



# Forestry Education and Assistance for Washington Forest Landowners

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## Introduction

Forestry education and assistance are available to Washington forest landowners from a variety of sources, including public agencies, private consultants, and fellow landowners. Available resources include publications, videos, workshops, online classes, technical advice, and financial assistance. Whatever your situation, there is likely a resource, organization, or individual that can help you meet your goals for your woods.

## Washington State University Extension

### About WSU Extension

Washington State University (WSU) is Washington's designated land-grant university. The land-grant system was established by Congress in the 1800s to provide greater higher education opportunities for the working classes. The Cooperative Extension Service was established as part of the land-grant system by the Smith-Lever Act of 1914 to continue improving public access to university resources.

WSU Extension is a three-way partnership with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA), WSU, and county governments. WSU Extension has offices in every county in Washington, with each local office providing a different mix of local programs that may include agriculture, gardening, community and economic development, health and wellness, youth and families, and natural resources stewardship. Some examples of specific programs offered by WSU Extension around the state are Master Gardeners, Beach Watchers, 4-H, and Forest Stewardship.

The WSU Extension Forest Stewardship Program provides educational workshops, tours, online trainings, publications, newsletters, and individual consultation on a variety of subjects, including forestry, wildlife, and other natural resources. Extension educators are WSU faculty who work in local county Extension offices. Many, but not all, counties in Washington are served by a forestry Extension educator. A complete list of WSU's forestry educators is included in this publication. For additional information about WSU Extension resources in your county, contact your local county Extension office. The

directory in the appendix of this publication lists all WSU Extension offices by county. Contact information is also available in the government listings in your local telephone book and online at <http://extension.wsu.edu/locations/>.

The WSU Forestry and Wildlife Extension webpage also provides information about programs, workshops, publications, streaming videos, online trainings, and other resources for forest landowners. To view this information, visit <http://forestry.wsu.edu/>.

## Forest Stewardship Coached Planning

Coached Planning is the flagship of the WSU Extension Forest Stewardship Program. Coached Planning classes are offered to forest landowners throughout the state of Washington. These short courses typically include one evening class per week for six to nine weeks. The classes are designed to help forest landowners develop customized management solutions to meet their individual ownership objectives. Participants will identify their property ownership goals and develop a comprehensive forest stewardship plan. A stewardship plan may qualify landowners for cost-share assistance for plan implementation, as well as recognition as a Stewardship Forest, and a reduction in current-use property-tax rates. Forest Stewardship Coached Planning is a collaborative educational program offered by WSU Extension in cooperation with the Washington Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and other federal, state, and local natural resources agencies.

For more information and a list of upcoming classes, please visit <http://forestry.wsu.edu/> or contact your local Extension forestry educator.

## Forest Stewardship University

Forest Stewardship University is a suite of online classes available from WSU Extension on a variety of topics, including tree and plant identification, silviculture, forest

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health, managing noxious weeds, and understanding forest taxes and regulations. These online classes are available on demand at: <http://forestry.wsu.edu/>.

## Forest Landowner Field Days

Each summer, WSU Extension, the DNR, and other agency partners host educational field days for forest landowners. Typically, at least two Saturday field days are held each year, one east and one west of the Cascades. These field days offer a hands-on, “out in the woods,” educational experience for the whole family. Participants can attend outdoor seminars offered throughout the day on dozens of forestry topics, such as forest health, thinning, pruning, riparian management, wildlife habitat, special forest products, wildfire protection, and more.

These field days provide educational opportunities for participants of all ages and skill levels, along with forest landowners regardless of property size. They offer an excellent introduction to forest stewardship, provide advanced learning opportunities for experienced landowners, or simply allow landowners a chance to “sharpen the saw,” that is, refresh existing skills or be updated on the latest forest research and developments. For information on upcoming field days, contact your local Extension forestry educator, or visit <http://forestry.wsu.edu/>.

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To obtain WSU Extension publications, contact your local WSU Extension office, or place an order with:

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## Sidebar 2: Get Connected

Stay on top of the latest news, information, upcoming events, and other available resources for forest landowners by subscribing to one or more of these free email newsletters:

- **Forest Stewardship Notes:** This statewide educational newsletter provides news, feature articles, technical advice, and event announcements for forest landowners throughout Washington. The newsletter is published quarterly by WSU Extension and the Washington DNR. To subscribe, visit <http://foreststewardshipnotes.wordpress.com/> and do a page search for “subscribe.” To view archives of past issues, visit <http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs009/1103464106731/archive/1104211526076.html>.
- **North Central Washington Forest Stewardship Updates:** This electronic mailing list provides periodic information and events of specific interest to forest landowners in the north central Washington area. The listserv is managed by the WSU Extension forestry program that serves Chelan, Douglas, Kittitas, Okanogan, and Yakima counties. For more information contact Andy Perleberg at [andyp@wsu.edu](mailto:andyp@wsu.edu).
- **Puget Sound Forest Stewardship E-Newsletter:** This newsletter features news, information, events, and resources of specific interest to forest landowners in the north Puget Sound area. The newsletter is published ten times per year by the WSU Extension forestry program that serves Snohomish, Skagit, King, and Island counties. To subscribe or view archives, visit: <http://forestry.wsu.edu/nps/newsletter/>.

