

# 2022 Application Webinar Farm and Forest



Presented by: Kim Sellers



# Agenda

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## Overview

- Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
- RCO Staff Contacts
- Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (Farm and Forest Account)
- Community Forest Program
- New! PRISM Login Process
- Application Schedules
- Questions?



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## **Not Included:**

- Review of PRISM
- General grant application process
- General grant information

**See Webinar from February 17**





# Recreation and Conservation Office

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## Recreation and Conservation Funding Board Members

Ted Willhite (Board Chairman), Citizen

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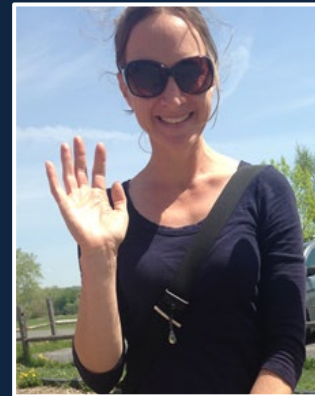
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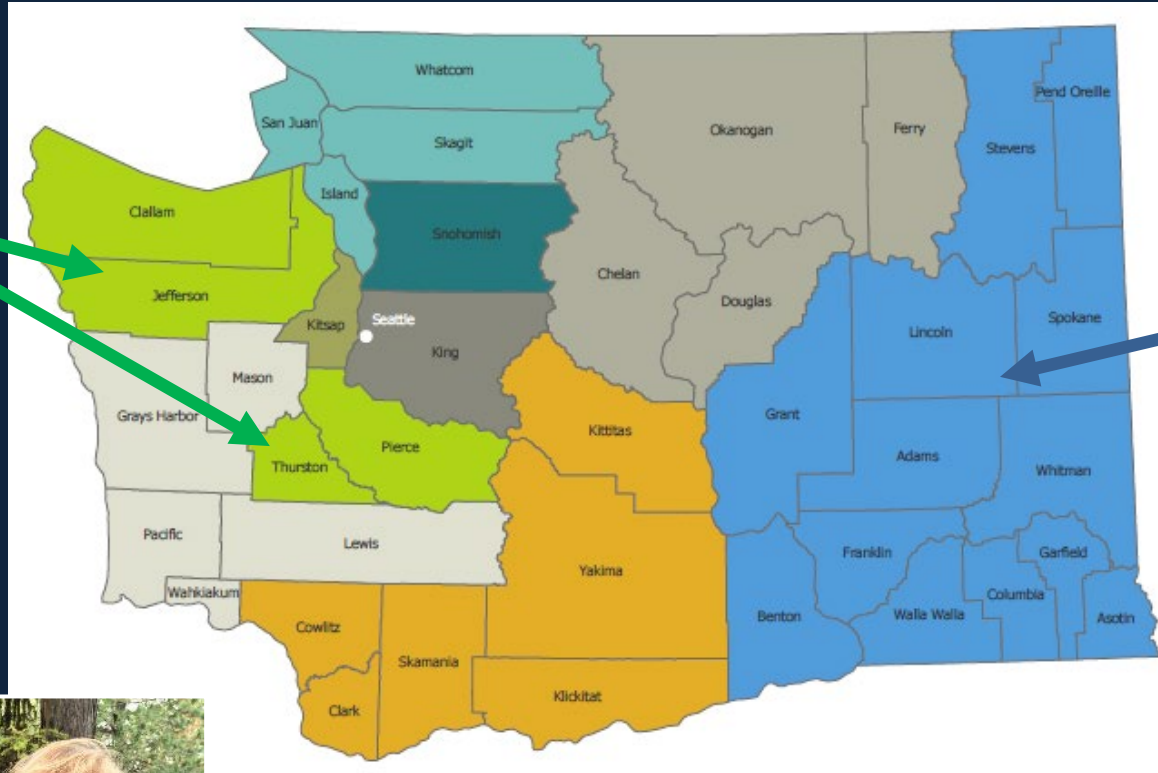


