KING CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Financial Help for Forest Landowners:
Landowner Incentive Program Overview
Presented by: Brett Anderson, Forest Stewardship Planner
Today’s webinar outline:

- KCD as an organization
- KCD Forest Management staff
- Historical context
- LIP overview/requirements
- LIP project overview
- Summary and Q&A
- Additional resources

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LIP – Landowner Incentive Program

• What is it?
• Who is eligible?
• What are the requirements?

Break for questions
LIP – What is it?

- Financial assistance piece of the KCD puzzle
- 75% reimbursement program, up to allocated budget
- Lower barriers to active forest management
- Help landowners be effective land managers
- Program goal – enhance forest natural resources
- Contractual agreement between KCD and landowners
LIP – Who is eligible?

- King County landowners
- Have a current (<5 years old) Forest Stewardship Plan approved by King County
  - Allows for slight regulatory flexibility
  - Help landowners implement their stewardship plans
- “I want to do A/B/C to manage my forest, but can’t because of X/Y/Z”
LIP – What are the requirements?

• 15-year practice lifetime
• Ongoing maintenance
  • Continued control of invasive weeds
  • Replanting if mortality occurs
• 25% cost-share
• Follow-up site visits from KCD throughout practice lifetime
• Annual photo submission
Any questions before we continue?
Forest Health Management Projects

- What do they look like?
- How long do they take?
- What do landowners need to do before/during/after?
- What does project success look like?
Forest Health Management Projects
What do they look like?

- Site preparation – e.g. brush control, mowing, thinning, invasive species treatment
- Replanting – only native species
- Maintenance
Forest Health Management Projects
How long do they take?

- Installation – Initial site preparation and planting
- Maintenance – Two phases
  - “Ours” – approximately 3 years
  - “Yours” – approximately 12 years
- Forests are living systems, no clear ‘end’
Forest Health Management Projects

What do landowners need to do...

• Before?
  • Clearly defined goals
  • Get involved with your woods!

• During?
  • Clear and responsive communication

• After?
  • Continued maintenance of practice
  • Annual submission of project photos
Forest Health Management Projects
What does project success look like?

• Good control of invasive species
• Successful establishment of plantings
  • Good survivorship – 80%
  • “Free to grow”
• Landowners as active and engaged stewards
LIP Project Partnership – KCD and Landowner Roles

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- Project design
- Confirm project design meets goals
- Provide documents for bid solicitation
- Solicit bids from contractors using documents, selects bid
- Completes LIP application
- Submits application for approval
- Final review of LIP project application
- Signs contract, receives approval letter, begins work!
- Inspects work as it occurs, processes reimbursement paperwork, ongoing support with maintaining the practice

**KCD**
- Start
- “End”

**Continued maintenance!**
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**KCD**
- **Project Phase:**
  - Scoping
  - Bidding
  - Application
  - Implementation

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Resources and contacts

Natural Resources Conservation Service – EQIP cost-share
Contact: Josh Himsl – Joshua.Himsl@wa.usda.gov
(253) 256-6744 / (253) 245-0567

King County Forestry Program – Planning assistance, property tax savings
Contact: Wendy Sammarco – WSammarco@kingcounty.gov
(206) 263-6916 / (206) 477-4800

Washington Department of Natural Resources – Planning assistance
Contact: Matt Provencher – Matthew.Provencher@DNR.WA.gov
(360) 902-1494 / (360) 819-7143

WSU Extension Forestry – Planning assistance, educational classes/webinars
Contact: http://forestry.wsu.edu/nps/

And of course...KCD! – Planning assistance, LIP cost-share, Technical assistance
Contact: Brett Anderson – Brett.Anderson@KingCD.org
(425) 282-1953 / (425) 773-8037
Thank you!