

Snoqualmie Fish, Farm, Flood Advisory Committee

Tuesday, April 27, 2021

9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Zoom - Register in advance for this meeting:

Facilitator: Tamie Kellogg

Meeting Purpose: IOC update from the Fish Caucus. Discussion and input on finalizing the approach to the Project Symposium. Discuss feedback opportunities and update on the Agriculture Strategic Plan. Update on RTF. Discuss the opportunity for reflection on CIP consideration of loss of Agricultural soils.

9:00 – 9:20	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Welcome, Introductions, Agenda Review<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Native Lands Acknowledgementb. Welcome from Co-Chair Cindy Spiryc. Cindy and the Fish caucus share the rotating check-in. How is progress being viewed, challenges, wins, etc.? How well are we doing on the Fish measures of success?d. A quick coffee mingle/check in.	Cindy Spiry Tamie Kellogg
9:25- 9:45	<ol style="list-style-type: none">2. Capital Project Consideration of Ag Land<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Opportunity to improve clarity and discuss the history of pre FFF, and FFF agreement.b. Still supportive of FCFRP, but what have we learned and where do we need clarity? <p>Decisionpoint: Discuss briefly and articulate a path forward for further discussion.</p>	Janne Kaje and Cynthia Krass IOC Members
9:45 - 10:20	<ol style="list-style-type: none">3. FFF Snoqualmie Valley Project Symposium<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Share outline for Project Symposium with 2 events.b. Poll: Would your organization present at the workshop?c. Breakout group discussion of key questions around the concept and the attendees for 2 events? <u>Questions for the workshop:</u><ol style="list-style-type: none">i. Does the project phase influence your participation or is there a preferred phase?ii. What would you need as a presenter? Is there a way we can minimize the effort needed by presenters?iii. What groundrules would you suggest in order to ensure a successful event? How to ensure highest level of comfort with those sharing at the workshop?iv. Can we replace an IOC meeting with the Project Symposium Workshop and extend our meeting time to 3 hours? <u>Questions for how to share with public:</u><ol style="list-style-type: none">v. How do we best share this type of information with the Public?vi. Should we learn from operating the workshop to see if additional meetings would be helpful with the public?vii. What do you think about using the King County's engagement hub for sharing with the public?d. Polling Questions:<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Input on options for selecting the workshop dates?	Beth LeDoux Tamie Kellogg

	<p>e. Chat bar:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Does anyone else want to be on the planning team? <p>Decisionpoint: Agree on general symposium details.</p> <p>Materials: Outline for Project Symposium</p>	
10:20 - 10:35	<p>4. Ag Strategic Plan</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Based on Vermont Strategic Plan, share an updated draft timeline. Discuss involvement of IOC and others? <p>Decisionpoint: Are you interested in being an SME on a topic? Does your organization want to provide feedback on topics?</p> <p>Materials: Strategic Plan IOC document</p>	Patrice Barrentine
10:35 - 10:45	<p>5. Regulatory Task Force</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Updates on recommendations: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Memo of concurrence with DLS Farm Practices Illustrated (1 completed, 2 in design) <p>Materials: Farm Practices Illustrated</p>	Eric Beach
10:45 - 10:50	<p>6. Integrated Drainage Progress</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Update on Cherry Creek -Regulatory Integrated Review Process Applied for a grant to conduct "Stakeholder Effort - Planting Best Places First" 	Beth LeDoux
10:50 - 10:55	<p>7. Housekeeping</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Input on poll to select a potential regular IOC meeting time. <p>Decisionpoint: Select regular meeting time. (Reminder to bring your calendars!)</p>	Tamie Kellogg
10:55 - 11:00	<p>8. Public Comment</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Public Comment 	Tamie Kellogg
11:00	9. Adjourned	

Snoqualmie Fish, Farm, Flood 2.0 Implementation Oversight Committee

DRAFT MEETING NOTES

Tuesday, February 23, 2021
2:30 pm to 4:30 pm (scheduled)
Video Conference Call via King County Zoom Account

