

Whitman County Voluntary Stewardship Program Cost-Share User Guide

5 Critical Areas:

- **Wetlands** – Inundated or saturated by surface or groundwater
- **Frequently Flooded Areas** – Subject to a 1% or greater chance of flooding every year
- **Severe Geological Hazard Areas** – Susceptible to erosion, sliding, and other events
- **Critical Aquifer Recharge Areas** – Have a critical effect on aquifers for potable water
- **Fish and Wildlife Conservation Areas** – Managed to maintain fish & wildlife populations

<https://whitmancountyvsp.mapseed.org/page/about> is a web-based Action Map showing all these critical areas within Whitman County. This Action Map voluntarily gathers all stewardship practices that are identified in the Whitman VSP Work Plan that protect or restore critical areas for reporting at the County level to ensure we are maintaining or enhancing areas while maintaining the viability of agriculture.

Eligible Stewardship Practices identified in the Whitman County VSP Work Plan:

Waste Storage Facility	Critical Area Planting
Windbreak/Shelter Belt Establishment	Fence
Field Border	Riparian Forest Buffer
Grassed Waterways	Hedgerow Plantings
Micro-Irrigation Systems	Access Control
Pipeline	Pumping Plant
Heavy Use Protection Area	Spring Development
Stream Crossing	Streambank Protection
Open Channel	Channel Bed Stabilization
Structures for Water Control	Tree and Shrub Establishment
Watering Facilities	Water Well
Wetland Establishment	

Project Types, Stewardship Practices, and Potential Critical Areas Protected

Project: Livestock Water Development

Stewardship Practices

- Spring Development
- Well
- Pump
- Pipeline
- Hydrant
- Storage Tank
- Trough
- Heavy Use Protection Area
- Protection Fence
- Critical Area Planting

Potential Critical Areas Protected:

- Fish and Wildlife Conservation Areas
- Frequently Flooded Areas
- Wetlands
- Geological Hazardous Areas

Project: Riparian Habitat Improvements

Stewardship Practices

- Tree and Shrub Establishment
- Riparian Forest Buffer
- Plant Protection Tube
- Drip Irrigation
- Riparian Fence
- Stream Crossing
- Corral Fence (Relocation)
- Feed Area Fence (Relocation)
- Critical Area Planting

Potential Critical Areas Protected:

- Fish and Wildlife Conservation Areas
- Frequently Flooded Areas
- Wetlands
- Geological Hazardous Areas
- Critical Aquifer Recharge Areas

Project: Cropland Improvements

Stewardship Practices

- Grassed Waterways
- Field Border

Potential Critical Areas Protected:

- Fish and Wildlife Conservation Areas
- Geological Hazardous Areas
- Wetlands

Project: Manure Management

Stewardship Practices

- Heavy Use Area
- Waste Storage Structure

Potential Critical Areas Protected:

- Fish and Wildlife Conservation Areas
- Frequently Flooded Areas
- Geological Hazardous Areas
- Wetlands

Project: Instream Habitat Improvements

Stewardship Practices

- Streambank Protection
- Channel Bed Stabilization

Potential Critical Areas Protected:

- Fish and Wildlife Conservation Areas
- Frequently Flooded Areas
- Wetlands

**Whitman County Volunteer Stewardship Program
APPLICATION AND AGREEMENT
for
COST-SHARING ASSISTANCE**

Section 1. Cooperator

Cooperator Name _____

Cooperator Address _____ Phone _____

Section 2. Background

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| A. Have you received VSP funding? | Yes No |
| B. Have you added your stewardship actions to the online VSP Action Map? | Yes No |
| B. Has there been funding allocated to this project from another source? | Yes No |
| C. Will this project improve a pre-existing practice? | Yes No |
| D. If cost-sharing assistance is approved for your operation, will you contribute labor, equipment, or materials during installation of the practices | Yes No |

Section 3. Stewardship Practices; proposed Best Management Practices (BMP); and Critical Area benefits expected (attach additional sheets if needed)

A. DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION OF CRITICAL AREAS AND STEWARDSHIP PRACTICES. Please include a description of the property where Critical Area(s) are located and where needed BMP(s) will be installed. Please include photo of site(s) if available.

Hangman Creek watershed. 2 miles from the ID/WA border. This project will address the following critical areas: frequently flooded and fish and wildlife habitats.

Cross fence, well, pipeline, 1 storage tank and 3 500 gal stock tanks.

B. BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES (BMP) OR STEWARDSHIP PRACTICES NEEDED TO CORRECT OR ENHANCE THE IDENTIFIED CRITICAL AREA(S) AND FOR WHICH COST-SHARING ASSISTANCE IS REQUESTED. PRACTICES SHOULD BE IN ORDER OF LOGICAL IMPLEMENTATION.

Cross fence for better grazing management in a pasture situation. 1,500 ft of cross fencing for three areas for managed grazing

Well and pump with 2,000 feet of pipeline to 1 three-thousand gallon storage tank and 3 five hundred gallon stock tanks. This will provide water for each paddock for managed grazing.

These practices will allow for better pasture management to protect frequently flooded and fish and wildlife habitats.

C. DESCRIPTION OF CRITICAL AREA BENEFITS THAT ARE EXPECTED TO BE PRODUCED BY THE STEWARDSHIP PRACTICES.

Hangman Creek water will benefit from managed grazing and pasture management, which will protect or improve frequently flooded areas and fish and wildlife conservation areas.

D. DESCRIPTION OF THE ANNUAL PROOF OF PERFORMANCE DOCUMENTATION METHOD AGREED TO BY THE VSP TECHNICAL SERVICE PROVIDER AND THE COOPERATOR.

These practices will not be removed before the designed life of 10 years.

Section 4. Planned BMP and Calculation of Cost-Share Assistance

<i>Description of Planned BMP or Stewardship Practices (BMPs must meet established NRCS standards and specifications, or an alternative practice design approved by a professional engineer. The cost differential for practices installed to higher specifications shall be the responsibility of the cooperator)</i>	NRCS Practice Code	Practice Design Life	Column 4 Total BMP Cost (sum of Columns 5+6+7)	Column 5 Cooperator's Contribution	Column 6 Cost-Sharing From Other Sources	Column 7 Eligible Cost-Share Requested
Total Eligible Cost-Share						
Cost-Share Assistance Provided by Grant No. _____						

Section 5. Application

I request cost-share assistance under the Whitman County VSP Cost-Sharing program to install the best management/conservation practices described on the attached worksheets and summarized in Section 4. above. These

