Estimated Funding
<i>Four spring enhancements and four additional livestock water quality BMPs installed (DOE grant #G1400520)</i>	Nov, 2017	Loren Meagher Katie Rawson Kaci Bartkowski	40	\$97,000
Continue the water quality monitoring program including all 19 sites Download data monthly on 2 permanent gauging stations on Rock Creek.	On-going	Elizabeth Faulconer	88	\$20,000
Apply for Aquatic Invasive Vegetation Management Program grant for control of Eurasian watermilfoil in mouth of Rock Creek	Nov 2017	Loren Meagher Kaci Bartkowski	5	\$3,000
Maintain presence on WRIA 31, TAG, Rock Creek STI, and other committees	On-going	Loren Meagher	2 evenings/mo.	\$6,000

Natural Resource Priority Program Area: Rangeland, Forest, & Habitat Management and Wildfire Prevention

Goal(s): Improve forest and rangeland health and protect natural resource values and functions.

Natural Resource Measurable Result Objective: Provide technical and financial assistance to implement BMPs that reduce the risk of wildfire.

Programmatic Measurable Result Objective: Conduct outreach to inform residents of available technical and financial assistance.

Funding Source(s): Possible DNR Firewise contract

Activities for FY2018	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time (Days) Required	Estimated Funding
Identify and prioritize wildfire recovery and Firewise projects, and provide technical and cost-share assistance as funding allows (in cooperation with CKCD)	June 2018	Kaci Bartkowski New tech		pending

District Program Area: Education and Outreach

Goal(s): Make more people aware of natural resource issues within the District. Increase public awareness of the District and its programs, especially ACEs, water quality and the importance of riparian areas, and forest management practices to reduce fire danger and improve water quality.

Programmatic Measurable Result Objective: Publish the Klickitat Conservation Newsletter and newspaper articles in accordance with grant deliverables; County Fair booth; Home & Garden Show booth; Annual Meeting in February; annual plant sale.

Funding Sources: WSCC Implementation, Dept. of Ecology Centennial Clean Water Grants with ed/outreach tasks

Activities for FY2018	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time (Days) Required	Estimated Funding
Publish and mail newsletter	Sep, Dec 2017 March 2018	Mindy Pomerinke Kaci Bartkowski		Pending DOE grant approval
Plan and install booths at the Klickitat County Fair (Aug 2017)	May 2018	Mindy Pomerinke Kaci Bartkowski	4	\$500
Conduct annual tree sale	March 2018	Mindy Pomerinke	21	\$6,500
Maintain web site (including web hosting and domain fees)	On-going	Mindy Pomerinke	12	\$4,000
Visit County Commissioners at least quarterly	June, Sept, Dec 2017 March 2018	Loren Meagher Kaci Bartkowski Supervisors	2	\$800

District Program Area: District Operations

Goal(s): Maintain effective and efficient office operations, including accounting, and grant vouchering, supervisor elections and appointments, monthly meetings, training and development, annual planning and reporting. Maintain WSCC “District in Good Standing” designation.

Programmatic Measurable Result Objective: Conduct monthly board meetings. Timely completion and submission of the Annual Financial Report and Schedule 22 to State Auditor; Annual Plan of Work to WSCC; monthly WSCC grant vouchers; quarterly grant reports and vouchers to DOE.

Funding Source(s): WSCC Implementation, DOE grant G1400520

Activities for FY2018	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time(Days) Required	Estimated Funding
Do all reporting, planning and other office operational procedures as required for all grants and funding sources, including TMDL, DOE, private sources and Washington Conservation Commission	As Required	Loren Meagher Mindy Pomerinke	220	\$37,000
Plan and hold EKCD Annual Meeting (providing as many pesticide credits as possible)	February 2018	Loren Meagher Kaci Bartkowski	4	\$2,000
Hold timely and efficient supervisor election in a manner that will include the maximum number of voters in a cost effective way.	February 2018	Mindy Pomerinke	3	\$500
Seek at least one additional funding source for operational expenses	On-going	Loren Meagher	1	\$600
Participate in employee and supervisor training opportunities, including WADE and WACD Annual Meeting	On-going	All staff Board	8	\$6,000



FY2018 Annual Budget

EASTERN KLICKITAT Conservation District

INCOME:**WSCC**

Implementation	\$ 61,663
Office of Farmland Preservation (administration funds)	\$ 70,000

DOE Grant:

G1400520	\$120,000
Interest	\$ 1,000
Tree Program	\$ 8,000
Donations	\$ 200

TOTAL INCOME: \$260,863

EXPENSES:

Contracted Services	\$76,363
Communication & Advertising	\$1,000
Travel Expenses	\$1,000
Insurance	\$4,000
Dues & Registrations	\$5,000
Tree Sales	\$6,500
Cost Share/Projects	\$97,000
ACE administration	\$ 70,000

TOTAL EXPENSES: \$260,863