Committee Members Present (Y/N)					
* = denotes caucus co-chair					
Fish Caucus		Farm Caucus		Flood Caucus	
Cindy Spiry, Snoqualmie Tribe* (proxy: Matt Baerwalde - Y)	Y	Cynthia Krass, Snoqualmie Valley Preservation Alliance	Y	Angela Donaldson, Fall City Community Association*	Y
Denise Krownbell, Snohomish Forum	N	Bobbi Lindemulder, farmer	Y	Stuart Lisk, City of Carnation	N
Mike Remington, Snoqualmie Forum	Y	Meredith Molli, Agriculture Commission	Y	Lara Thomas, City of Duvall	Y
Micah Wait, Wild Fish Conservancy	Y	Dave Glenn, Sno Valley Tilth	Y		
Daryl Williams, Tulalip Tribes (proxy: Kurt Nelson – N)	Y				
Ex Officio Members Present (Y/N)					
Gary Bahr, WSDA	Y	Brendan Brokes, WDFW (proxy: Stewart Reinbold – N)	N		
Josh Baldi, KC DNRP	Y	Tom Buroker, WDOE (proxy: Joe Burcar – Y)	N		

1) Welcome, Introductions, Agenda Review (Tamie Kellogg, Angela Donaldson)

- **Call to Order:** Ms. Kellogg called the meeting to order at 2:34 pm.
- **Welcome:**
 - Ms. Donaldson said she is optimistic about a great year and recommitting to FFF, and staying connected to community. She thanked all for being present.
 - Beth leDoux introduced Marie Shimada, the new Executive Director for SVPA.
- **Native Lands Acknowledgement:** Ms. Kellogg led IOC members in acknowledging the native lands they reside on, noting the act's intent to show recognition and respect for the tribes and relationships with them.
- **Recognize Passing of Chief de los Angeles:** Josh Baldi spoke on the recent passing of Chief de los Angeles of the Snoqualmie Tribe. He said this is a big loss for the tribe and region, and the Chief was a truly great leader. Mr. Baldi read a memorial proclamation from Executive Constantine, noting Chief de los Angeles's efforts in recognizing many tribes and causes, and how his blessing and support was key to FFF's work. Ms. Kellogg led all present in a moment of silence in the Chief's honor.

- **Rotating Check-In – Flood Caucus:**

The caucus met a week and a half ago to discuss several action items they seek to close out:

- Improving road safety in the Snoqualmie Valley. Progress has been made, including application for a 2D modeling grant and collaboration with King County's Roads division.
- Addressing home elevations in the Snoqualmie APD. The caucus has worked with County agencies to review and make recommendations; the agencies have also done internal reviews and dedicated funds are available. A March 12 meeting is scheduled for a formal presentation. The IOC was asked who wants a formal presentation on how home elevations work; this will be confirmed later via email.
- Availability of more safe/affordable farm housing. Eric Beach created an assessment of housing demand and available housing has been found to meet those needs. A formal trust is not needed, and since the need has been met it was suggested to "close out" this recommendation.
- Address farm flood safety and community outreach. It was asked for all to answer in the Zoom chat the question "how would you like us to collaborate to see more farm flood safety?"

Praise was also given to SVPA and King County's Flood Control District (FCD) for the success of the citizen flood monitoring program.

2) Integrated Drainage Project (*Beth leDoux, Josh Baldi*)

Ms. leDoux explained today's presentation is about learning where work stands on the idea of integrated drainage. One question being discussed is how to do pilot projects. Two potential pilot projects are in exploratory phases. These look at addressing integrated drainage both on a level of capital projects, and from a regulatory standpoint. Development of these projects should inform how integrated drainage efforts are managed in real time, as well as inform policy interpretation and changes. The timing of these is optimal due to the County's long-term commitment to these issues. The Executive's Clean Water Healthy Habitat (CWHH) initiative focuses on environmental outcomes, which work integrated drainage and agriculture in floodplains are part of. A joint program with Department of Local Services (DLS) is in the works; with leadership there and at DNRP, work should progress once a Scope of Work (SOW) and deliverables are determined. Ms. leDoux urged the IOC to hold the County to account on this issue, and that more updates will come.

