



## Skagit County Natural Resource Stewardship Program

### *Guidelines and Application*

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Web site: [www.skagitcounty.net/NRSP](http://www.skagitcounty.net/NRSP)

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### Getting Started

The Skagit County Natural Resource Stewardship Program can provide up to \$10,000 in free funding and assistance for streamside landowners willing to enhance the watershed in which they live. This can consist of streamside plantings, fencing livestock out of the waterway, restoring fish habitat and other projects that you believe to be beneficial to the overall well-being of the watershed. Strong applicants will show a long-term commitment to the sustainability of the project and site area.

This is a non-regulatory volunteer based incentive program and will not result in the taking of property. No match is required.

### Key Priorities

- Project sites that restore impaired waterways.
- Projects with the purpose of modifying land management practices that cause chronic disturbances to water quality.
- Projects that result in larger riparian zones or are able to enhance both sides of the stream.



## What makes you eligible?

- Project sites must be in eligible watershed, within basins that are designated as having water quality impairment by either Skagit County's Water Quality Monitoring Program (available on website) or the Washington State Department of Ecology 303(d) list for temperature, dissolved oxygen and/or fecal coliform. These watersheds include Fisher and Carpenter Creeks, Nookachamps Creek, Samish River, Hansen Creek and other watersheds contained within the Lower Skagit TMDL (feel free to call if you are unsure).
- Work would ideally be completed within in eighteen months of grant award.
- A standard Landowner Agreement must be signed before work is started to ensure the project is constructed and maintained as designed.
- Property-owner must comply with a 10 year no-harm policy (no removal of trees etc.)
- Projects that take the place of required mitigation or penalty payments are not eligible for funding.

## Example Eligible Projects

Riparian Enhancement – Local stream projects dedicated to the removal of invasive species and planting of native species within reasonable set backs.

Fencing – Projects designed to exclude livestock from streams and critical areas and/or develop alternative watering best management practices (BMPs) to protect riparian zones. Off channel watering could be included, but cross-fencing (between fields) will not be paid for.

Fish Habitat Restoration – The installation of large woody debris (logs, stumps) in the stream to enhance fish habitat and bank stability while not hindering drainage or flow.



# Skagit County Natural Resource Stewardship Program APPLICATION

Please email completed application to: [nrsp@co.skagit.wa.us](mailto:nrsp@co.skagit.wa.us) or mail original to:  
Attn: Emily Derenne, Natural Resource Stewardship Program  
Skagit County Public Works – Water Resource Management  
1800 Continental Place  
Mount Vernon, WA 98273

Before you apply:

1. Is there a stream running through or adjacent to a parcel owned by you?  
 Yes       No
2. Is the project location in Skagit County?  
 Yes       No
3. Is the property free of required mitigation and/or penalty payments?  
 Yes       No
4. Are you willing to commit to the integrity of the project for 10 years after completion?  
 Yes       No

If you answered "No" to any of the above questions your project is likely not eligible for funding.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Applicant(s) Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (day) \_\_\_\_\_

## PROJECT INFORMATION

Project Address (if different from above) \_\_\_\_\_

Parcel Number (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

Project Location Description \_\_\_\_\_

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Check Property Location Watershed (if known)	<input type="checkbox"/> Nookachamps Creek	<input type="checkbox"/> Hansen Creek
	<input type="checkbox"/> Samish River	<input type="checkbox"/> Carpenter Creek
	<input type="checkbox"/> Colony Creek	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)_____

Check the project type(s) that apply to your project:

- Riparian Enhancement: this includes planting native vegetation and removal of invasives.
- Fencing: to exclude access of livestock to watercourses and off channel watering systems.
- Fish Habitat Restoration: installation of habitat forming features such as woody debris.

Please attach two or three photos of proposed area and if possible, attach a map highlighting the proposed project's location (Skagit County iMap is a useful reference: [www.skagitcounty.net](http://www.skagitcounty.net)).

Please describe the condition of the land adjacent to the creek (i.e. is the site wooded or are livestock present)

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Please describe the purpose of your project and its potential benefits on the watershed.

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How many linear feet of stream are available in your project? This is the distance *along* the streambank from the furthest upstream to the furthest downstream point. \_\_\_\_\_

How large is your set-back? This is the distance from the streambank inland. \_\_\_\_\_

Is either of the above distances flexible?       YES       NO       Not Sure

Have you seen any fish in your stream?       YES       NO       Not Sure  
If yes, please list any species you believe use your stream. If you are not sure, write "not sure."

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The funding of a project will require that the landowner agree to not intentionally damage, significantly alter or destroy the project for 10 years. Is this acceptable to you?

YES

NO

If not, why?

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Projects will require a 'site plan' depicting plantings and/or fencing locations. An example site plan is attached and more examples are available on our website.

Do you have a preliminary or draft site plan that is attached or could be provided? If not, we can work one up with you.

YES

NO

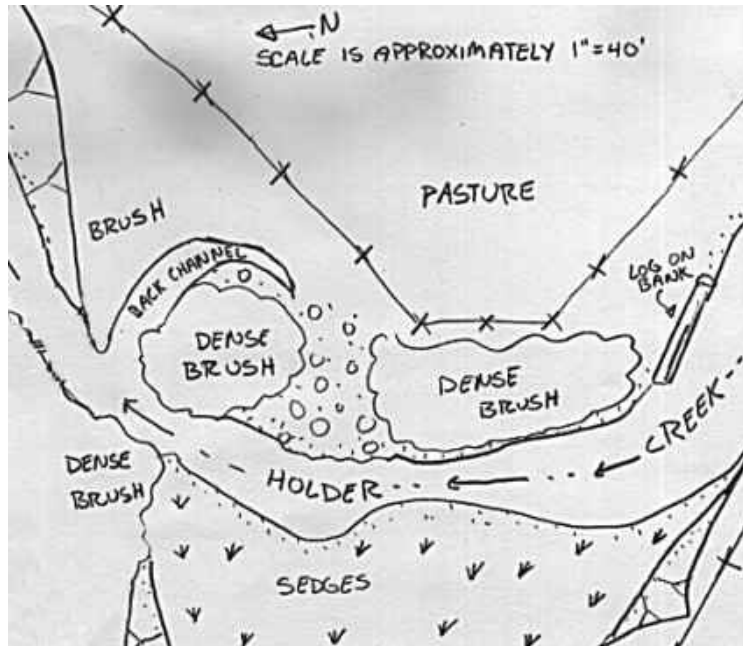
Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Example site plan on next page.

## EXAMPLE SITE PLAN

Your draft site plan can be as simple or complex as you want to make it providing you make your best guess at the area work will be completed on and the length of fencing (if applicable). For more detailed instructions please see [Details for Creating a Site Plan](#) on our website at [www.skagitcounty.net/NRSP](http://www.skagitcounty.net/NRSP).



This is a generic plan showing groups of plantings. This is fine as long as you provide some scale and note how big and how far apart the groups are. Please include an arrow showing direction of stream flow and your name and address.