



FY2019 (7/1/18 – 6/30/19) Annual Work Plan Lincoln County Conservation District



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Mission of the Lincoln County Conservation District

- To help citizens of Lincoln County protect, conserve, and enhance our natural resources.

Natural Resource Priorities (Based on NRCS West Palouse LWG 2018)

- Cropland: Soil erosion – sheet, rill, and wind
- Cropland: Insufficient water – Inefficient use of irrigation water
- Rangeland: Degraded plant condition – Undesirable plant productivity and health, or inadequate water for domestic animals and wildland fire considerations
- Forestland: Degraded plant condition – Undesirable plant productivity and health, and wildland fire considerations
- All lands: Other – Inadequate habitat for fish and wildlife/habitat degradation and water quality considerations

1. Program Area: Voluntary Stewardship Program (VSP)

Goal(s):

- *Gather data of BMPs being implemented in Lincoln County and inform partners of our actions to protect critical areas.*

Funding Source(s): Lincoln County and Washington State Conservation Commission

Activities for FY2019	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time (Days) Required	Estimated Funding	Notes
Produce quarterly status reports and final work plan to the Conservation Commission's VSP Program Manager. Submit final work plan to Lincoln County Commissioners.	September 2018 to June 2019	Kristen Balko and Val Vissia	30 days	\$40,000	
Community outreach and education on VSP.	July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019	Val Vissia	30 days	\$130,000	

2. Program Area: Sage Grouse Habitat Mitigation and Roadside Fuel Break Implementation Program

Goal(s):

- *Educate the public to reduce wildfire risk to sage grouse*
- *Implement roadside fuel break projects to prevent habitat fragmentation by wildfire.*

Funding Source(s): Bureau of Land Management

Activities for FY2019	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time (Days) Required	Estimated Funding	Notes
Administer cost share program to implement roadside fuel breaks to reduce wildfire hazard in sensitive sage grouse habitat areas.	<i>July 1, 2018 to September 15, 2018</i>	<i>Kristen Balko</i>	<i>30 days</i>	<i>\$84,000</i>	
Conduct outreach campaign to educate the public on sage grouse habitat concerns and wildfire risk.	<i>July 1, 2018 to September 15, 2018</i>	<i>Val Vissia</i>	<i>30 days</i>	<i>\$60,000</i>	
Prepare and submit final progress and financial reports to BLM.	<i>September 1 to September 15, 2018</i>	<i>Kristen Balko & Kathy McQuade</i>	<i>7 days</i>	<i>\$30,000</i>	

3. Program Area: *Channeled Scablands Cooperative Weed Management Area Management***Goal(s):**

- *Educate the public to reduce wildfire risk to sage grouse*
- *Implement noxious weed mitigation projects to prevent habitat fragmentation by wildfire.*

Funding Source(s): National Fish and Wildlife Foundation

Activities for FY2019	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time (Days) Required	Estimated Funding	Notes
Administer cost share program to fund noxious weed mitigation projects.	<i>July 1, 2018 to March 1, 2019</i>	<i>Kristen Balko</i>	<i>120 days (July to March)</i>	<i>\$19,000</i>	
Conduct outreach campaign to educate the public on sage grouse habitat concerns and wildfire risk, and noxious weed mitigation cost share program.	<i>July 1, 2018 to March 1, 2019</i>	<i>Val Vissia</i>	<i>120 days (July to March)</i>	<i>\$17,000</i>	

4. Program Area: *Washington State Department of Ecology Water Quality Grant for Direct Seed Implementation***Goal(s):**

- *Expand our existing direct seed cost share program to more producers and acres.*
- *Improve water quality via riparian restoration project*