- **Pilot Projects: Griffin Creek (Capital Solution Center)**

Griffin Creek is a potential multi-objective project with potential proof of concept for capital projects. DNRP's Agriculture, Forestry, and Incentives (AFI) team are working with landowners and salmon recovery teams to consider how this can be truly multi-benefit. Josh Baldi added that it is helpful when those in FFF raise questions and bring ideas forward, and that these efforts will take a while.

- **Pilot Projects: Cherry Creek (Regulatory Solution Center)**

The Cherry Creek project is sponsored by the Snoqualmie Watershed Improvement District (WID) and indicates a need for clarity on the definition of "multi-benefit." This spotlight project will be teased apart, as it does not neatly fit into a specific category such as flood hazard or salmon recovery. A multi-disciplinary team has been formed, and it was noted regulatory barriers may be a concern as well.

3) Agriculture Strategic Plan Update (*Patrice Barrentine*)

Ms. Barrentine reported the agriculture strategic plan task force is undergoing a massive "reset." This includes establishing a charter with sideboards to fine-tune their process, and be a "how"/"who" of how they will proceed. The plan has outlined nine chapters; the task force's six members are distilling the information and hope to find the right level of information to include in the plan for key audiences.

4) Inquiring into the Future of FFF, 2021 and Beyond (*Tamie Kellogg, Beth leDoux*)

Ms. Kellogg reminded the IOC that at December's meeting many shared thoughts about the power of this group and good being done that wasn't being done before. To ensure things are grounded, IOC feedback is wanted on the idea of a symposium, and developing a "shared story" for FFF.

- **FFF Project Symposium in the Snoqualmie Valley**

Ms. leDoux suggested an FFF-sponsored project symposium before construction season begins. The proposal is, in spring, for people to create presentations to communicate their projects over the next two years. The event would likely be held virtually via Zoom, depending on COVID-19 vaccination rollout. The expectation is there will be a recording of the meeting and a map of projects developed, to develop synergies and a full picture of activities in the Valley. These can be capital projects, studies, or assessments.

Follow-up discussion and feedback raised the following points:

- Love the idea. Would like to develop a story map, perhaps maintained by County, consolidating data collected by all projects. This would include locations, progress, and connections between projects.
- The symposium can be a public meeting, so people in the Valley can attend. The recording can be posted online for future review.
- Should see measurable accomplishments in terms of projects and project types, including quantified data. The most important measurables should be used to guide presentations and groups involved.
- What level of detail should be expected for each project? What kind of sideboards? It was agreed for Ms. leDoux to draft a template slideshow to gauge appropriate detail level.
- Anyone interested in serving on a steering group for the symposium should contact Ms. leDoux.
- Should be sensitive to what level of detail is appropriate or legal to share with landowners.
- Sideboards are needed for defining expectations and the intended audience.
- There may be two detail levels needed: one for partners/collaborators, another for public.
- Sharing project progress can demonstrate collaboration; this can also be done by newsletter or map.
- Contextualize how public and private interests can meet, how people can be oriented on these topics.
- The Snoqualmie Watershed Forum would be a good nexus for this proposal.

Ms. leDoux agreed to draft sideboards and slideshows to gauge appropriate detail level and audience by next IOC meeting. Most planning for this symposium will occur over email.

- **FFF Shared Vision and Activities to Support**

Ms. Kellogg prefaced that while a lot of good work has been done in FFF, a lot of actions set up, it has not yet been made clear how to “on-ramp” or “off-ramp” this work: if it means simply completing the action list, or if priorities need to be shifted and a new shared story needed. She noted many new people are involved in FFF now that weren’t at the start, and asked if this presents a chance to seek new opportunities.

Cynthia Krass noted a situation where SVPA had concerns on if the Fall City Floodplain Restoration Project met King County code guidelines to minimize APD soil loss. There was a short window of time to comment, and the situation raised a question of what it means to support each other’s projects. SVPA supports FFF but had concern their comments may seem unsupportive. Ms. Krass said supporting something shouldn’t mean giving up a right to challenge an aspect of it. She clarified there had not been any signs of dissonance around SVPA’s comments, but a lot of internal concern.