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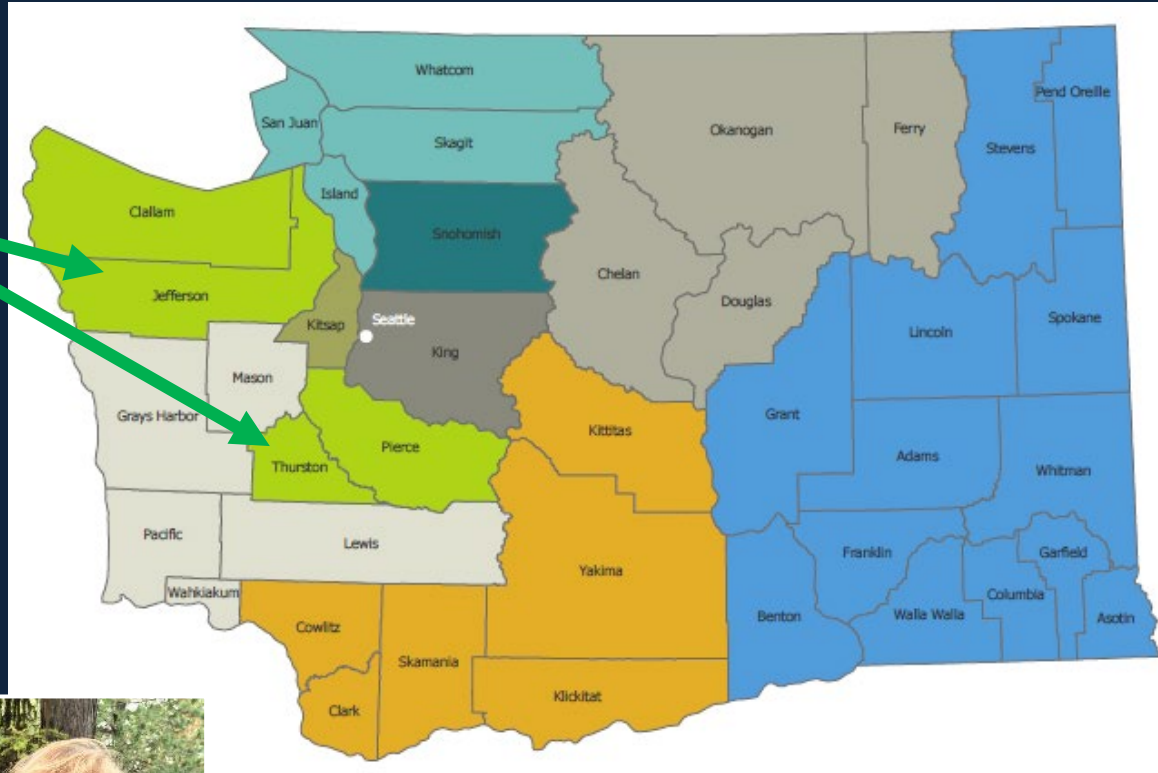
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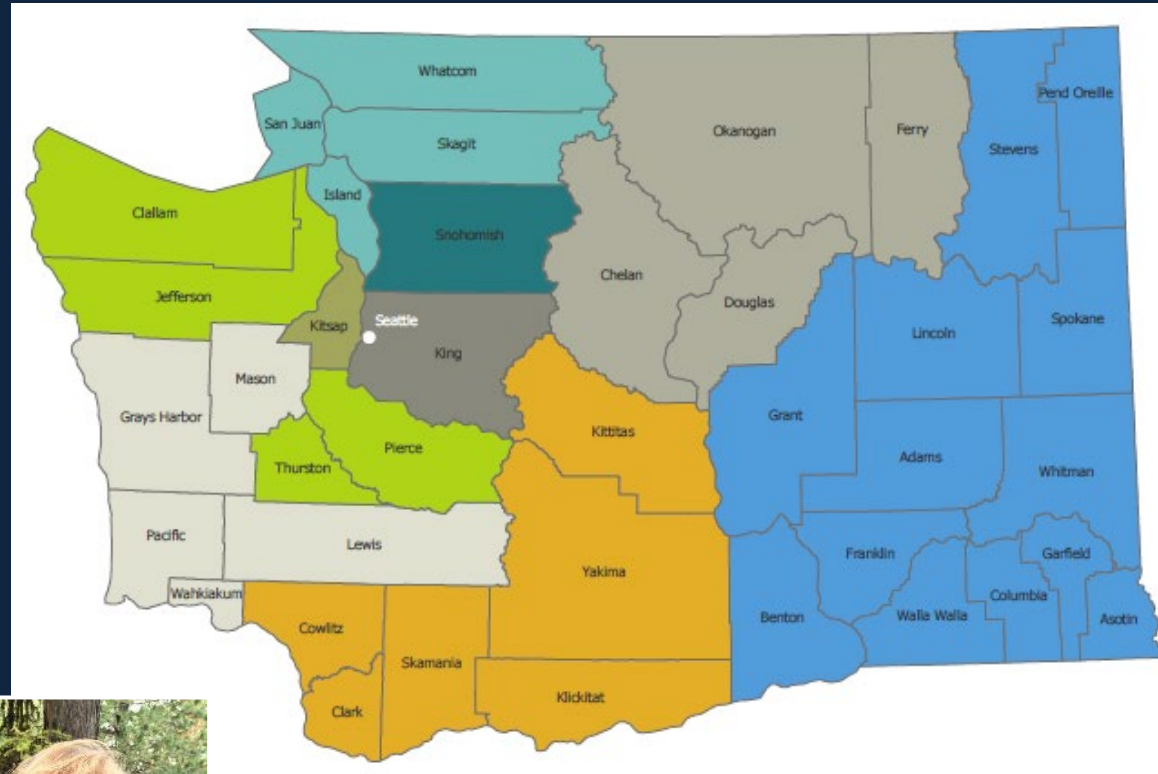
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# RCO's Website

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The farmland preservation grant program provides funding to buy development rights on farmlands to ensure they remain available for farming in the future. Grant recipients also may use some of the funding to restore natural functions to improve the land's viability for farming.

The program is part of the larger Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program, which was created in 1990 to buy land for outdoor recreation and wildlife conservation, to keep pace with a growing population. In 2005, the state Legislature expanded the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program to include preservation of significant farmland.

### Grant Application Schedule

Item	Date
Applications Open	February 17, 2022
Applicant Webinar	February 22, 2022
Applications Due	May 3, 2022
Technical Review	May 16, 2022 - May 17, 2022
Technical Completion Deadline	July 13, 2022
Project Evaluation	August 15, 2022 - August 16, 2022
Board Approves Preliminary Ranked Lists	October 25, 2022 - October 26, 2022
Ranked Lists Submitted to the Governor	October 31, 2022
Board Awards Grants	June 1, 2023 - June 30, 2023 <i>estimate</i>

### Grant Award History

Most recent grants and evaluation results, listed by the application year.



