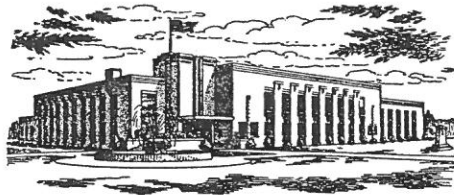


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To Whom It May Concern:

Stevens County is preparing to begin the Voluntary Stewardship Program (VSP) (RCW 36.70A.700) plan development process. The County is reaching out to all of the existing watershed groups within Stevens County with the intention to designate a combined watershed group as the watershed lead for the VSP plan development process. The existing watershed groups will designate participants to form a combined VSP watershed group to lead the process. This group will include a broad representation of stakeholders including agricultural, environmental, farming, tribal, and citizen members representing all of the watersheds within Stevens County.

Stevens County will administer the funds and work through an inter-governmental agreement with the Stevens County Conservation District and Washington State University Extension to coordinate the activities VSP watershed group.

Stevens County is formally inviting you to join the VSP watershed group and participate in the development of the Stevens County VSP plan. The Plan will be developed over the next several years to protect and enhance critical areas within the area(s) where agricultural activities are conducted, while maintaining and improving the long-term viability of agriculture. The first VSP plan development meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 29, 2016, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Rendezvous Theater at the Community College in Colville located at 985 S. Elm Street.

If you have any questions about the VSP or the upcoming planning process please contact Erik Johansen, Stevens County Land Services Director; ejohansen@co.stevens.wa.us telephone: 1-509-684-2401. Thank you for your time and we look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF STEVENS COUNTY, WASHINGTON

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Donald Dashiell". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Chairman Don Dashiell