

Would you like to be paid for land set aside as a stream buffer?

Take a closer look at the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)...



CREP Basics

- CREP encourages landowners to voluntarily establish forested riparian buffers on private agricultural lands adjacent to salmon streams
- Land is enrolled in a 10- or 15- year contract.
- CREP is funded jointly by the State of Washington and the US Department of Agriculture.
- The Snohomish Conservation District provides technical staff to implement CREP.

Eligibility Requirements

- Land must be adjacent to a salmon-bearing stream.
- Land must not be currently functioning as a forested riparian buffer as determined by the SCD technician.
- Land must be able to support native trees and shrubs.

Enrollment Incentives

- Annual rental payments ranging from \$88-\$232 per acre per year, depending upon the soil type(s) on the site.
- Signing incentive payment of \$100/acre for 10-year contracts and \$150/acre for 15-year contracts.
- Reimbursement of 100% of eligible implementation costs.
- Reimbursement of 100% of eligible maintenance costs for up to five years.

Buffer Widths

- Minimum buffer widths range from 35' to 100' depending upon the width of the floodplain on the site, but is generally close to 100'.
- The maximum buffer width is 180' on all sites.
- Buffer averaging can be used in areas where the minimum width cannot be met (i.e. around buildings).
- Landowners can enroll all or part of a stream length, and one or both sides of a stream.

Allowable Costs

- Site preparation
- Herbicide applications
- Native trees and shrubs
- Seedling protectors
- Fencing
- Off-Channel watering

**Please contact Jenny at the Snohomish Conservation District
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