

Snohomish 2023-2025 Floodplains by Design Grant Application

Consistency with SLS Project Attributes

Consistent with SLS mission

- The Snohomish IT believes this package represents projects that deliver significant benefit to agriculture, salmon recovery, and flood risk reduction
- Consistent with intent of SLS - provides timely investment in significantly advancing:
 - Ag Resilience Plan
 - Salmon Recovery Plan
 - Lower Skykomish Reach-Scale Plan
 - Mutually supported flood risk reduction measures.

Transparency: SLS sees all the parts

- Snohomish IT worked with SLS Steering Committee to develop the timeline and interactions in support of Snohomish County's FbD package
- Snohomish IT provided SLS the FbD pre-app and solicited input or comments
- Snohomish IT is presenting at the March SLS meeting
- Snohomish IT made itself available for additional engagement, discussion and follow-up

Identifies money, scope and schedule

- Project budgets and initial scopes have been identified
- Schedules will be developed once funding is secured

Fundable

- The project package was developed by partners with extensive grant writing/management expertise.
- Project partners selected actions that identify local work most important to advance.
- Fundable: actions largely consistent with FY19 and FY 21 FbD awards, which were successful application.

Permittable

- Project package developed by partners with project implementation/permitting expertise.
- Actions are permittable.

Locally developed

- Near-term actions flow from the 2021-2023 Floodplains by Design project package, Ag Resilience Plan, Salmon Recovery Plan, Habitat Work Schedule, and the Reach Scale plans.
- These processes are highly local and have extensive input.
- The Snohomish IT, an integrated group of fish-farm-flood interests, developed the project package based on long-standing possible projects included in the long-term Snohomish IT project list.
- Work is underway to secure letters of support.

Explainable to a local community with buy-in

- Snohomish IT members believe this package can be explained to the local community based on outreach for the previous FbD package of work in the Lower Skykomish and other areas of the watershed.

Context and alignment in the bigger strategy

- Near-term actions flow from the 2021-2023 Floodplains by Design project package, Ag Resilience Plan, Salmon Recovery Plan, Habitat Work Schedule, and the Reach Scale plans.

Opportunity costs understood

- A number of actions on the list have been in various phases of exploration or movement forward for a decade or more.
- The IT discussed geographic areas to focus on and discussed several other projects that weren't included because the timing was not ready for those projects to move forward or they weren't a good fit for the FbD grant program.

Identifies political (or policy) issues, if any

- Political issues will be identified over the course of developing the projects and will be discussed with SLS Partners. Most of the projects have already been discussed with SLS, partners, and community members.

Builds or deepens partnerships

- The IT has been meeting since 2019 to develop a project list and develop long-term structures for partnership and collaboration
- By collectively moving real work with real money, these actions provide an incentive and mechanism to advance collaborative work within the Snohomish Watershed and across Snohomish County through the SLS partnership.

Climate change/Resilience

- Overall strategy is designed to create floodplains that will be more resilient as conditions change.
- Ag viability projects on the near-term action list were identified in the Ag Resilience Plan based on climate modeling.
- Projects have been informed by the geomorphic assessment and inundation study of the Lower Skykomish, which provides information about river change.
- Snohomish County is beginning a floodplain vulnerability assessment, results of which will be available by 2023 when work on this FbD project package begins.