Previous Years ▼

### Application Resources

GRANT MANUAL

#### Grant Forms

- Agricultural Conservation Easement
- Applicant Authorization Resolution
- Certification of Applicant Match Form
- Department of Natural Resources
- Scope of Work Acknowledgement Form
- Documentation of Local Jurisdiction
- Review and Conferral for Acquisition Projects
- Electronic Signature Authorization Form
- Sample Letter Given to Local Jurisdiction for Acquisitions Projects

#### WWRP-Farmland Resources

- Fact Sheet
- What's New
- Applicant's To-Do List
- Manual 3: Acquisition Projects
- Manual 5: Restoration Projects

#### General Resources

- Grant Writing 101
- Tips for Developing a PowerPoint Presentation for Grant Applicants
- Example of Presentation

# RCO's Website – RCO.WA.GOV

## Who May Apply?

- Cities
- Counties
- Nonprofit nature conservancy corporations or associations
- State Conservation Commission

## Funding

Funding comes from the sale of state bonds and is awarded every 2 years.

 Comparison of Potential Grants Awarded at Different Legislative Funding Levels

 Funding by Grant Program Category

## Grant Limits

No grant limits, except for the following:

- Enhancement and restoration elements may not exceed more than half of the total acquisition costs, including match toward acquisition.
- Farm stewardship plans may not exceed \$10,000.

## Match Details

A 50 percent match is required, except for the state Conservation Commission, which has no match. Match may include the following:

- Appropriations or cash
- Bonds
- Donations of cash, land, labor, equipment, and materials
- Other grants
- Applicant's labor, equipment, and materials

## Eligible Projects

- **Land acquisition** through easements and leases (required for all projects). Public access is not required.
- **Enhancement or restoration**, such as installing fences to keep livestock out of streams, replanting riverbanks, restoring historic water runoff patterns, improving irrigation, and installing solar well pumps. These activities must further the ecological functions of the farmland.
- **Combination** of land acquisition and either restoration or enhancement
- **Stewardship plans**

## Ineligible Projects

- Acquisition of rights for less than 25 years, of land already owned by the government, or of property acquired via a condemnation
- Consumable supplies such as fuel, fertilizers, pesticides, or herbicides, except as a one-time application in an otherwise eligible restoration activity
- Elements that cannot be defined as fixtures or capital items
- Environmental cleanup of illegal activities, such as meth labs
- Indoor facilities
- Organizational operating expenses or overhead



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PRISM Login

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20-1624	A	Blue Mountain Land Trust	Allen Family Ranch Farmland Preservation Easement	Other		WWRP - Farmland Preservation	\$377,300	\$377,300	\$754,600	
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20-1230	A	Forterra	Upper Naneum Creek Farm	In Progress	06/30/2024	WWRP - Farmland Preservation	\$299,500	\$366,084	\$665,584	
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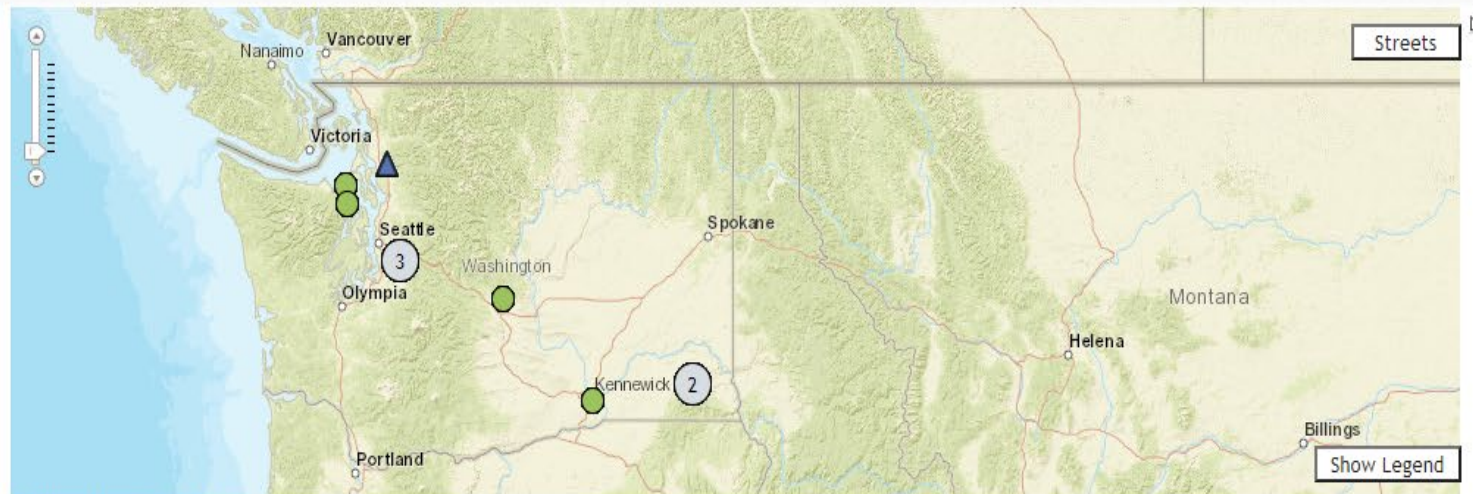
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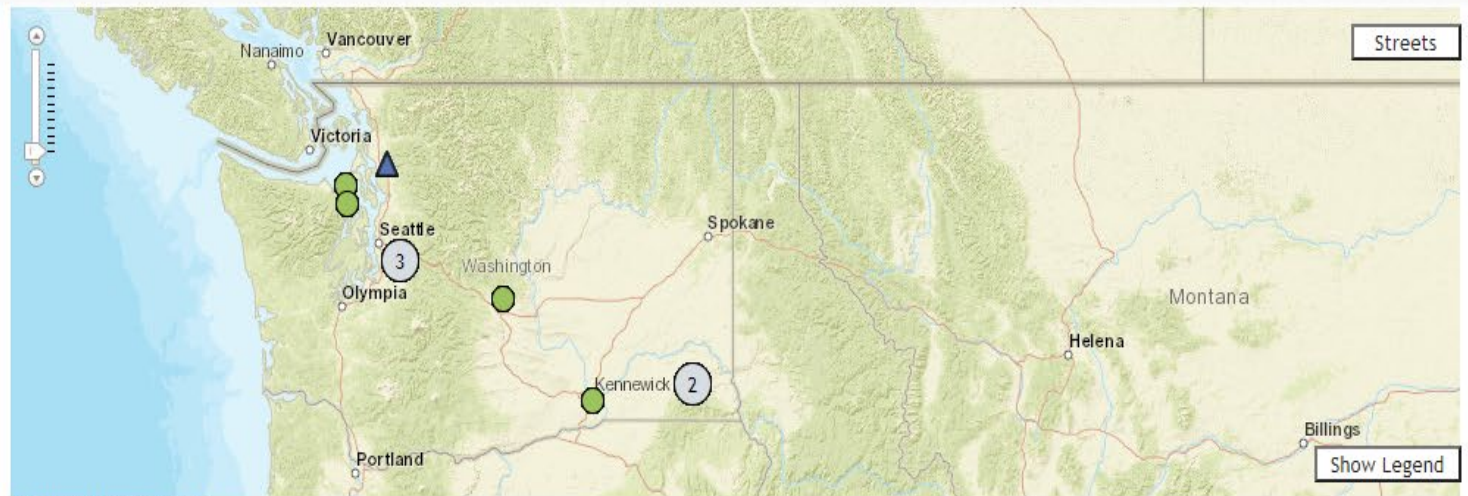
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## Leland Farmland Preservation Easement