## Washington Department of Natural Resources

### Forest Stewardship Program

The DNR Forest Stewardship Program provides services and direct one-on-one assistance to forest landowners with ten or more acres in western Washington or with any acreage in eastern Washington. DNR stewardship foresters offer no-cost, non-regulatory, on-site visits to help landowners improve forests for timber production, forest health, wildlife and fish habitat, special forest products, aesthetics, and fire safety. Advice is customized to meet the landowner’s specific objectives.

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The DNR Small Forest Landowner office (SFLO) was established in 1999 to promote the viability of small forest landowners in Washington. The SFLO manages several assistance programs for landowners, including:

- Family Forest Fish Passage Program (FFPP)—A cost-share program that provides small landowners with 75 to 100% of the cost to replace fish barriers on their property. Enrolled landowners are not required to replace a barrier until the state determines that the barrier is a funding priority.
- Forestry Riparian Easement Program (FREP)—Provides financial compensation to qualifying small landowners who are required to leave commercial timber in riparian buffers during harvest operations.
- Rivers and Habitat (formerly known as the Riparian Open Space Program)—Purchases conservation easements from landowners with forested land within channel-migration zones.

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## Forest Practices

The Washington State Forest Practices Act regulates timber harvesting, road building, and other forestry activities on private forestlands. Most forest management activities require a permit called a Forest Practices Application (FPA). State law now also requires forest landowners to correct problems with road conditions that may affect water quality or fish habitat. Most small forest landowners are asked to submit a checklist that confirms they have assessed their forest roads and are maintaining them according to state standards.

Regional forest practices staff are available to assist you with questions you may have about your FPA or your harvest unit so that forest practices rules are followed. Regional forest practices staff can also help you with assessing your forest roads and understanding the state forest road-maintenance standards. For assistance with forest practices, contact the DNR regional office that serves the area in which your land is located (see Sidebar 3).

## Forest Health

The DNR has forest entomologists (insect specialists) and pathologists (disease specialists) who monitor forest health problems around the state. These experts are frequent speakers at educational programs for forest landowners. For assistance with a forest health problem, first contact your local DNR stewardship forester or WSU Extension forestry educator for diagnoses and recommendations or for a referral to an entomologist or pathologist if necessary.

## Fire Prevention

The DNR is responsible for wildfire protection on 12 million acres of private and state forestland. For tips and best practices information on protecting your home and forestland from wildfire, contact your local DNR stewardship forester or WSU Extension forestry educator. Your local conservation district may also offer information and assistance on wildfire prevention.

To obtain a burn permit or to ask questions about forestry-related burning, contact the DNR regional office that serves your area. For recorded information about burning restrictions, call 800-323-2876. To report a forest fire, call 800-565-6010.

## DNR Webster Forest Nursery

The DNR Webster Forest Nursery, located south of Olympia, offers tree seedlings for sale to landowners. This nursery grows seedlings for a variety of zones and elevations throughout the state of Washington. Seedling orders are typically accepted at the beginning of September for planting the following spring. For more information, contact the nursery at 360-902-1234 or 877-890-2626.

## USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is a

federal agency within the USDA. Formerly known as the Soil Conservation Service, NRCS works to conserve natural resources on private lands by providing technical and financial assistance to farmers, forest owners, and others. To learn more about NRCS programs in Washington, visit <http://www.wa.nrcs.usda.gov/>.

## Cost-Share Programs

The NRCS administers a variety of cost-share programs. These programs provide a type of financial assistance in which the government enters into an agreement with a private landowner to pay a portion of the cost to complete a conservation project on private land. This allows landowners to implement projects that would otherwise be cost prohibitive. Some types of projects that could potentially be eligible for a cost share include road improvements that reduce sediment, fuel-reduction treatments that reduce wildfire risk, and planting of riparian buffer strips.

Cost-share programs are typically established by Congress as part of federal "Farm Bill" legislation. Historically these programs have been geared to agricultural producers, but there have been increasing opportunities for forest owners. The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) is a current example of a cost-share program that offers many opportunities for forest owners.

To find out about current cost-share opportunities, eligibility requirements, and application procedures and deadlines, contact your nearest NRCS office (see directory or government listings in your local telephone book). Conservation districts can also provide information on cost-share programs, since they work closely with the NRCS and are often located in the same building.

## Soil Information

The USDA NRCS is the premier source for soil information, such as soil type, physical and chemical properties, drainage characteristics, land-use suitability, forest and agricultural productivity, and much more. Historically this information was published by county in soil survey books. These books are no longer updated, since the information is now made available online cost free through the NRCS Web Soil Survey at <http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov/>.

For assistance in using the Web Soil Survey to get soil information, contact your local NRCS office, DNR stewardship forester, or WSU Extension forestry educator.

