

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE OFFERED BY ORGANIZATION

Conservation Districts	DNR (state)	NRCS (federal)	WSU Extension
Personalized site visits Forest health assessments Application help with other agency programs Project implementation Forest management planning	Personalized site visits Forest health assessments Fish & Wildlife biologist assistance for stream classification, management zone delineation & habitat stewardship Forest practice assistance	Personalized site visits Assistance identifying resource concerns & landowner objectives Soil survey data & mapping assistance	Fact sheets, how-to guides, online learning modules Resource directories Forest owner field days Forest Owner’s Winter School Forest Stewardship Coached Planning Course

ELIGIBILITY

Open to all on first-come, first-serve basis	Non-industrial forestland owners up to 5,000 acres	Owners or operators of non-industrial forestland	Open to all on first-come, first-serve basis
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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE OFFERED BY ORGANIZATION

Conservation Districts	DNR (state)		NRCS (federal)	
Forest Management Plan development Agroforestry Best Management Practices (BMPs) in coordination with Resource Planners Wildlife habitat projects Forest health treatments Wildfire risk reduction	Regional Service Forestry Program Regional Forest Resilience Program: Pre-commercial forest management Forest Stewardship Plan development with consulting forester Family Forest Fish Passage Program (FFFPP): Stream-crossing road upgrades	Forest Riparian Easement Program (FREP): Easements for non-harvestable areas Regional Community Wildfire Resilience Program: Wildfire Ready Neighbors, Firewise USA, Micro-grants Cost-share: Planting/afforestation projects, fuels reduction	Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP): • Forest Management Plan development • Long-term management for forest health & resilience • Pre-commercial forest management • Planting & Afforestation Projects	• Vegetation control • Riparian forest buffers • Water quality Projects • Agroforestry • Wildlife habitat projects Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP): Offers conservation practices to reinforce existing stewardship

ELIGIBILITY

Unique to each Conservation District	Non-industrial forestland up to 5,000 acres FFFPP & FREP: <2 million board feet harvested annually FREP: parcel >20 contiguous acres or	>80 acres total in the state and have left a buffer of trees per Forest Practice Rules Forest Management Planning: Generally >20 acres with some exceptions	Owners or operators of >1 acre of non-industrial forestland Requires a farm tract number from the Farm Services Agency	Forest Management Plan is required for EQIP contracts but can be funded as part of the process
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OUT OF COUNTY?

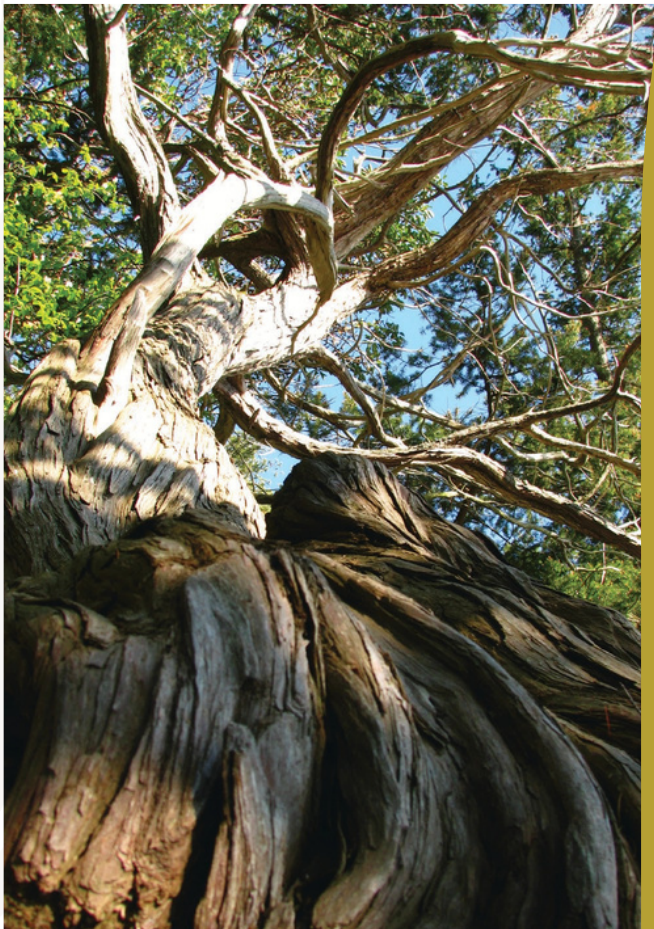
Find more resources and connect with your local district at betterground.org.



I HAVE TREES...
NOW WHAT?

Managed forests of all sizes can benefit your land and the larger landscape. From a few trees to hundreds of forested acres, Puget Sound Conservation District forestry programs can provide resources, offer technical assistance, and point you in the right direction for long-term forest management.

If you’re unsure if forestry help is appropriate for your property, your local conservation district can help you navigate the options available, free of charge.



WHY MANAGE MY FOREST?

- Assess forest and land health, resilience, and adaptability to a changing climate
- Implement projects such as: timber stand improvement, native forest restoration, invasive species reduction, and/or wildlife habitat improvement
- Reduce wildfire risk to my land, home, and community
- Enroll in a current use tax program or develop a long-term plan for stewardship
- Create an easement to keep my property undeveloped or recoup the value of timber in mandatory buffers

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WHO CAN HELP?

Don't know where to start? Contact your conservation district forester to talk about your land and goals! Our services are always free and confidential. Visit betterground.org to learn more.

PUGET SOUND CONSERVATION DISTRICTS (PSCDs)

Partner in Land Stewardship & Conservation.

We are locally-led, free, confidential, and non-regulatory special purpose districts that assist landowners and communities in natural resource stewardship. We can help you reach your land management goals by connecting you with resources, providing free forest health assessments, and helping you navigate other agencies' programs.

betterground.org

WA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES (DNR)

State Forestry Agency.

Along with managing state lands, DNR protects and promotes ecological and economic viability by regulating forest practices on private property and offering technical and financial support through the Small Forest Landowner Office and the Regional Service Forestry Program.

dnr.wa.gov

NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE (NRCS)

Federal Working Lands Conservation Agency.

NRCS helps farmers, ranchers and forest landowners make investments in their operations and local communities by providing the financial and technical assistance. Voluntary, locally-driven, science-based conservation solutions are tailored to individual operations.

nrcs.usda.gov

WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY (WSU)

Gateway to Forestry Education.

Founded as a land-grant university to research and improve agricultural methods, WSU maintains extension offices catering to non-industrial private landowners with educational programs and resources including field days, webinars, and the ever-popular Forest Stewardship Coached Planning course.

forestry.wsu.edu