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### Project Details

**Project Status:** Board Not Funded since 06/30/2021

**Project Type:** Acquisition

**Project Sponsor:** [Blue Mountain Land Trust](#)

**Funding Board:** [Recreation and Conservation Funding Board](#)

#### Funding

WWRP - Farmland Preservation:	\$240,800	
Total RCO Grant:	\$240,800	(50%)
Sponsor Match:	\$240,800	(50%)
Total Agreement:	\$481,600	(100%)

#### Links

[Attachments: 25 files](#)

### Project Description

The Blue Mountain Land Trust will use this grant to buy a voluntary land preservation agreement, also called a conservation easement, to conserve 562 acres of the 2,593-acre Blue Mountain Ranch, which lies between Stevens Ridge, Pataha Creek Canyon, and the W.T. Wooten Wildlife Area. The ranch, which produces canola and wheat, has prime farmland soil and is designated as farmland of statewide significance. This project is part of a larger effort to conserve three properties next to the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife's W.T. Wooten Wildlife Area to provide contiguous open space. The Blue Mountain Land Trust will contribute \$240,800 in a federal grant and donated land or property interest.

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# Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program: Funding






Trout Lake Valley Phase 4 – Columbia Land Trust



# WWRP Funding




WWRP = Washington Wildlife and  
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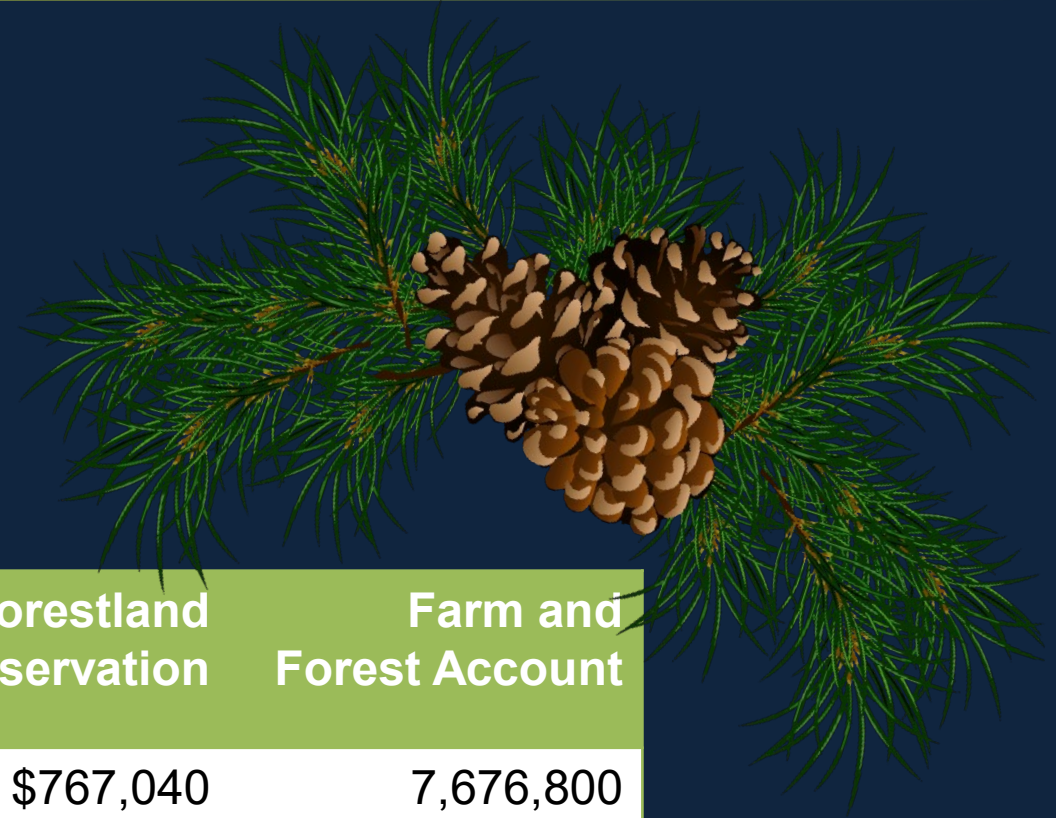


# Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program Funding



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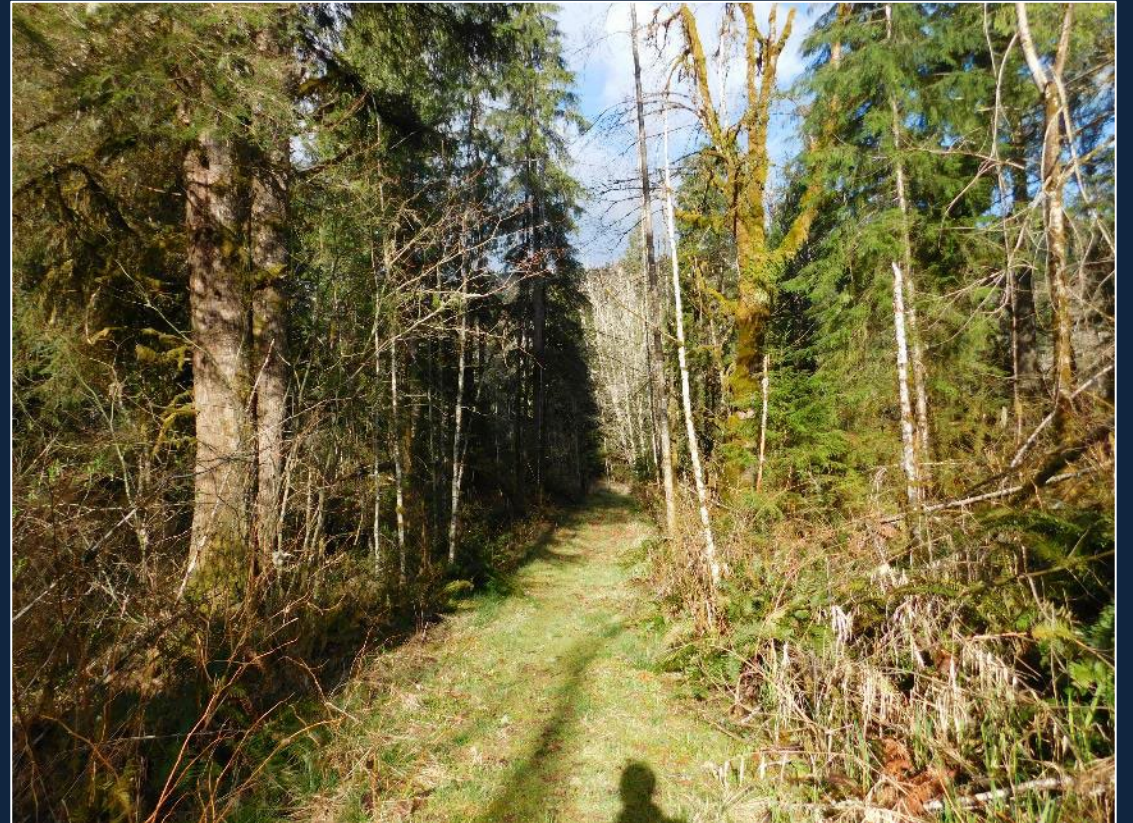
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# Farm and Forest Account



Breiler Ranch – Chelan Douglas Land Trust



Kierra-Duffy Forestry Easement – Whatcom Co.



# Farm and Forest: Who May Apply?

- Cities
- Counties
- Nonprofit Nature Conservancies
- Washington State Conservation Commission



Teas Ranch – Okanogan Land Trust



Gold Hill Community Forest – Chewelah Valley Land Trust





# Poll

# Farm and Forest: Money Matters

- Forestland: Maximum grant request is ~~\$350,000~~ \$500,000
- Farmland: No maximum grant request
- Restoration costs no more than 50% of the easement value



Schuster Hereford Ranch – Conservation Commission



# Farm and Forest: Matching Share

- 50% Match Required
  - Of which, 10% must be from a non-federal, non-state source
- Additional 5% Match = 2 Bonus Points
- No match required for the Conservation Commission



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# Farmland Preservation Category Overview