*Forest Soil Data for your Forest Stewardship Plan* (EM064) is a publication available from WSU Extension which provides a step-by-step guide for using the Web Soil Survey to get forest-specific soil data for your property. A PDF of this publication is available for free download and hard copies are available for purchase at <https://pubs.wsu.edu/>.

WSU Extension also offers similar information in the online class *Forest Soils and Management Planning*. This class is available for free and on demand through Forest Stewardship University at <http://breeze.wsu.edu/om7/>.

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Department of Revenue Timber Tax Program, contact  
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## Conservation Districts

Conservation districts are local special purpose districts (other examples of special purpose districts include hospital, fire, and school districts). Similar to and often working in partnership with the NRCS, conservation districts provide technical and financial assistance to encourage conservation on private land. Conservation districts sometimes have local cost-share opportunities in addition to broader federal programs. Some conservation districts in Washington have staff foresters who are available to provide no-cost technical assistance to landowners, including site visits and assistance in developing forest management plans.

Conservation districts typically hold native plant and tree sales each year in late winter or early spring. These sales are excellent sources for tree seedlings and native plants that are appropriate for use in reforestation or restoration projects in local areas. Contact your local conservation district for information on upcoming sales and any pre-order requirements. Your local conservation district can also help you select appropriate plant and

tree species and stock types for your specific site and project needs.

There are 47 conservation districts in Washington. Almost all conservation districts follow county boundaries. To find your local conservation district, go to the directory or check the government listings in your local telephone book.

You can also learn more about conservation districts in Washington by going online at <http://www.wadistricts.org/>.

## Forest Tax Assistance

### Current-Use Taxation

Washington, like many states, allows for what is called current-use taxation (CUT), which means that land can be taxed at its value for forestry use rather than for “highest and best use” (HBU) (such as development, etc.). Forestland values are set by the Washington Department of Revenue (DOR) and adjusted each year using a formula established by state law. These values are variable and are based on the productivity and accessibility of the land. Under CUT, the assessed value of forestland is typically in the range of \$1–\$200 per acre depending on the quality and accessibility of the property. Switching from standard taxation to CUT can significantly reduce your property taxes on the forested portion of your property.

There are two types of forestland classifications for CUT. The designated forestland classification is for timber tracts that are greater than 20 acres. Open-space timber is the classification for forest tracts greater than 5 acres. The two classifications function similarly, but there are slight differences in the rules and how they are processed by the county. These classifications require that land be used for the growth and harvest of timber, and there are penalties for later removing land from these classifications. An approved forest management plan may be an enrollment requirement. Consider your options carefully, and seek professional advice to determine if CUT is right for you.

Designated forestland and open space timber are state programs, but application is made through your local County Assessor’s office. Some counties in Washington have an additional county-specific option called the Public Benefit Rating System (PBRS). PBRS awards points for environmental features of your property, and these points add up to tax savings. This is another option for smaller properties or properties not managed for growth and harvest of timber. Contact the County Assessor’s office serving the county in which your property is located for more information on the CUT program, its eligibility requirements, and the application procedures and deadlines.

### Washington Department of Revenue

If you sell timber from your property, you may be liable for the Washington forest excise tax, depending on how your sales transaction is handled. The DOR has professional foresters on staff to assist you with this and other state forest-tax issues. Contact the DOR district office serving your area (see Sidebar 4) to obtain forest

tax assistance. The DOR also has forest tax information, including a complete tutorial on filing a Forest Excise-Tax Return, visit their website at <http://dor.wa.gov/content/findtaxesandrates/othertaxes/timber/default.aspx>.

### Federal Income Tax

Federal income tax may be owed on harvested timber revenues. How federal income taxes apply to timber income is complex, subject to tax law changes, and specific to each individual’s situation. Consequently, you may wish to seek advice from your tax professional or the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). Another available educational resource is the National Timber Tax website at <http://www.timbertax.org/>. This website is a comprehensive clearinghouse for federal and state tax information specifically for timberland owners.

### Private Forestry Assistance

In many cases, you will need to hire a private consultant for assistance, especially when it comes to functions like timber harvesting on your property.<sup>1</sup>

#### Arborists

A professional arborist can assist you with individual trees, such as trees in your yard, trees in an urban setting, and ornamental trees. Services provided by arborists include hazard tree assessment, individual tree health assessment, tree trimming, and tree removal. Arborists who have been certified by the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) have met professional standards of knowledge and continuing education. The Pacific Northwest Chapter of the ISA maintains a directory of certified arborists at <http://pnwisa.org/hire-an-arborist/isa-certified-arborist-directory/>. You can search this directory by location and specialty (e.g. hazard tree assessment). The directory also indicates which arborists are consulting only (for those seeking independent advice) vs. commercial (i.e., who provide actual tree removal service, etc.).

#### Consulting Foresters

Hiring a professional consulting forester is highly recommended when selling timber. A consulting forester serves as your advocate by negotiating the best price for your timber, facilitating the permit and preparation process, verifying property boundaries, working with the logger and other contractors, and ensuring that the entire sale process goes smoothly and meets your objectives. Other services provided by consulting foresters include management plan preparation, forest inventory (timber cruising), and timber or forestland appraisal.

