



## Voluntary Stewardship Program Work Group Meeting

March 9, 2021

### Meeting Summary

**Staff Present:** Greta Holmstrom, Mark Taylor, George Winn

**Work Group Members:** Lynn Simpson, Steve West, George Fornes, Jan Wilson, Jesse Swofford, Joel Rupley

**Guest:** Christy Tseu

#### **Topics:**

Group members introduced themselves to our guest. A brief summary of the VSP was given.

The group discussed updates on tasks from last meeting.

Greta provided an update on our 5-Year Report – we have received comments from the Joint VSP Technical Panel. Public meeting regarding our 5-Year Report will be in May 2021.

Greta provided an update on the **mapping tool being developed by GIS.**

Jesse and Jan discussed **educational video ideas.**

- Swofford Family Farm is filming video clips for Microgreen Production and Raised Bed Preparation
- Jan Wilson will do video clips on Installing Perimeter Fencing
- Joel and Dixie discussed a Video training series
- Cowlitz County VSP has purchased software to edit video clips to put on Facebook, Cowlitz County VSP web page, and YouTube
  - Greta will edit video clips from local farms for a Cowlitz County Fresh video series
  - Mark is planning VSP Video series

Jesse, and Jan highlighted some recent **Successes and Challenges on local Small Scale Farms**

Mark updated progress on the Hemlock Creek Farm Protection and Wildlife Habitat Enhancement project. Hagens have native trees, protective tubes and fencing to finish riparian planting planned for April 20, 2021, Arbor Day. Scott DeRosier has given permission for VSP/FFA chapters to harvest willow and cottonwood cuttings from the Excavation site (soon to be farm). Press release/media materials will be sent out prior. New WA state Representative, Jeff Wilson may attend if session is out.

Mark says that Scott and Dixie will become a VSP participating farm. They already have a USDA-certified farm plan in place.

**VSP Ag. Viability Sub-committee Invitation Postcards** – designed, printed, and mailed out.

**Next Meeting:** March 18, 2021 from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm