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## King Conservation District offers new, cost-share program to promote landowner stewardship through best management practices

RENTON—The King Conservation District (KCD) invites the public to participate in a new cost-share program that enables landowners to implement best management practices (BMPs) on their land. The newly-launched Landowner Incentive Program seeks to promote landowner stewardship through sharing the cost of conservation projects that range from aquatic area buffer plantings to manure and wildlife management.

According to program lead Marcie Hagen, the Landowner Incentive Program has been developed by the KCD to help landowners within the district (most of King County) deal with soil and resource concerns by funding on-the-ground conservation projects. The program is an incentive based initiative that can fund 50-90 percent of the project cost with the remainder to be provided by the applicant.

The list of funded practices includes both agricultural and non-agricultural BMPs. For example, those who complete an aquatic area buffer planting project could receive 90 percent of the total cost reimbursed. While bulkhead removal and forest health management practices receive up to 75 percent funding, projects such as clean water diversion and cross fencing earn 50 percent of the cost reimbursed.

There is no lifetime maximum on the number of BMPs a landowner can fund through the program. However, the landowner must complete and receive reimbursement for a funded practice before another application to fund additional practices or BMPs will be considered.

For more information, visit [www.kingcd.org](http://www.kingcd.org) or contact Marcie Hagen at 425-277-5581 x106 or [marcie.hagen@kingcd.org](mailto:marcie.hagen@kingcd.org).

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### ***About King Conservation District:***

Renton-based King Conservation District (KCD) is a special services district encompassing most of King County. It offers landowners in King County assistance and information on a voluntary basis with conservation and environmental issues. Through

its hands-on, results-oriented projects, workshops and events, it supports landowners on such issues as water quality protection, wildlife habitat enhancement and farm management. For more information on KCD programs and services, visit [www.kingcd.org](http://www.kingcd.org)

*\*Shoreline practices in italics*

<b>Practice (BMP)</b>	<b><u>% of Total Cost</u> <u>Reimbursable</u></b>	<b><u>\$/unit max</u></b>
Animal Trails and Walkways	50%	**/ft
Aquatic Area Buffer Plantings	90%	\$11,250/project
<i>Building Relocation from Aquatic Area/Buffer*</i>	50%	**/project
<i>Bulkhead Removal (Freshwater/Marine)*</i>	75%	**/project
Clean Water Diversion	50%	**/ft
Confinement Area	50%	\$1300/animal unit
Cross Fencing	50%	\$2.00/ft
Gutter, Downspouts, and Outlet Piping	50%	\$7.00/ft
Livestock Watering Systems	50%	**/project
Manure Management Systems	75%	\$420/animal unit
Pasture Renovation (includes rental and seed)	50%	\$325/acre
Pasture Seed	50%	\$45/acre
Stream Crossings	50%	\$1100/ft
Forest Health Management	75%	**/acre
Upland Wildlife Habitat Management	75%	**/acre