There are several ways to locate a consulting forester:

- WSU Extension maintains a limited directory of consulting foresters around the state. Contact

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<sup>1</sup> The private organizations and retailers listed in this section are for informational and educational purposes only and do not imply endorsement by Washington State University.

your local WSU Extension forestry educator, or visit <http://ext.nrs.wsu.edu/publications/forestry/consultingdirectory.htm>.

- The Association of Consulting Foresters (ACF) maintains a directory of members at <http://www.acf-foresters.org/>, or call 888-540-8733.
- The Society of American Foresters (SAF) maintains a directory of certified foresters (CF) at <http://eforester.org/certifiedforester/findcertifiedforester.cfm>. Foresters who have been certified by SAF have met specific professional standards of knowledge, education, and experience.

## Loggers

Working with a skilled and knowledgeable logger is invaluable when cutting trees on your property, whether for wood production, habitat enhancement, or forest health improvement. You may wish to seek assistance from a consulting forester in hiring an experienced and reputable logging company that will best meet your needs.

## Silvicultural Contractors

Silvicultural contractors provide forestry services such as reforestation, vegetation control (herbicide application, hand release, etc.), pre-commercial thinning, and pruning. The Washington Department of Labor and Industries (L&I) maintains a list of licensed farm labor contractors at <http://www.lni.wa.gov/WorkplaceRights/Agriculture/FarmLabor/LicContract/default.asp>. This list is updated monthly. There are two types of licenses: farm labor and reforestation. Contractors that are licensed for reforestation often offer additional forestry services as well. The L&I listings include mailing addresses for each contractor, but no phone or online contact information. You may have to do an online search or consult a telephone directory for additional contact information. Your local WSU Extension Forester, DNR Stewardship Forester, or USDA–NRCS Service Center may also be able to provide you with contacts.

## Forestry Suppliers

As a forest landowner, you may need specialized equipment, supplies, and tools that are not available from a typical hardware store; however, you may find forestry supplies at your local saw shop. There are also several internet and catalog forestry supply retailers that offer a large selection of specialized forestry goods:

- Baileys, Inc.—800-322-4539 or <http://www.baileysonline.com/>
- Ben Meadows Company—800-241-6401 or <http://www.benmeadows.com/>
- Forestry Suppliers, Inc.—800-647-5368 or <http://www.forestry-suppliers.com/>
- Pacforest Forestry Supply Company—877-736-5995 or <http://www.pacforestsupply.com/>

## Landowner Associations

Your fellow landowners can be an excellent source of knowledge and practical experience. Landowner

associations provide an opportunity to connect with other landowners, share ideas, and explore similar interests. There are a variety of national, regional, state, and local forest landowner and Christmas tree grower associations. You can find private landowner associations with chapters in your area by doing an internet search or checking your local listings.

## Other Sources of Assistance

There are other public agencies, local governments, interest groups, and nonprofit organizations that offer consulting services to forest landowners. These organizations can be valuable resources; however, be aware that in some cases their expertise or objectives may not be the best fit for your needs and objectives as a landowner. You may want to ask these organizations what their organizational mission is, what fees or commitments are associated with their services, and whether they have a trained professional forester on staff (i.e., one who has graduated from an accredited forestry college).

## Quick Reference Guide

### General forestry information:

- WSU Extension forestry educator (p. 2)
- DNR stewardship forester (p. 3)

### Forestry classes, workshops, publications, and other educational resources:

- WSU Extension (p. 1)

### Site visits:

- DNR stewardship forester (p. 3)
- Local conservation district (see directory)

### Wildlife:

- DNR stewardship forester (p. 3)
- DNR wildlife biologist (p. 4)

### Forest health:

- DNR stewardship forester (p. 3)
- WSU Extension forestry educator (p. 2)

### Special (non-timber) forest products:

- WSU Extension special forest products specialist (p. 2)
- DNR stewardship forester (p. 3)

### Forest management plan preparation:

- WSU Extension Coached Planning Program (p. 1)
- Consulting forester (p. 7)

### Hazard tree assessment:

- Professional arborist (p. 7)

### Yard or landscape trees in non-forestry settings:

- Local WSU Extension office (ask for horticulture or Master Gardeners)
- Professional arborist (p. 7)

### Timber sales:

- Consulting forester (p. 7)

### State forestry regulations/permitting:

- DNR regional office (p. 4)



- DNR Small Forest Landowner office (p. 4)
- Consulting forester (p. 7)

**EQIP and other federal cost-share programs:**

- Local NRCS office (directory)
- Local conservation district (directory)

**FFPPP, FREP, and other state cost-share programs:**

- DNR Small Forest Landowner office (p. 4)

**Tree seedlings and native plants:**

- Local conservation district (directory)
- DNR Webster nursery (p. 5)

**Current-Use Tax (Open Space, PBRs, etc.):**

- Local county assessor (under government listings in your local phone book)
- WA Department of Revenue (DOR) (p. 7)

**Forest Excise Tax:**

- WA Department of Revenue (DOR) (p. 7)