Kristoferson Farm – Whidbey Camano Land Trust



# Farmland: Program Focus

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Primary Purpose: To purchase development rights on farmland to ensure it remains available for agriculture

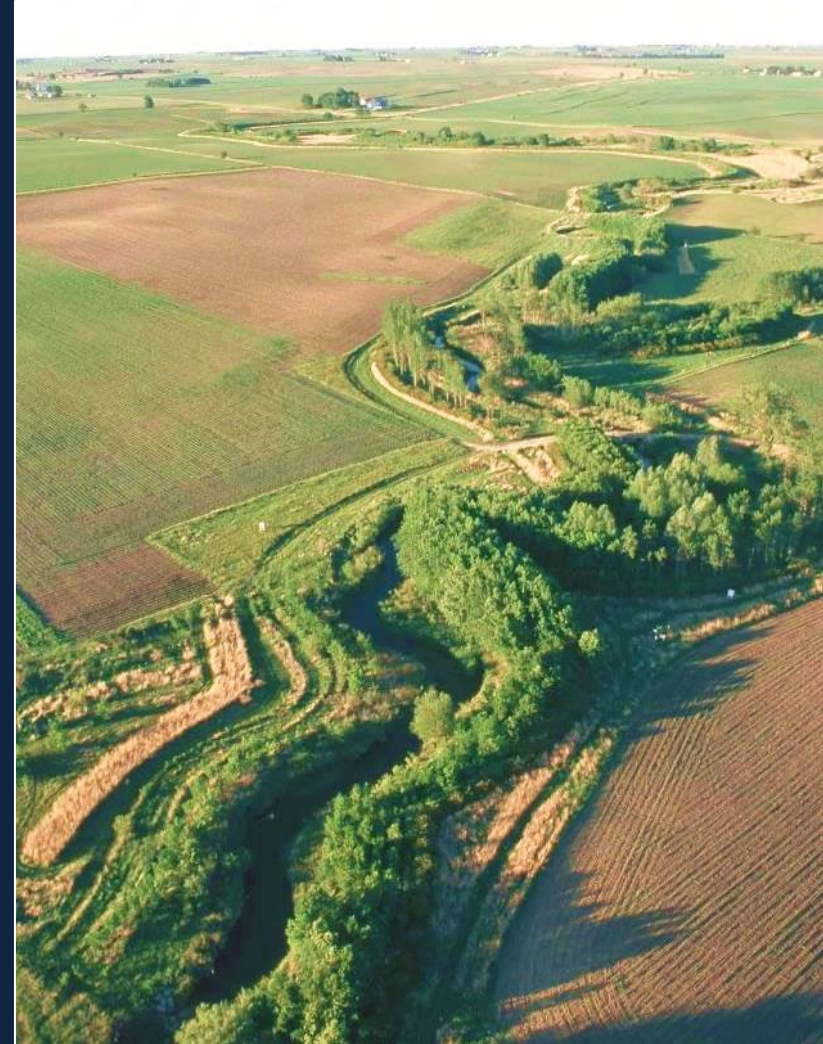


Maple K. Meyers Place- Palouse Land Trust

# Farmland: Program Focus

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Secondary Purpose: To enhance or restore ecological functions





# Farmland: Specific Things to Know

Projects must:

- Meet the Open Space Tax Act definition of farmland
- Be protected by a conservation easement
- Remain in a farmable condition





# Forestland Preservation Category Overview



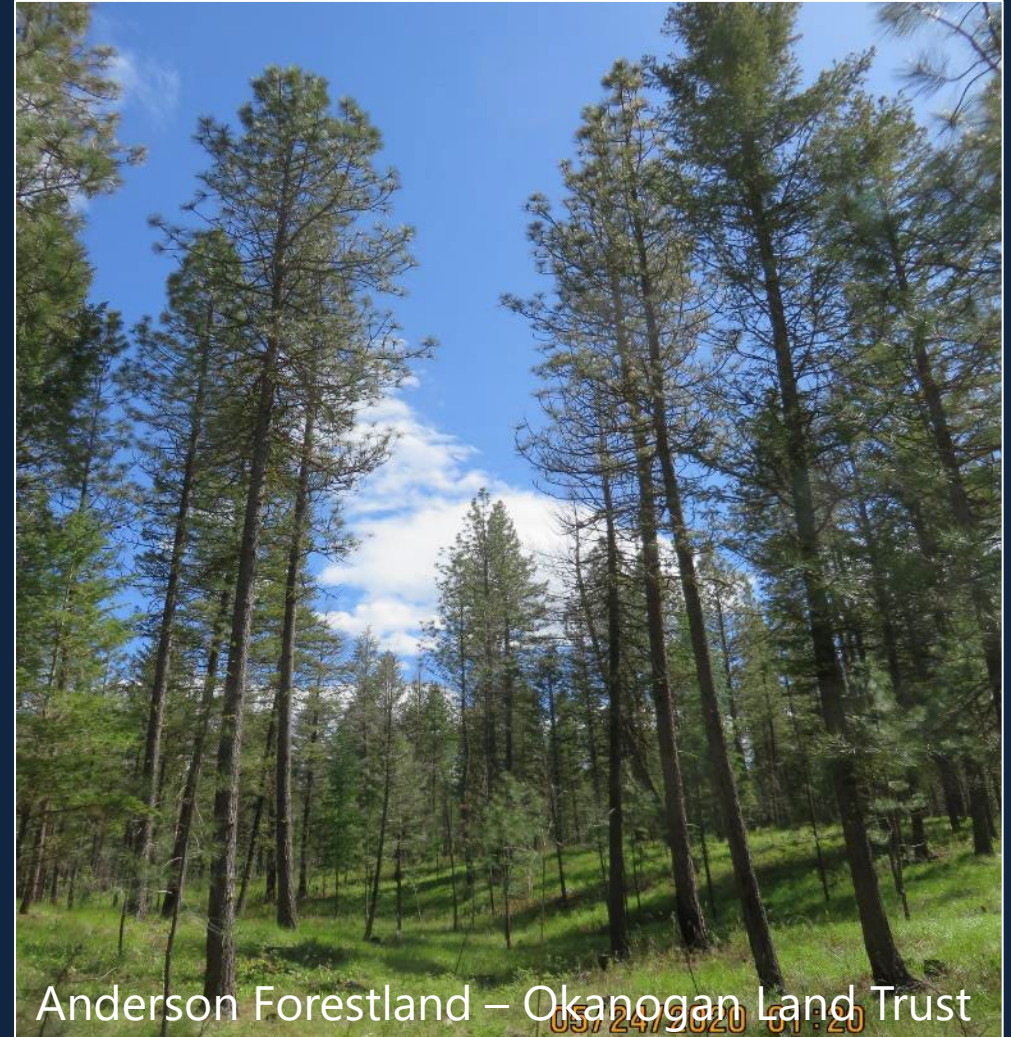
Kristoferson Forestland – Whidbey Camano Land Trust