Josh Baldi agreed no one should give up any rights in this process. Ms. Kellogg asked if more clarity is needed on a definition of “mutual support.” Daryl Williams added that the original assumption had been that any King County project moving forward would come to the IOC for discussion if something about it didn’t seem good for one side. He said a 10-year old agreement should not mean people cannot comment on projects. Ms. leDoux queued up a poll to clarify views on the commitment all present have made to one other.

- **Zoom Poll Questions**

- **Do you feel everyone shares the same vision of FFF? What is that vision?**

About 2/3 of participants agreed or strongly agreed, and about ¼ were neutral/uncertain. Angela Donaldson said differing opinions are what makes this group powerful, as well as being respectful of each other. She believes the vision is a community that collaborates on shared items and listens to each other’s concerns to find solutions; a give-and-take relationship.

- **Are the actions or activities we’re focused on now priorities for achieving that vision?**

Most participants agreed with this. It was noted there may be need for more follow-up input.

Meredith Molli said there are things the group knows now that they believe more important and support making a priority. Libby Reed agreed. Mr. Williams said he would be surprised if priorities for the caucuses hadn’t changed somewhat over the years, and this should be recognized. Priorities may need to be re-evaluated going forward. He noted “reconfirm” may not be the best term; Ms. Kellogg suggested “revise,” “revisit,” or “re-prioritize” might be more suited.

- **Share Info on “Transformative Scenario Planning” Concept:** A video will be sent to IOC members on this concept. Ms. Kellogg advised it might be interesting for this group to think about, and that members should look at the video and give their thoughts if possible.

- **Breakout Group Discussions:** This was not addressed due to time constraints.

5) Updates/Housekeeping/Public Comment

- **Public Comment:** There was no public comment given.

- **DECISION: SVPA Recommendation that Cynthia Krass stay on as SVPA Representative/Agriculture Caucus Co-Chair for six months**

Melissa Borsting reported that while KCD is filling Josh Monaghan’s former staff position, his departure has left the farm caucus with no co-chair and only four members. Cynthia Krass left SVPA but has been hired as a consultant for six months to support SVPA in FFF duties in this transitory space. Farm caucus members have agreed Ms. Krass should serve as interim co-chair while they determine next steps and how to fill this gap.

Beth leDoux said there is no need for the IOC to formally approve the co-chair nomination, as Ms. Krass qualifies as a current IOC member. The IOC must approve SVPA’s recommendation; this allows Ms. leDoux to send a letter to Josh Baldi and DNRP Director Christie True to put forth a recommendation from the IOC.

Angela Donaldson motioned to accept SVPA’s recommendation for Ms. Krass to continue to serve as their FFF representative. Mr. Baldi seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

6) Wrap-Up/Adjourn (Beth leDoux, Tamie Kellogg)

Ms. leDoux shared a “WordCloud” graphic compilation of FFF keywords from last meeting’s breakout chats, to be sent out with other promised materials. She will also send a poll to decide a date for next meeting, likely April.

Tamie Kellogg adjourned the meeting at 4:28 pm.

FFF Agricultural Land Base Strategic Plan

This is the list of the Agriculture Strategic Plan topics. We have two specific asks of IOC members.

- 1) IOC Member Opportunity:
 - Provide Input as SMEs on Ag Strategic Plan issues
 - Organizational alignment (strategic plan/programs to align with)
 - Respond quickly when we're asking for language or element reviews
- 2) There will be concurrent review from ag organizations, farmers/landowners, and IOC represented organizations in Q3, followed by IOC as an entity in Q4. The charter will help identify the process and roles in more detail. Is there a particular sub-goal or issue that your organization is going to want to see once it's drafted?

Action: email Patrice.barrentine@kingcounty.gov by May 11th with a response to either #1 or #2. If you are a SME or your organization is interested in drainage, please let Patrice know immediately.