Funding Source(s): Washington State Department of Ecology

Activities for FY2019	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time (Days) Required	Estimated Funding	Notes
Partner with Palouse-Rock Lake and Pine Creek CDs to establish and deliver cost share program fund direct seed implementation projects.	July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019	Kristen Balko & Elsa Bowen	180 days	\$65,000	
Economic monitoring of direct seed implementation	July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019	Kristen Balko	180 days	\$1,700	
Evaluate BMPs and coordinate planning activities for up to 4 miles of riparian restoration project	July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019	Kristen Balko & Elsa Bowen	60 days	\$12,000	
Conduct outreach campaign to enroll producers in direct seed cost share program.	July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019	Val Vissia	180 days	\$10,000	

5. Program Area: Washington Fire Adapted Communities Learning Network

Goal(s):

- Build networking capacity within the WAFAC learning network
- Educate the public to reduce wildfire risk through Fire Adapted Community outreach effort.

Funding Source(s): South Central Washington Resource Conservation and Development Council

Activities for FY2019	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time (Days) Required	Estimated Funding	Notes
Develop Fire Adaptive Community exhibit in Davenport Community Garden	July 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018	Kristen Balko & Val Vissia	60 days	\$4,000	
Attend annual WAFAC meetings, and participate in webinars, social media updates, surveys and additional meetings.	July 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018	Kristen Balko & Val Vissia	60 days	\$3,040	

6. Program Area: Washington State Department of Ecology Lincoln County Sustainable Water Supply Study

Goal(s):

- Collect water level data and build a water level geospatial database for Lincoln County
- Use the water level database to characterize water level changes and build a long-term monitoring effort

Funding Source(s): Washington State Department of Ecology

Activities for FY2019	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time (Days) Required	Estimated Funding	Notes
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Collection of well water level data and updated database	<i>July 1, 2018 - April 30, 2019</i>	<i>Dean White</i>	<i>180 days</i>	<i>\$180,000</i>	
Production of final project report describing groundwater level conditions and recommendations for future water level data collection and resource management.	<i>April 30, 2019 to June 30, 2018</i>	<i>Kristen Balko</i>	<i>60 days</i>	<i>\$20,000</i>	

7. Program Area: 18-39-NR

Goal(s):

- *Implement natural resource investment projects through cost share program*

Funding Source(s): Washington State Conservation Commission

Activities for FY2019	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time (Days) Required	Estimated Funding	Notes
Implement cost share program based on priority resource concerns at 50% cost share.	<i>July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019</i>	<i>Elsa Bowen and Kristen Balko</i>	<i>180 days</i>	<i>\$25,600</i>	

8. Program Area: 19-39-IM

Goal(s):

- *Education and outreach to promote natural resource conservation plans and upcoming projects*
- *Implementation of natural resource projects*
- *Elections and support District operations*

Funding Source(s): Washington State Conservation Commission

Activities for FY2019	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time (Days) Required	Estimated Funding	Notes
<i>Education and outreach activities designed to promote natural resource conservation and preservation: newsletters, website, 6th grade day, wheat week, rainfall precipitation, county fair booth, and CWPP and Hazard Mitigation planning. Attendance at education and training opportunities</i>	<i>July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019</i>	<i>Elsa Bowen, Kristen Balko, & Val Vissia</i>	<i>180 days</i>	<i>\$9,500</i>	<i>Anticipated funding</i>
<i>Hold an annual district supervisor election</i>	<i>January 1, 2019 to March 31, 2019</i>	<i>Val Vissia</i>	<i>90 days</i>	<i>\$500</i>	<i>Anticipated funding</i>
<i>Administer BMP cost share projects</i>	<i>July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019</i>	<i>Elsa Bowen & Kristen Balko</i>	<i>180 days</i>	<i>\$20,000</i>	<i>Anticipated funding</i>

9. Program Area: Palouse Watershed Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP)**Goal(s):**

- Partner with Palouse Conservation District to achieve the outcomes of the WRIA 34 RCPP (water quality, soil health, and wildlife habitat)
- Assist producers in WRIA 34 region of Lincoln County to apply for and receive EQIP RCPP contracts

