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Snohomish County Hosts Open House for Floodplain Management Opportunities along the Lower Skykomish River

Sky Valley residents are invited to learn about Community Floodplain Solutions and provide feedback during two-week online open house

EVERETT, Wash., January 21, 2021 – Snohomish County and Sustainable Lands Strategy (SLS) partners are working together to develop mutually beneficial projects that will reduce flood risk, improve fish habitat and strengthen the agriculture community within the Snohomish Watershed. A new partnership program called Community Floodplain Solutions (CFS) is hosting a virtual open house to share information with residents living within the Lower Skykomish River floodplain. New tools and resources will be presented.

CFS Online Open House

- **When:** Friday, January 22, 2021 through Friday, February 5, 2021.
- **Where:** Visit snohomishcountywa.gov/CFS
- **What:** An online open house to gather community input on potential floodplain project benefits and impacts along the Lower Skykomish River. Residents can learn about landowner programs and how to get involved.

“We are aware of flooding-related frustrations Sky Valley residents have been experiencing,” said Snohomish County CFS Program Manager, Jessica Hamill. “Integrated floodplain management programs like CFS are relatively new to Snohomish County and can provide ideas and solutions for residents while also supporting the diverse interests along our rivers. Landowner participation and local support are needed to achieve long-term benefits for farms, fish and flood management. Hosting this open house to exchange ideas is the first of many outreach efforts.”

Partners include:

- [Snohomish County](#)
- [SLS](#)
- [Snohomish Conservation District](#)
- [Tulalip Tribes](#)
- [Washington Farmland Trust](#)
- [Floodplains by Design Partnership](#)

About Community Floodplain Solutions (CFS)

Community Floodplain Solutions (CFS) is a collaborative effort to reduce flood impacts for residents, keep local farms viable, and restore habitat for endangered salmon. Funding is made possible by the Washington Department of Ecology's [Floodplains by Design](#) grant program and participating partners. To learn more and sign up for email updates, visit the CFS website at <https://snohomishcountywa.gov/CFS>.

About Snohomish County Public Works

The Snohomish County Public Works Department constructs and maintains county roads; controls and manages surface water quantity, quality, and fish habitats; and oversees the recycling and disposal of solid waste. The department's main office is located at 3000 Rockefeller Ave., Everett, WA 98201. For more information about Snohomish County Public Works, visit www.snohomishcountywa.gov/PublicWorks.

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