1. Improved Farmland Productivity

1.1 Drainage

1. Waterway Maintenance – ADAP eligible (ditches)
2. Agricultural Drainage Tiles
3. Flap/Flood Control Gates and Pumps
4. Culverts
5. Natural Waterways
6. Beavers

1.4 High Ground and Home Elevations for Flood Safety

7. Farm Pads and High Ground Refuge
8. Homes and home elevations

1.2 Transportation

9. Revetments
10. Transportation Corridors and Bridges
11. Farm Access Roads

1.3 Irrigation

12. Water Rights
13. Irrigation systems

1.5 Climate Change

14. Invasive Plants, Disease and Pests
15. Climate change predictions

2. Increased Farmland Protections

2.1 Flood Safety, saving homes in the APD

3. Known patterns of flooding

2.2 Population Growth and Development Impacts

4. Population Growth and Development
5. Zoning and protecting the Agricultural Production District

2.3 Wildlife

6. Elk
7. Waterfowl

2.4 Farmland Preservation

8. Farmland Preservation Program

2.5 Proposed xx farmable acres for a long-term, viable agriculture sector

9. Areas of high quality agricultural soils that are not currently farmed
10. Riparian buffers, restoration and mitigation projects
11. Areas that have low agriculture potential and thus could be kept out of ag production permanently with little impact to current or future farm operations
12. Proposed acreage needs for sector

FFF Sponsored Snoqualmie Valley Project Symposium

In partnership with the Snoqualmie Valley Preservation Alliance, SnoValley Tilth, and Snoqualmie Watershed Forum

Representatives: Beth leDoux (FFF), Marie Shimada (SVPA), Libby Reed (SnoValley Tilth) and Cory Zyla (Snoqualmie Watershed Forum)

Purpose: Invite project sponsors working in the Snoqualmie Valley (focusing on the Agriculture Production District) to share project information with the goal of finding collaborations and synergies between projects and project sponsors in an environment of support and trust. The symposium is intended to be a positive force for helping projects get done.

Who: *Due to the varying level of detail for projects the option of having two different events for different audiences could be beneficial.*

First Audience - Project sponsors and the FFF IOC table and interested parties. Deeper exploration of projects with longer timelines focusing on project development and collaboration. For short hand the project symposium committee are referring to this the detailed focus audience.

Second Audience – General Public. A presentation that presents key project information with information how to find out more. Presentation is geared towards information sharing less collaboration.

Event 1: Workshop for Detailed Focus Audience

Who: Project sponsors working in salmon recovery, flood safety, and agriculture

This includes but is not limited to:

- King Conservation District
- King County Parks
- King County Rivers and Floodplain Management
- King County Roads
- King County Snoqualmie Basin Steward
- King County Stormwater Services – Agricultural Drainage,
- Mountains to Sound Greenway
- Snoqualmie Indian Tribe
- Snoqualmie Preservation Alliance
- Snoqualmie Valley Watershed Improvement District
- SnoValley Tilth
- Sound Salmon Solutions
- Stewardship Partners
- Tulalip Tribes
- Washington Department of Ecology

- Washington Department of Transportation
- Wild Fish Conservancy
- Others? Puget Sound Energy? Seattle Public Utilities?

What: Project Sponsors would share information about projects they have planned for the Snoqualmie Valley in the coming years (e.g. 3 -5 years). Projects can be in various phases of development: conceptual, feasibility, design, permitting, construction.

In this closed audience the level of detail would be more focused key project questions to be answered.

- Project Sponsor
- Project Name
- Geographic Location
- Project Phase
- Which “F” does the project address?
- What is the story of the project? Why is it important to do it in this place, now?
- Is there opportunity to have a multi-benefit in the project? Onsite? Or as part of the project?
- Key Measurables for the project? (trees planted, acres drained, etc.)
- Project timeline

When: May 20th 5pm – 8pm

If well received this could be a twice a year event at the beginning of the construction/farming season to share what projects are in the pipeline and after the construction season to share what has been completed.