# Forestland: Program Focus

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Primary: Acquire and preserve opportunities for timber production, consistent with local comprehensive planning.



Anderson Forestland – Okanogan Land Trust

# Forestland: Program Focus

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Secondary: Support other benefits of preserving forestland such as jobs, recreation, protection of water and soil resources, habitat for wildlife, and scenic beauty.





# Forestland: Specific Things to Know

## Projects Must:

- Include county designation as either forestland or timberland
- Correct any fish passage barriers
- Be in perpetuity

## Grant Program Will:

- Purchase a conservation easement only
- Extinguish all development rights (no building envelopes)



Devil's Mountain Forestland – Skagit Land Trust

# Poll

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# Farm and Forest: Application Schedule

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- June 2023 - Board awards grants
- July 15, 2023 - RCO issues agreements



Nason Ridge Community Forest – Chelan County



# Questions...



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# Community Forests Program

Manual #25

February 2022





# Community Forests Program: Who May Apply

- Public agencies
- Native American tribes
- Nonprofit organizations



Cle Elum Ridge Community Forest – Kittitas Conservation Trust



# Community Forests Funding

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2020 Funding – \$15.6 million

2022 Funding – Unknown

2020 Applications:

- 16 Applications
- 7 Funded

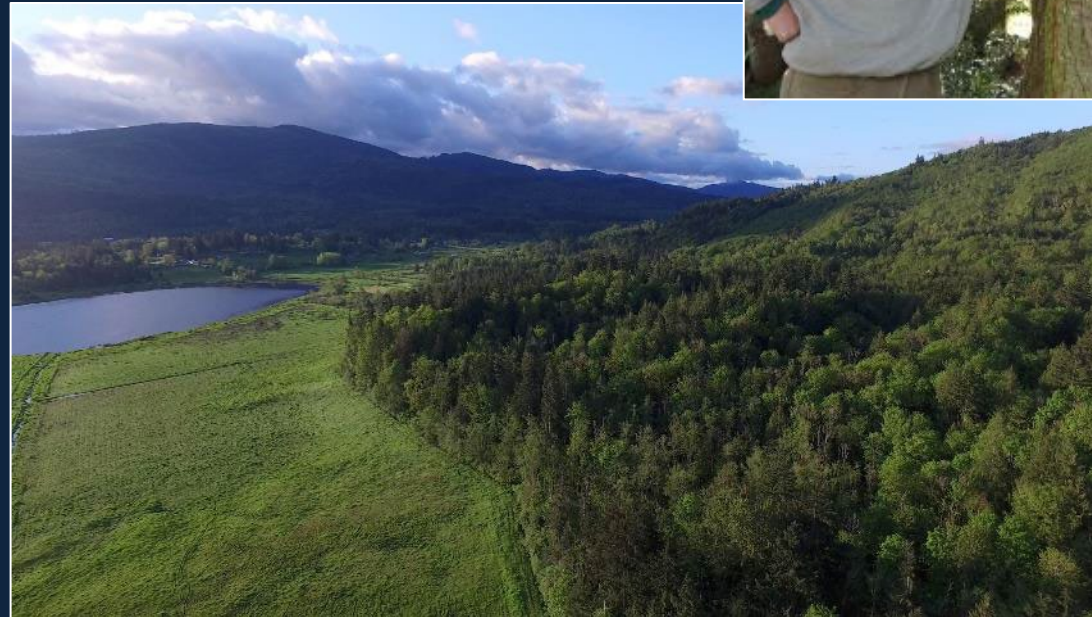


Cle Elum Ridge Community Forest – Kittitas Conservation Trust



# Community Forests Program: Focus

- Protects actively managed forestlands
  - Jobs in the woods
  - Recreation and education
  - Environmental benefits