**Appendix: County Directory of WSU Extension Offices, Conservation Districts, and Natural Resources Conservation Service Centers**

**Adams**

WSU Extension Adams County  
210 W Broadway Ave  
Ritzville, WA 99169-1894  
509-659-3209  
<http://county.wsu.edu/lincoln-adams/>

WSU Extension Grant-Adams Area  
PO Box 37 (courthouse)  
35 C Street NW  
Ephrata, WA 98823-0037  
509-754-2011  
<http://county.wsu.edu/grant-adams/>

USDA-NRCS Ritzville Service Center  
506 Weber Ave Ste B  
Ritzville, WA 99169-2118  
509-659-1761

**Asotin**

WSU Extension Asotin County  
135 2nd St Room B107  
PO Box 9  
Asotin, WA 99402-0009  
<http://ext100.wsu.edu/asotin/>

Asotin County Conservation District  
720 6th St Ste B  
Clarkston, WA 99403-2012  
509-758-8012  
<http://www.asotincd.net/>

USDA-NRCS Clarkston Service Center  
720 6th St Ste B  
Clarkston, WA 99403-2012  
509-758-8012

**Benton**

WSU Extension Benton County  
5600-E W Canal Dr  
Kennewick, WA 99336-1387  
509-735-3551  
<http://county.wsu.edu/benton-franklin/>

Benton Conservation District  
415 Wine Country Rd  
Prosser, WA 99350-9555  
509-786-1923  
<http://www.bentoncd.org/>

USDA-NRCS Prosser Service Center  
415 Wine Country Rd  
Prosser, WA 99350-9555  
509-786-1923

**Chelan**

WSU Extension Chelan County  
400 Washington St  
Wenatchee, WA 98801  
509-667-6540  
<http://county.wsu.edu/chelan-douglas/>

Cascadia Conservation District  
215 Melody Ln  
Wenatchee, WA 98801-2990  
509-664-9370  
<http://www.cascadiacd.org/>

USDA-NRCS Wenatchee Service Center  
215 Melody Ln  
Wenatchee, WA 98801-2990  
509-664-9303

**Clallam**

WSU Extension Clallam County  
223 E 4th St Ste 15  
Port Angeles, WA 98362-3015  
360-417-2279  
<http://county.wsu.edu/clallam/>

Clallam Conservation District  
1601 E Front St Ste A  
Port Angeles, WA 98362-4646  
360-452-1912 Ext 5  
<http://www.clallamcd.org/>

USDA-NRCS Port Angeles Service Center  
1601 E Front St Ste A  
Port Angeles, WA 98362-4646  
360-452-8994

**Clark**

WSU Extension Clark County  
1919 NE 78th St  
Vancouver, WA 98665-9752  
360-397-6060  
<http://county.wsu.edu/clark/>

Clark Conservation District  
11104 NE 149th St Ste C 400  
Brush Prairie, WA 98606-9406  
360-883-1987  
<http://www.clarkcd.org/>

USDA-NRCS Brush Prairie Service Center  
11104 NE 149th St Ste C 400  
Brush Prairie, WA 98606-9565  
360-883-1987

**Columbia**

WSU Extension Columbia County  
202 S 2nd St  
Dayton, WA 99328-1327  
509-382-4741  
<http://county.wsu.edu/columbia/>

Columbia Conservation District  
202 S 2nd St  
Dayton, WA 99328-1327  
509-382-4773 Ext 5

USDA-NRCS Dayton Service Center  
202 S 2nd St  
Dayton, WA 99328-1327  
509-382-2421

## Cowlitz

WSU Extension Cowlitz County  
1946 3rd Ave  
Longview, WA 98632-3234  
<http://county.wsu.edu/cowlitz/>

Cowlitz County Conservation District  
2125 8th Ave  
Longview, WA 98632-4053  
360-425-1880  
<http://cowlitzcd.wordpress.com/welcome/cowlitz-conservation-district/>

USDA-NRCS Longview Service Center  
2125 8th Ave  
Longview, WA 98632-4053  
360-425-1880

## Douglas

WSU Extension Douglas County  
203 S Rainier  
PO Box 550  
Waterville, WA 98858-0550  
509-745-8531  
<http://county.wsu.edu/chelan-douglas/>

Foster Creek Conservation District  
103 N Baker St  
PO Box 428  
Waterville, WA 98858-0428  
509-745-8362 Ext 3  
<http://www.fostercreek.net/>

South Douglas Conservation District  
103 N Baker St  
PO Box 246  
Waterville, WA 98858-0246  
509-745-9160

USDA-NRCS Waterville Service Center  
103 N Baker St  
PO Box 428  
Waterville, WA 98858-0428  
509-745-8561

## Ferry

WSU Extension Ferry County  
350 E Delaware Ave Stop 9  
Republic, WA 99166-9747  
509-775-5225  
<http://ext100.wsu.edu/ferry/>

Ferry Conservation District  
84 E Delaware Ave  
PO Box 1045  
Republic, WA 99166-1045  
509-775-3473 or 888-834-7516