Why: Great projects are done in the Snoqualmie Valley to support salmon, farmers, and flood safety. Opportunities remain rare for groups to share their work in a broad stakeholder interest group. This symposium allows a diverse set of project sponsors and stakeholders to hear from others what projects they are working on and actively pursue partnerships and synergies that could improve project outcomes.

How: Virtual meeting until able to meet in person. A potential virtual platform to use is called REMO. This would allow for presentations and then be followed up by Q&A that would allow for audience members to go to “tables” and ask specific questions of the project sponsors.

Possible Meeting Materials: Map, abstract for each project submitted in a document, slide deck after presentations

Event 2: Engagement for Public Audience

Who: Project sponsors working in salmon recovery, flood safety, and agriculture, NGO’s, related stakeholders

This includes but is not limited to:

- King Conservation District
- King County Parks
- King County Rivers and Floodplain Management

- King County Roads
- King County Snoqualmie Basin Steward
- King County Stormwater Services – Agricultural Drainage,
- Mountains to Sound Greenway
- Snoqualmie Indian Tribe
- Snoqualmie Preservation Alliance
- Snoqualmie Valley Watershed Improvement District
- SnoValley Tilth
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- Stewardship Partners
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- Washington Department of Ecology
- Washington Department of Transportation
- Wild Fish Conservancy
- Others? Puget Sound Energy? Seattle Public Utilities?

What: Project Sponsors would come share information about projects they have in permitting or ready for construction in the coming year or two.

In this public audience the level of detail would be more general and share

- Project Sponsor
- Project Name
- Geographic Location
- What is the story of the project? Why is it important to do it in this place, now?
- Project timeline

When: Q3 2021. 6-8pm

Why: Great projects are done in the Snoqualmie Valley to support salmon, farmers, and flood safety. Opportunities remain rare for groups to share their work with the public. This would be the first attempt to really ground Snoqualmie Valley residents into the work of the FFF and share the breadth and depth of projects occurring in the valley. Increase early awareness of potential projects in the Snoqualmie Valley.

How: Virtual meeting until able to meet in person.

Two potential platforms:

- 1) Use REMO to allow for presentations and then be followed up by Q&A that would allow for audience members to go to “tables” and ask specific questions of the project sponsors.
- 2) Use the King County public outreach hub as a way to share information to the public without recurring attendance to one specific meeting but allow people to learn more and ask questions in a more asynchronous manner.

Possible Meeting Materials: Map, abstract for each project submitted in a document, slide deck after presentations, story map, something more interactive and asynchronous.

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FFF SVAPD AG LAND RESOURCE STRATEGIC PLAN TASK FORCE - 2021

Adopted Plan Structure; Drafting Plan

**Outreach with and review by ag
organizations,
farmers/landowners, and IOC
represented organizations**

Drafting Plan; Completing Charter

On schedule for adoption in December

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Improve
Farmland
Productivity

Increase
Farmland
Protections

THE PLAN PROVIDES

- Vision statement
- Goals
- Sub-goals
- Key values/themes
- Objectives and Measures
- Issue dashboards
- References



STRATEGIC GOALS EMBODY THE KEY COMPONENTS OF THE PLAN

Goal 1

Improve Farmland Productivity

1. All farmable acreage in the SVAPD will be improved through **drainage** so that the land can be productively farmed for the full length of the growing season.

Sub-goals

2. Transportation infrastructure including revetments, roads and bridges will be fully functioning to support the movement of agricultural products while managing traffic to increase safety for all and prioritize routine operation of farms every day.

3. Every commercial farm has sufficient access to water for **irrigation** and uses best management practices and technology to minimize water usage. Farms will keep existing water rights, continue water transfers through SVWID, and increase access to water transfers.

4. Every commercial farm has sufficient **access** (close proximity and enough space) to **high ground** for equipment, storage, and livestock, and every farm **home** below the base flood elevation is **elevated** to ensure **flood safety** and continued productivity on the farm.

