



Sustainable
Lands
Strategy



Community Floodplain
SOLUTIONS

Snohomish Floodplains by Design Land Acquisition Strategy

Update to SLS Partners

July 9, 2020

Context

County is starting development of a multi-benefit Acquisition Strategy for the Lower Skykomish

Grant deliverable under the 2019-2021 Floodplains by Design grant with Ecology

County Project Manager is Dani Driscoll

Jessica Hamill is the Project Manager for the overall FbD grant

County has hired ESA off of the Surface Water Management Planning and Facilitation On-Call to support the project. Spencer Easton will be leading ESA's work

Purpose of Acquisition Strategy

- Focused on the Lower Skykomish River

- Will guide acquisitions under the current (2019-2021) FbD grant and any future FbD grants

- Could inform acquisitions in other areas or under other grants, but needs to meet the purpose of the FbD grant deliverable

- Ecology will have final say on the Strategy

- Will also need to be compatible with County regulations, commitments, authorities, and processes

- Will be compatible with Agricultural Conservation Easement work

- Intended to harmonize with other plans and policies

Approach and Tasks

Review and synthesize criteria in existing resources, such as:

- Farmland at Risk of Conversion Assessment
- County flood modeling
- Tulalip Tribe Land Acquisition Strategy


Develop criteria for each interest (farm, fish, flood) and integrated criteria

Develop tools, approaches, and visual aids to guide acquisitions

Synthesize existing data

Develop an Acquisition Strategy document

Engagement Approach

- Updates and input sessions at SLS Partners meetings in September and November
 - 2-3 Disappearing Task Group meetings with IT members (open to other SLS Partners who want to participate)
 - Capacity for one-on-one or small group conversations to provide updates and gather input throughout the process
 - Review periods for draft criteria and draft Acquisition Strategy document
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Draft Schedule

July – Develop Draft Criteria

Early August – DTG on Draft Criteria

August – Review Period for Draft Criteria

August-September – Data Synthesis

September – DTG on Draft Tool

October – Develop Acquisition Strategy Document

November – Review Period for Draft Acquisition Strategy Document

December – Acquisition Strategy Document Due to Ecology

Discussion

Who would like to be engaged beyond SLS Partners meetings?

Any questions?