USDA-NRCS Republic Service Center  
84 E Delaware Ave  
PO Box 315  
Republic, WA 99166-0315  
509-775-3473

## Franklin

WSU Extension Franklin County  
1016 N 4th Ave  
Pasco, WA 99301-3706  
509-545-3511  
<http://county.wsu.edu/benton-franklin/>

Franklin Conservation District  
1533 E Spokane St Ste C  
Pasco, WA 99301  
509-545-8546 Ext 4  
<http://www.franklincd.org/>

USDA-NRCS Pasco Service Center  
1620 N Road 44  
Pasco, WA 99301-2667  
509-545-8546

## Garfield

WSU Extension Garfield County  
757 Main St  
PO Box 190  
Pomeroy, WA 99347-0190  
509-843-3701  
<http://ext100.wsu.edu/garfield/>

Pomeroy Conservation District  
804 W Main St  
PO Box 468  
Pomeroy, WA 99347-0468  
509-843-1998

USDA-NRCS Pomeroy Service Center  
804 W Main St  
Pomeroy, WA 99347-9666  
509-843-1997

## Grant

WSU Extension Grant-Adams Area  
35 C St NW  
PO Box 37 (Courthouse)  
Ephrata, WA 98823-0037  
509-754-2011 Ext 413  
<http://grant-adams.wsu.edu/>

Grant Conservation District  
170 N Broadway Ave  
Othello, WA 99344-1051  
509-488-2802

Moses Lake Conservation District  
528 W Broadway Ave  
Moses Lake, WA 98837  
509-765-5667

Warden Conservation District  
1600 W 1st St  
PO Box 177  
Warden, WA 98857  
509-349-7539

USDA-NRCS Ephrata Service Center  
2145 Basin St SW  
Ephrata, WA 98823-9451  
509-754-2463

## Grays Harbor

WSU Extension Grays Harbor County  
32 Elma-McCleary Rd  
PO Box 3018  
Elma, WA 98541-3018  
<http://ext100.wsu.edu/graysharbor/>

Grays Harbor Conservation District  
330 Pioneer Ave W  
Montesano, WA 98563-4412  
360-249-5900  
<http://graysharborcd.wordpress.com/>

USDA-NRCS Montesano Service Center  
330 Pioneer Ave W  
Montesano, WA 98563-4412  
360-249-5900

## Island

WSU Extension Island County  
101 NE 6th  
PO Box 5000  
Coupeville, WA 98239-5000  
360-679-7327  
<http://ext100.wsu.edu/island/>

Whidbey Island Conservation District  
1 NE 4th St  
PO Box 490  
Coupeville, WA 98239-0490  
360-678-4708 or 888-678-4822  
<http://whidbeycd.org/>

*Note: Camano Island is served by the Snohomish CD*

## Jefferson

WSU Extension Jefferson County  
380 Jefferson St  
Port Townsend, WA 98368-5625  
360-379-5610  
<http://county.wsu.edu/jefferson/>

Jefferson County Conservation District  
205 W Patison  
Port Hadlock, WA 98339  
360-385-4105  
<http://www.jeffersoncd.org/>

## King

WSU Extension King County  
1000 Oaksdale Ave SW Ste 140  
Renton, WA 98057-5212  
206-205-3100  
<http://county.wsu.edu/king/>

King Conservation District  
1107 SW Grady Way Ste 130  
Renton, WA 98057-5217  
425-282-1897  
<http://www.kingcd.org/>

USDA-NRCS Renton Service Center  
941 Powell Ave SW Ste 102  
Renton, WA 98057-2901  
425-277-5580 Ext 3

## Kitsap

WSU Kitsap County Extension  
345 6th St Ste 550  
Bremerton, WA 98337-1874  
360-337-7157  
<http://ext100.wsu.edu/kitsap/>

Kitsap Conservation District  
10332 Central Valley Rd NE, Poulsbo  
PO Box 2472  
Silverdale, WA 98383-2472  
360-337-7171  
<http://kitsapcd.org/>

USDA-NRCS Port Orchard Service Center  
1386 SE Lund Ave Ste 1  
Port Orchard, WA 98366-5601  
360-876-2115

## Kittitas

WSU Extension Kittitas County  
507 N Nanum St Ste 2  
Ellensburg, WA 98926-2886  
509-962-7507  
<http://ext100.wsu.edu/kittitas/>

Kittitas County Conservation District  
607 E Mountain View Ave  
Ellensburg, WA 98926-3863  
509-925-8585 Ext 4  
<http://www.kccd.net/>

USDA-NRCS Ellensburg Service Center  
607 E Mountain View Ave  
Ellensburg, WA 98926-3863  
509-925-8585

## Klickitat

WSU Extension Klickitat County  
228 W Main MS-CH-12  
Goldendale, WA 98620-9597  
509-773-5817  
<http://county.wsu.edu/klickitat/>

Central and Eastern Klickitat Conservation Districts  
1107 S Columbus Ave  
Goldendale, WA 98620-9296  
509-773-5823 Ext 5  
<http://ckcd.org/>  
<http://ekcd.org/>