Funding Source(s): USDA National Resources Conservation Service

Activities for FY2019	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time (Days) Required	Estimated Funding	Notes
Attend WRIA 34 RCPP meetings and relevant trainings	July 1, 2018 to Sept 30, 2018	Kristen Balko	30 days	\$3,500	
Take applications, write plans, provide significant contribution, and assist partnership with RCPP implementation	July 1, 2018 to Sept 30, 2018	Kristen Balko	30 days	\$3,500	

10. Program Area: Washington State Department of Ecology Mielke WRP Wetland and Riparian Restoration**Goal(s):**

- Work with program partners on the restoration of wetland and riparian areas on 110 acres to improve water quality and supply, and wildlife habitat in the Pend Oreille River Watershed (WRIA 62)

Funding Source(s): Washington State Department of Ecology

Activities for FY2019	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time (Days) Required	Estimated Funding	Notes
Work with program partners to collect initial site data, create conceptual planning and engineering designs.	July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019	Elsa Bowen and Kristen Balko	90 days	\$22,000	
Assist in acquiring necessary permits, advertising and hiring a contractor for earthwork construction.	July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019	Elsa Bowen and Kristen Balko	90 days	\$34,000	
Facilitate in the creation of an engineering plan and monitor earthwork construction implementation.	July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019	Elsa Bowen and Kristen Balko	90 days	\$11,000	
Assist in planting vegetation along riparian and wet meadow, and monitor plant survivability and water quality improvements after project implementation.	July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019	Elsa Bowen and Kristen Balko	60 days	\$71,000	
Produce quarterly summary reports with supplemental information.	July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019	Kristen Balko	14 days	\$3,500	

11. Program Area: Wildfire prevention and recovery**Goal(s):**

- Promote forestry practices to target areas and perform home assessments on fire risks

Funding Source(s): Washington State Department of Natural Resources

Activities for FY2019	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time (Days) Required	Estimated Funding	Notes
Offer education and outreach on fire prevention and recovery BMPs, and home fire risk assessments.	July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019	Elsa Bowen, Kristen Balko and Val Vissia	180 days	\$15,000	Anticipated funding

12. Program Area: Verle Kaiser Soil Education Tour**Goal(s):**

- Education and outreach to area grade school students on direct seed practices and benefits

Funding Source(s): Verle Kaiser Conservation Endowment

Activities for FY2019	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time (Days) Required	Estimated Funding	Notes
Partner with local area producers to host a tour and presentation about soil health and erosion.	February 1, 2019 to May 31, 2019	Val Vissia	90 days	\$1,000	Anticipated funding

13. Program Area: District Implementation Projects and Community Outreach**Goal(s):**

- Implement conservation and preservation BMP through a cost share program
- Provide education and outreach on BMP for conservation and preservation
- Host annual Tree Sale

Funding Source(s): Lincoln County Conservation District

Activities for FY2019	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time (Days) Required	Estimated Funding	Notes
Provide cost share programs on conservation and preservation BMPs for soil health and protection, water availability and quality, erosion	July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019	Elsa Bowen and Kristen Balko	230 days	\$50,000	

prevention, livestock and wildlife habitat improvement, energy sources, and wildfire fuels reduction.					
Provide education and outreach on conservation and preservation BMPs for soil health and protection, water availability and quality, erosion prevention, livestock and wildlife habitat improvement, energy sources, and wildfire fuels reduction.	<i>July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019</i>	<i>Val Vissia</i>	<i>230 days</i>	<i>\$30,000</i>	
Prepare and host annual District Tree Sale	<i>January 1, 2019 to March 30, 2019</i>	<i>Kristen Balko and Val Vissia</i>	<i>90 days</i>	<i>\$12,000</i>	
Education and permitting of Lincoln County burn permits and administering the rental of a tillage drill.	<i>July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019</i>	<i>Dean White and Elsa Bowen</i>	<i>120 days</i>	<i>\$5,000</i>	