5. Commercial farms will maintain and increase agricultural productivity through adaptively managing changing plant pathogens, crop varieties, animal diseases, precipitation changes affecting water flows and irrigation needs through **climate change** research and education relevant to Western Washington and the Snoqualmie Valley APD.



STRATEGIC GOALS EMBODY THE KEY COMPONENTS OF THE PLAN

Goal 2

Increase
Farmland
Protections

Sub-goals

6. Flood Safety

7. Development
and Population
Growth

8. Wildlife

9. Farmland
Preservation

10. Proposed
acreage needs for
long-term, viable
sector



Goal

Improve Farmland Productivity

Sub-goal

1. All farmable acreage in the SVAPD is routinely improved through **drainage** so that the land can be productively farmed for the full length of the growing season.

Objectives

a. *Increase pace of drainage infrastructure improvements and ensure schedule for routine monitoring and maintenance of drainage improvements by increasing and providing long-term funding for drainage service providers to at least \$1.5M/year*

b. *Strengthen partnerships for multi-benefit project implementation and funding opportunities*

c. *Reduce cost for landowners to ensure more improvements occur and there is equity in access to drainage programs*

d. *Explore mitigation bank for strategic plantings that most benefit habitat*

Measures

Acreage put back into production after drainage maintenance: ADAP eligible waterways, Multi-benefit waterways, Culverts, Flood Control Gates and Pumps, Tiles

Track partners, projects, funding

Increase in outreach and cost-share

Progress via dashboard timeline

Values and Strategic Plan Links *Example:*

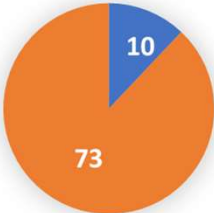


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Issue Paper = Dashboard

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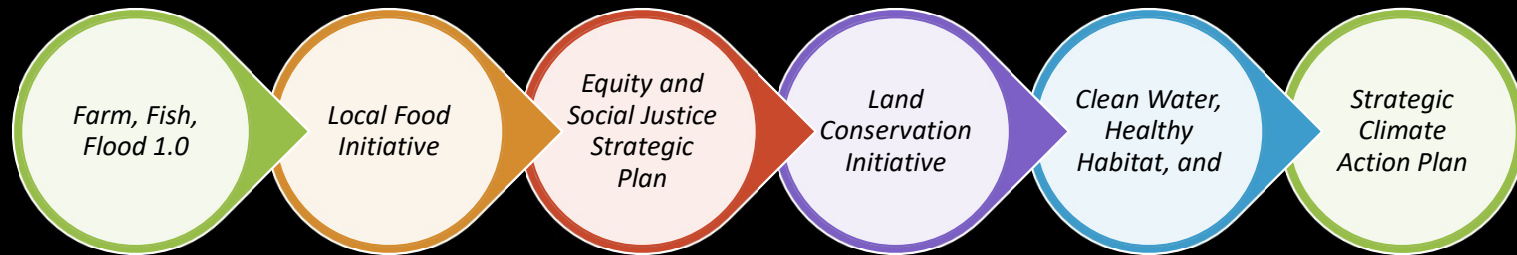
1: Drainage Maintenance for ADAP Eligible Waterways			
Current Condition		Desired Condition by 2046	
<div><h3>Agricultural Waterway Maintenance</h3><h4>Snoqualmie Valley APD</h4><div><div><div>■ miles maintained by ADAP since 2012</div><div>■ remaining miles requiring maintenance</div></div></div></div>		<p>All eligible waterways are assessed and undergo initial maintenance, are evaluated for return interval, and recurring maintenance is done based on waterway classification and need. Cost- benefit analysis of a mitigation bank completed.</p>	
		<h4>Timeline</h4> <ul style="list-style-type: none">2021 KC Integrated Drainage Program is fully funded and begins improvements on additional drainage systems2026 Cost- benefit analysis of mitigation bank completed2031 Maintenance of remaining 73 miles completed2045 Recurring maintenance interval is determined by evaluation criteria and scheduled for ongoing maintenance	
Background		Service Providers	Priority
<p>Artificial and modified agricultural waterways (drainage ditches) direct water out of agricultural fields into larger waterways and streams. Over time, these waterways can fill with sediment and become blocked by overgrown weeds, slowing or stopping the movement of water and leading to poorly drained fields. Currently, King County regulations do not allow dredging in larger modified waterways (Map 1).</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none">King County Integrated Drainage ProgramSV Watershed Improvement DistrictKing Conservation District	HIGH
Recommendations			
<ol style="list-style-type: none">Increase long-term funding 250% (\$19M) for drainage service providers including outreach and education for landowners to assess and maintain remaining 73 miles of waterways and establish recurring maintenance intervals.Reduce cost to landowners through creating or increasing cost-share programs to further help with landowner, planting, and fencing costs.Fund cost- benefit analysis of mitigation bank for required plantings and link to the King County Natural Asset Management Program and to buffer implementation.			

Key values/themes incorporated into the plan

1. Responsible Stewardship/Sustainable Farming
2. Flood and climate change preparedness
3. Equity and social justice
4. Multi-benefit projects
5. Innovative thinking
6. Regulatory certainty
7. Resource investments
8. Alignment with related plans and programs

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Alignment with related strategic plans and programs



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2 specific asks of IOC members: SMEs and Review

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- Action: email Patrice.barrentine@kingcounty.gov by May 11; if drainage, tomorrow (April 28)



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Dear Ms. Spiry, Ms. Donaldson and Ms. Krass:

Thank you for your December 21, 2020 letter expressing your support and vision to address regulatory issues that can create unnecessary challenges for farming in King County. Clear and workable regulations are needed for farmers to manage their fields and grow crops while also maintaining protection for salmon and the environment.

I convened the Snoqualmie Fish, Farm, Flood Initiative to have community leaders and willing Tribal members tackle the issues that were creating obstacles and conflict for salmon recovery, flood protection, and productive agriculture in the Snoqualmie Valley Agricultural Production District. I continue to support and be inspired by your work and that of the Implementation Oversight Committee to work together, across interests, to identify projects and solutions that bring benefits to all three F's. Each of you – and more so in your extra service as co-chair – has provided invaluable service and leadership toward that end. Thank you for your hard work.

I appreciate the effort of the members of the Regulatory Task Force (RTF) to resolve permitting and regulatory concerns raised by the agriculture community. It is inspiring to see this work come forward from a Task Force that included individual farmers, salmon recovery experts, agricultural organizations, flood experts and Tribal governments.

Based on your recommendations, I am taking the following actions:

- I am directing the Department of Local Services (DLS) to memorialize the clarity achieved through the RTF per an internal concurrence memo to provide direction for staff to consistently implement county regulations.
- I am directing the divisions of Permitting and Water and Land Resources to develop a work program needed to complete Task Force recommendations that advance solutions and efficiencies necessary to achieve improved farming and habitat conditions.

- As part of my Clean Water and Healthy Habitat Initiative, I expect DLS and DNRP leadership to guide and collaborate across their organizations on this important work.
- I will ensure that the Federal caucus is made aware of issues that need addressing at the federal level. It will also be important to strengthen our work with Federal agencies to have an informed understanding when regulations impact the landowners and residents who live and work in the lower Snoqualmie Valley.

King County remains committed to the FFF initiative. I am hopeful that by continuing this collaborative and action-oriented effort we will find increasing and broad support, not just in the Snoqualmie Valley, but across King County. FFF not only advances important multi-benefit work but serves as a model for people of different and strongly held positions to work together for a common purpose.

Thank you again for your continued efforts. I look forward to seeing more results of your hard work and meeting in person in our post-pandemic future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dow Constantine". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and a long horizontal line extending from the end.

Dow Constantine
King County Executive

cc: Christie True, Director, Department of Natural Resources and Parks (DNRP)
John Taylor, Director, Department of Local Services (DLS)
Josh Baldi, Division Director, Water and Land Resources Division, DNRP
Joan Lee, RRSS Section Supervisor, DNRP
Beth leDoux, FFF Project Manager, DNRP