*Note: West Klickitat is served by the Underwood CD in Skamania county*

USDA-NRCS Goldendale Service Center  
1107 S Columbus Ave  
Goldendale, WA 98620-9268  
509-773-5822

## Lewis

WSU Extension Lewis County  
351 NW North St  
MS: AES01  
Chehalis, WA 98532-1900  
360-740-1212  
<http://county.wsu.edu/lewis/>

Lewis County Conservation District  
1554 Bishop Rd  
Chehalis, WA 98532-8710  
360-748-0083  
<http://lewiscountycd.wordpress.com/>

USDA-NRCS Chehalis Service Center  
1554 Bishop Rd  
Chehalis, WA 98532-8710  
360-748-0083

## Lincoln

WSU Extension Lincoln County  
303 6th St  
PO Box 399  
Davenport, WA 99122-0399  
509-725-4171  
<http://county.wsu.edu/lincoln-adams/>

Lincoln County Conservation District  
1310 Morgan St  
PO Box 46  
Davenport, WA 99122-0046  
509-725-4181 Ext 3  
<http://www.lincolncd.com>

USDA-NRCS Davenport Service Center  
1310 Morgan St  
PO Box 46  
Davenport, WA 99122-0046  
509-725-4501

## Mason

WSU Extension Mason County  
303 N 4th St  
Shelton, WA 98584-3417  
360-427-9670 Ext 680  
<http://ext100.wsu.edu/mason/>

Mason Conservation District  
450 W Business Park Rd  
Shelton, WA 98584-1284  
360-427-9436  
<http://www.masoncd.org/>

## Okanogan

WSU Extension Okanogan County  
149 3rd Ave N Room 101  
PO Box 391  
Okanogan, WA 98840-0391  
509-422-7245  
<http://county.wsu.edu/okanogan/>

Okanogan Conservation District  
1251 2nd Ave S Ste 101  
Okanogan, WA 98840-9767  
509-422-0855 Ext 5  
<http://www.okanogancd.org/>

USDA-NRCS Okanogan Service Center  
1251 2nd Ave S Ste 101  
Okanogan, WA 98840-9767  
509-442-2750

## Pacific

WSU Extension Pacific County  
1216 W Robert Bush Dr  
PO Box 88  
South Bend, WA 98586-0088  
360-875-9331  
<http://county.wsu.edu/pacific/>

Pacific Conservation District  
1216 W Robert Bush Dr  
PO Box 336  
South Bend, WA 98586-0336  
360-875-9424  
<http://www.willapabay.org/~paccon/>

## Pend Oreille

WSU Extension Pend Oreille County  
418 S Scott Ave  
PO Box 5045  
Newport, WA 99156-5045  
509-447-2401  
<http://ext100.wsu.edu/pendoreille/>

Pend Oreille Conservation District  
100 N Washington Ave, Rm 110  
PO Box 465  
Newport, WA 99156-0465  
509-447-5370  
<http://www.pocd.org/>

USDA-NRCS Newport Service Center  
100 N Washington Ave, Rm 110  
PO Box 280  
Newport, WA 99156-9070  
509-447-4217

## Pierce

WSU Extension Pierce County  
3602 Pacific Ave Ste B  
Tacoma, WA 98418-7920  
253-798-7180  
<http://ext100.wsu.edu/pierce/>

Pierce Conservation District  
5430 66th Ave E  
PO Box 1057  
Puyallup, WA 98371-0256  
253-845-9770 or 866-845-9485  
<http://www.piercecd.org/>

USDA-NRCS Puyallup Service Center  
1011 E Main Ste 106  
Puyallup, WA 98372-6768  
253-845-9272

## San Juan

WSU Extension San Juan County  
221 Weber Way Ste LL  
Friday Harbor, WA 98250-9375  
360-378-4414  
<http://sanjuan.wsu.edu/>

San Juan Islands Conservation District  
540 Guard St Ste 150  
350 Court St #10 (mail)  
Friday Harbor, WA 98250-8044  
360-378-6621  
<http://www.sanjuanislandscd.org/>

## Skagit

WSU Extension Skagit County  
11768 Westar Lane Ste A  
Burlington, WA 98233-3672  
360-428-4270  
<http://ext100.wsu.edu/skagit/>

Skagit Conservation District  
2021 E College Way Ste 203  
Mount Vernon, WA 98273-2373  
360-428-4313  
<http://www.skagitcd.org/>

USDA-NRCS Mount Vernon Service Center  
2021 E College Way Ste 214  
Mount Vernon, WA 98273-2373  
360-428-7684

## Skamania

WSU Extension Skamania County  
710 Rock Creek Dr  
PO Box 369  
Stevenson, WA 98648-0790  
509-427-3931  
<http://county.wsu.edu/skamania>

Underwood Conservation District  
170 NW Lincoln St  
PO Box 96  
White Salmon, WA 98672-0096  
509-493-1936  
<http://www.ucdwa.org/>

## Snohomish

WSU Extension Snohomish County  
600 128th St SE  
Everett, WA 98208-6353  
425-338-2400  
<http://ext100.wsu.edu/snohomish/>

