

# **RURAL LANDOWNER STEWARDSHIP**

Tools For Managing, Conserving, and Restoring  
Your Natural Resource Lands

**FREE**  
**A ^ WORKSHOP**

**June 9, 2004**

**6:00 pm - 9:00 pm**  
**Washington State University Extension**  
**Everett, Snohomish County**

Learn about:

- **Growing marketable timber while protecting water and wildlife.**
- **Reducing property tax on forest/open space.**
- **Getting cash for stream/wetland reserves.**
- **Restoring streams and who can help.**
- **Conservation planning with a land trust.**

Come to the workshop to hear from and talk to representatives from the groups below, then pick the stewardship tools that work best for you.

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This workshop is brought to you by Washington State University Extension, the Snohomish Conservation District, Snohomish County Planning and Surface Water Management, Washington State Department of Natural Resources, the Natural Resources Conservation Services, the Stilly Snohomish Fishery Enhancement Task Force, the Stillaguamish Tribe, and the Cascade Land Conservancy.

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Upcoming Rural Landowner  
Stewardship Workshop

Washington State University Extension Programs are available to all without discrimination. Please call two weeks prior to event if you require special accommodation.

## **LEARN ABOUT THESE STEWARDSHIP TOOLS:**

**Forest Stewardship Planning:** Education opportunity for owners of private forestlands. Learn how you can get “coached” assistance from natural resource professionals as you author your own forest stewardship plan. Plans address forest health, silviculture alternatives, and water and wildlife resource management. Hear from WSU Extension Forest Stewardship Educator **Andy Perleberg**, or contact him at 360-428-4270.

**Forestland Enhancement Advice:** Learn how you can improve the health and production of your forest for timber, wildlife, and other natural resources while taking a walk in the woods with a forester or wildlife biologist. This free consultation is customized to fit your objectives and the condition of your forest. Hear from **John Keller**, Washington Department of Natural Resources Forest Stewardship Coordinator, or contact him at 360-856-3500 or e-mail [john.keller@wadnr.gov](mailto:john.keller@wadnr.gov).

**Current Use Taxation:** Public Benefit Rating System and Timber Land programs provide incentives that help landowners voluntarily conserve open space lands and/or manage for timber resources. Landowners can receive property tax reductions for preserving resources such as stream banks, wetlands, or wildlife habitat. Tax deductions are also available for landowners who implement forest stewardship plans. Hear from **Alan Bennett** of Snohomish County, or contact him at 425-388-3258.

**Watershed Stewards:** Snohomish County watershed stewards can provide personalized technical consultations to landowners on a variety of stewardship topics, ranging from stream bank management, invasive weed control, and laws to know. Watershed education classes are also available. Hear from **Suzi Wong Swint** of Snohomish County Surface Water Management, or contact her directly at 425-388-6476.

**Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program:** This Snohomish Conservation District program provides an opportunity for landowners to rent their streamside land under 10 or 15-year federal contracts. Up to 100 percent cost sharing is also available for tree and shrub planting. Hear from **Jamie Bails** and **Jenny Baker** of the Conservation District, or contact them at 425-335-5634.

**Wetland Reserve Program:** Under this Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) program, landowners can place eligible lands in a permanent or 30-year easement and receive financial compensation. Restoration cost-share agreements that pay up to 75 % of costs are also available. Hear from **Kathy Kilcoyne** of NRCS, or contact her at 360-428-7684 ext 132.

**River and Stream Restoration:** The mission of the Stillaguamish Tribe’s Department of Natural Resources is to manage, protect, and conserve those natural resources required to sustain healthy populations of fish, shellfish, and wildlife within the Stillaguamish Watershed. The department assists landowners with conservation planning and stream buffer restorations. Hear from **Franchesca Perez**, the Department’s outreach coordinator, or contact her at 360-435-2755.

**Fishery Enhancement:** The Stilly Snohomish Fishery Enhancement Task Force is a non-profit group working to restore and enhance salmon and salmon habitat. This non-regulatory group works with interested landowners to replant native plants, replace culverts, rebuild habitat, and improve water quality. The group provides technical assistance, and possibly even funding and materials. Hear from **Ann Boyce** of the Task Force, or contact her at 425-252-6686.

**Land Trust Tools:** Land trusts are non-profit groups that can accept land with exceptional habitat value through donations or sales. Land trusts facilitate conservation easements, which can be used by landowners who want to permanently preserve the natural character of their land but maintain ownership, and qualify for local and federal tax deductions. Hear from the Cascade Land Conservancy, or contact **Peggy Bill** of the Conservancy at 425-339-8007.

### **Rural Landowner Stewardship Tools Workshop**

**You are invited** to learn more about these tools at a special (free!) workshop sponsored by Washington State University Extension.

**When:**

Wednesday, June 9, 2004  
6:00 pm to 9 pm

**Where:**

WSU Extension - Snohomish County  
600 128th Street SE  
Everett, WA 98208

**Directions**

Exit I-5 at 128th Street SW (Everett exit #186). Turn east and go 1/4 mile (across from the Golf Range) to the Park-and-Ride and McCollum Park. Turn right into McCollum Park and go to the WSU Extension Education building at the back of the park, beyond the swimming pool.

**What to Bring:**

Along with your interest in learning more about stewardship tools, you are invited to bring a scale map of your property. This can be hand drawn or professional, and should include structures, roads, driveways, and utilities, as well as streams, wetlands and other natural features.

Contact **Paul Racette** of WSU Cooperative Extension at 206-205-3171 or [paul.racette@metrokc.gov](mailto:paul.racette@metrokc.gov) with questions or to reserve your spot at the workshop.