

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS FOR COST SHARING ASSISTANCE

### Who is eligible?

Landowners who are within Cascadia Conservation District are eligible to apply for cost share. Cascadia Conservation District includes all residents of Chelan County. One application is allowed per household per year. Please note that the Conservation District does not cost-share on projects that have already been implemented.

### What BMPs/conservation practices are eligible?

Listed below are *ideas* of eligible practices.

- Forest Stand Improvement
- Tree/Shrub Pruning, Site Preparation, Establishment
- Woody Residue Treatment
- Riparian Forest Buffer
- Irrigation Water Management
- Irrigation System, Microirrigation
- Irrigation System, Sprinkler
- Irrigation Pipeline and/or Pumping Plant
- \*Other projects may also be eligible

### How much of my project will be paid for?

Cascadia Conservation District can pay up to 50% of the total project cost for irrigation-related projects and up to 75% of the total project cost for forest health and riparian practices. Cost-share percentages are at the discretion of Cascadia Conservation District and are subject to board approval.

### What do I need to apply?

You will need to provide information about your land and present an idea of how you would like to improve your land and/or the way you manage it, in regards to natural resources. If any of your project components require a permit you will need to obtain it prior to starting your project. To find out about permitting requirements and/or to obtain a permit, contact the Chelan County Planning Department at (509) 667-6225.

To apply, submit a cost-share application, photos of your project, an estimated budget, and any corresponding planning documents and specifications such as a forest stewardship plan and forest health management specifications as appropriate. Submissions are taken any time at the District offices or via email at: [sandy1@cascadiacd.org](mailto:sandy1@cascadiacd.org).

### How do I develop a budget/cost estimate?

If you have project components that require professional design, for example: irrigation system upgrade, take your idea to an appropriate vendor to get a bid for the job. If you (the cooperator) will be providing labor on the project, you can estimate your time at \$20/hour. If equipment rental is necessary provide the current going rate to rent the equipment.

### **When can I install my project?**

You can install your project after it is approved by the Cascadia Conservation District board of supervisors and you have signed a contract/agreement. Depending on your project you may need to wait until a cultural resource study is completed. **Your project must be installed by June 15** and you must provide appropriate financial documents at that time.

### **When will I be reimbursed for my project?**

When your project is finished it will need to be approved by Cascadia through a site visit and you will need to turn in all receipts/invoices before your payment can be processed. After being processed, you should see your payment within 30 days.