Snohomish Conservation District  
528 91st Ave NE  
Lake Stevens, WA 98258-2538  
425-335-5634 Ext 4  
<http://snohomishcd.org/>

USDA-NRCS Lake Stevens Service Center  
528 91st Ave NE Ste C  
Lake Stevens, WA 98258-2538  
425-334-2828

## Spokane

WSU Extension Spokane County  
222 N Havana St  
Spokane, WA 99202-4799  
509-477-2048  
<http://www.spokane-county.wsu.edu/>

Spokane County Conservation District  
210 N Havana St  
Spokane, WA 99202-4724  
509-535-7274  
<http://sccd.org/>

USDA-NRCS Spokane Service Center  
8815 E Mission Ave Ste B  
Spokane Valley, WA 99212-2532  
509-924-7350

## Stevens

WSU Extension Stevens County  
986 S Main St Ste D  
Colville, WA 99114-2513  
509-684-2588  
<http://county.wsu.edu/stevens/>

Stevens County Conservation District  
232 Williams Lake Rd  
Colville, WA 99114-9638  
509-685-0937 Ext 3  
[http://www.co.stevens.wa.us/cons\\_district/](http://www.co.stevens.wa.us/cons_district/)

USDA-NRCS Colville Service Center  
232 Williams Lake Rd  
Colville, WA 99114-9638  
509-685-0858

## Thurston

WSU Extension Thurston County  
5033 Harrison Ave NW  
Olympia, WA 98502-5083  
360-867-2151  
<http://ext100.wsu.edu/thurston/>

Thurston Conservation District  
2918 Ferguson St SW Ste 1-A  
Tumwater, WA 98512-6187  
360-754-3588  
<http://www.thurstoncd.com/>

USDA-NRCS Olympia Service Center  
1835 Black Lake Blvd SW Ste E  
Olympia, WA 98512-5607  
360-704-7740

## Wahkiakum

WSU Extension Wahkiakum County  
25 River Street Ste E  
PO Box 278  
Cathlamet, WA 98612-0278  
360-795-3278  
<http://county.wsu.edu/wahkiakum/>

Wahkiakum Conservation District  
957 Steamboat Slough Rd, Skamokawa  
PO Box 67  
Cathlamet, WA 98612-0067  
360-795-8240  
<http://cowlitzcd.wordpress.com/welcome/wahkiakum-conservation-district/>

## Walla Walla

WSU Extension Walla Walla County  
328 W Poplar St  
Walla Walla, WA 99362  
509-524-2685  
<http://county.wsu.edu/wallawalla/>

Walla Walla County Conservation District  
325 N 13th St  
Walla Walla, WA 99362  
509-522-6340  
<http://www.wvccd.net/>

USDA-NRCS Walla Walla Service Center  
325 N 13th St  
Walla Walla, WA 99362  
509-522-6347

## Whatcom

WSU Extension Whatcom County  
1000 N Forest St Ste 201  
Bellingham, WA 98225-5594  
360-676-6736  
<http://whatcom.wsu.edu/>

Whatcom Conservation District  
6975 Hannegan Rd  
Lynden, WA 98264-9019  
360-354-2035 Ext 3  
<http://www.whatcomcd.org/>

USDA-NRCS Lynden Service Center  
6975 Hannegan Rd  
Lynden, WA 98264-9019  
360-354-5658



## Whitman

WSU Extension Whitman County  
310 N Main St  
Colfax, WA 99111-1894  
509-397-6290  
<http://county.wsu.edu/whitman/>

Palouse Conservation District  
1300 NE Henley Ct Ste 6  
Pullman, WA 99163-5662  
509-332-4101  
<http://www.palousecd.org/>

Palouse Rock Lake Conservation District  
3 E Front St  
PO Box 438  
Saint John, WA 99171-0438  
509-648-3680  
<http://prlcd.org/>

Pine Creek Conservation District  
401 S State Route 27  
Oaksdale, WA 99158-5001  
509-285-5122  
<http://pinecreekcd.com/>

Whitman Conservation District  
805 S Vista Point Dr Ste 2  
Colfax, WA 99111-9565  
509-397-4636 Ext 120  
<http://whitmancd.wordpress.com/>

USDA-NRCS Colfax Service Center  
805 S Vista Point Dr  
Colfax, WA 99111-9565  
509-397-4301

## Yakima

WSU Extension Yakima County  
2403 S 18th St Ste 100  
Union Gap, WA 98903-1637  
509-574-1600  
<http://ext100.wsu.edu/yakima/>

North Yakima Conservation District  
1606 Perry St Ste C  
Yakima, WA 98902-5769  
509-454-5736  
<http://northyakimacd.wordpress.com/>

South Yakima Conservation District  
1116 Yakima Valley Hwy  
Sunnyside, WA 98944-1555  
509-837-7911

USDA-NRCS Yakima Service Center  
1606 Perry St  
Yakima, WA 98902-5795  
509-454-5743

USDA-NRCS Zillah Service Center  
200 Cheyne Rd  
Zillah, WA 98953-9764  
509-829-3003

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