Squalicum Forestry Conservation Easement- Whatcom County



# Community Forests Program: Money Matters

- Minimum Limit: None
- Maximum Limit: \$3,000,000



Chimacum Ridge Community Forest – Jefferson Land Trust



# Community Forests Program: Matching Shares

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15% Match Required

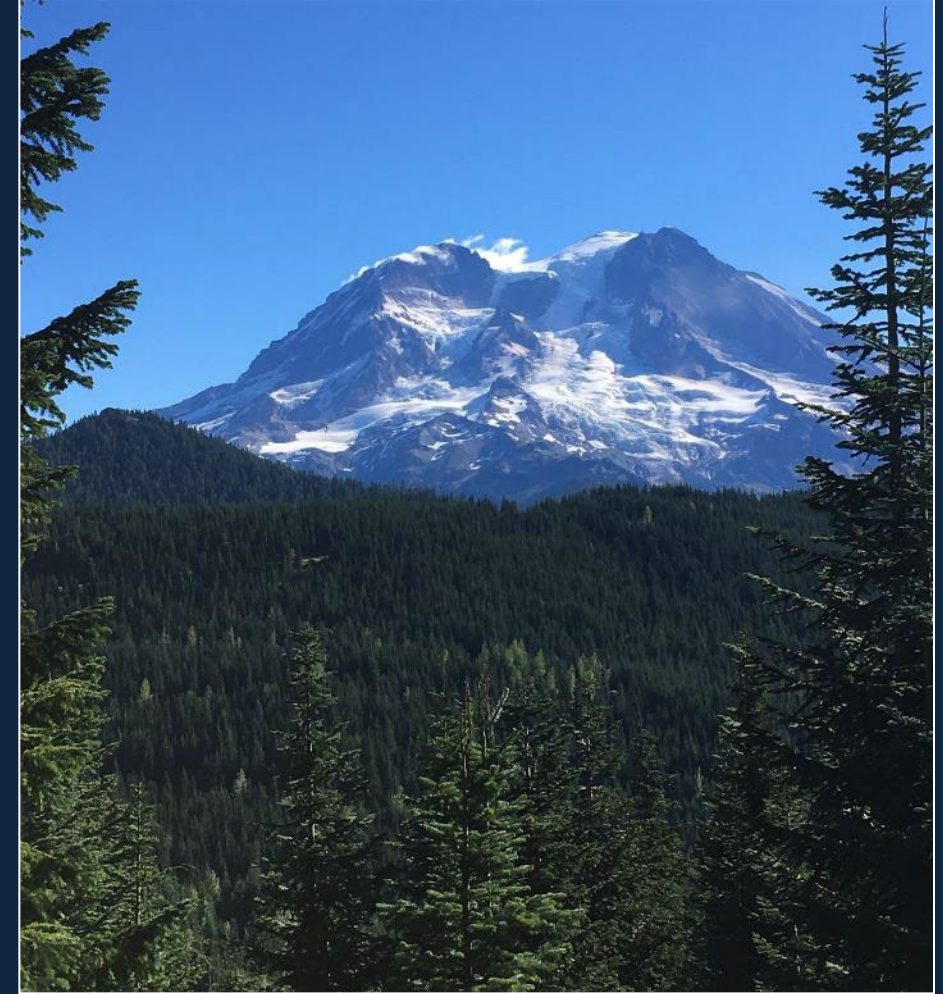


North Kitsap Divide Block Community Forest – Great Peninsula Conservancy



# Community Forests Program: Specific Things to Know

- Written evaluation process
- Must be Fee Acquisition
- Grant funds can be used to purchase timber value along with the land



Mt. Adams Community Forest – Mt. Adams Resource Stewards

# Community Forests: Application Schedule

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Nason Ridge Community Forest – Chelan County



# Differences

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## Community Forests

- Purchase of land
- Sponsor owns property
- Proceeds from land can be used to offset operating costs
- Allows compatible uses such as cell towers, carbon credits, etc.

## Forestland Preservation

- Purchase of easement
- Sponsor manages easement
- Proceeds from land go to the landowner
- Compatible uses can include carbon credits





# Questions...



# All Grants - Application Requirements

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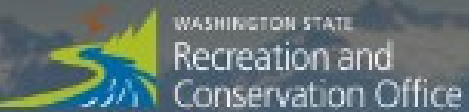
Early heads up of a few of the requirements since these may take time:

- **Application Authorization/Authorizing Resolution**
  - Formal adoption of resolution
  - Authorization of project and delegating authority to sign
- **Landowner Acknowledgement Form**
  - Signed by landowner (Community Forests)
- **Local Agency Review – for Acquisitions in WWRP**
  - Notice to local jurisdiction (Community Forests)
  - County Conferral (Farm and Forest)



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# Evaluation Process

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- WWRP Farm and Forest
  - Presentation via Zoom
- Community Forests
  - Written Evaluation
  - Criteria Answered through PRISM



# Cultural and Historic Resources

- Combination/Restoration projects
- RCO is lead agency
- Ground disturbing activities before obtaining clearance will jeopardize the grant

## Community Forests:

- Include cultural resources in forest plan
- Incidental Discovery Plan





# Two Surveys

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## Assessment of Webinar:

- Immediately following this webinar

## WWRP Farmland and Forestland:

- Within the next few weeks
- Sent to:
  - Webinar registration list
  - Past applicants and present
  - Area of interest (PRISM)



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Manuals will be available by the  
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