

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

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



CREP Basics

- CREP encourages landowners to voluntarily establish forested riparian buffers on lands adjacent to salmon streams.
- Land is enrolled in a 10- or 15- year contract.
- CREP is jointly funded 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 \$146-\$405 per acre per year, depending upon the soil type(s) on the site.
- Signing incentive payment of \$100 per acre.
- Reimbursement of 100% of eligible implementation costs.
- Reimbursement of 100% of eligible maintenance costs for up to five years.

Available Practices

- Riparian buffers: along salmon bearing streams, width: minimum 35' wide, maximum 180'.
- Hedgerows: along salmon bearing streams and streams within 10 river miles of salmon bearing streams, width: 15'.
- Wetland: hydrologically connected to salmon bearing stream
- Grass Filter Strip: Only on Cropland along non-salmon bearing streams.

Design Considerations

- 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.

Cost-Share Available for:

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



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