



# Cowlitz County

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## News Release

### **Cowlitz County seeks volunteers to develop a Work Plan to protect the environment and enhance the viability of local agriculture:**

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The Voluntary Stewardship Program is a new State funded program to protect critical areas on agricultural lands through voluntary measures rather than regulations. Critical areas include fish and wildlife habitat areas, wetlands, frequently flooded areas, critical aquifer recharge areas and geologically hazardous areas.

Cowlitz County is looking for members of the public interested in being part of the local Watershed Group. The Watershed Group will develop a Work Plan over the next few years that will initiate and implement the Voluntary Stewardship Program. The main objective of the Work Plan is to protect critical areas while maintaining and enhancing the viability of agriculture in Cowlitz County.

The first meeting of the Watershed Group will be November 1, 2016 at 3pm. The meeting will be held in the General Meeting Room on the third floor of the Cowlitz County Administration Building located at 207 Fourth Avenue North in Kelso.

For more information about Cowlitz County's Voluntary Stewardship Program and instructions on how to participate in the Watershed Group, please visit:

<http://www.co.cowlitz.wa.us/index.aspx?nid=1455>

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