

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

This Interlocal Agreement is made and entered into between the Lewis Conservation District (hereinafter referred to as “LCD”) and Lewis County (hereinafter referred to as “County”), both political subdivisions of the State of Washington. This Agreement is entered into pursuant to the Interlocal Cooperation Act, Chapter 39.34 RCW. This Agreement is intended to provide joint coordination and support services to the Voluntary Stewardship Program (VSP).

WHEREAS, the Washington State Legislature established the VSP as an alternative approach to protecting critical areas and promoting agriculture; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Conservation Commission (WSCC) has provided grant funding to the County to assist an independent local work group in developing a VSP work plan that contains goals and benchmarks for the protection and enhancement of critical areas that it will submit to the WSCC, as well as the Departments of Fish and Wildlife, Ecology, and Agriculture for approval; and

WHEREAS, the County and LCCD will partner in providing assistance to the local work group in implementing the VSP work plan; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that in order to implement such an arrangement an Interlocal Agreement (Agreement) be executed between the parties setting forth the conditions and terms of that arrangement.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the terms and conditions contained herein, LCD and the County agree as follows:

1. Purpose. This Agreement is intended to establish responsibilities of the County and LCD in providing guidance and assistance to the local VSP work group.
2. Means of Joint Undertaking. No separate legal entity shall be created to implement the terms of this Agreement. The Director of Community Development for the County and the District Manager for LCD shall provide joint oversight to administer this Agreement.
3. Term. The term of this Agreement and the performance thereof shall commence on July 1, 2021 and expire June 30, 2023. This Agreement may be extended or renegotiated upon mutual agreement between the parties hereto and pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

4. Services and Responsibilities of LCD. The scope of services provided by LCD to the VSP work group shall be as specified below:
 - a. Work in partnership with the County to provide guidance and technical assistance to the VSP work group in implementing the VSP work plan.
 - b. Assist the County and the core work group in identifying potential replacement participants for VSP work group as warranted.
 - c. Lend assistance to the VSP work group in providing outreach and communication efforts to the agricultural community and other interested parties.
 - d. Attend and participate in VSP work group meetings as availability allows.
 - e. Provide available technical information to the Voluntary Stewardship work group on existing agricultural programs and activities.
 - f. Report VSP accomplishments to the Washington State Conservation Commission as required. All reporting details will be forwarded to the County and presented to the Work Group at quarterly meetings.
 - g. Support the County in creating an implementation budget to ensure all requirements related to VSP implementation are accounted for during this contract period as well as ensure the two-year status-which is due no later than August 30, 2021- and if necessary, the five-year review and evaluation report requirements are met.
 - h. If the VSP work group updates its work plan while this agreement is in effect, LCD will provide to the County and the Commission the most recent version of the VSP work plan, including all attachments and/or appendices.

5. Services and Responsibility of the County. The County agrees to meet the following responsibilities under this Agreement:
 - a. Provide grant contract management and fiscal oversight of WSCC grant funds for the VSP.
 - b. Work in partnership with LCD to provide guidance and technical assistance to the VSP work group in implementing the work program.
 - c. Maintain an independent core work group to guide the overall VSP process.
 - d. Lend assistance to the VSP work group in providing outreach and communication efforts to the broader agricultural community and other interested parties.
 - e. Attend and participate in VSP work group meetings as availability allows.
 - f. Provide available technical information to the VSP work group on county ordinances and planning data.
 - g. Secure and provide oversight for professional services contracts for assisting the VSP work group in implementing the work plan as needed.
 - h. Review and comment on draft documents developed by the VSP work group.
 - i. Provide for timely payments for the services provided for in this Agreement upon receipt of a properly constituted and prepared billing by LCD. The estimated total

dollar amount of all work performed by LCD for the VSP under this Agreement shall not exceed \$212,000.00 without prior written approval by the County.

- j. The obligation of the County to make payments is contingent on the availability of a grant from the Washington State Conservation Commission, state and federal funds through legislative appropriation and state allotment. The failure of the legislature or federal agencies to appropriate or allot such funds to the program shall be good cause to terminate this agreement.
6. Assignment and Subcontracting. No portion of this Agreement may be assigned or subcontracted to any other individual, firm, entity without express and prior written approval of the County's Community Development Director and the LCD District Manager.
 7. Modification. Either party may request changes in this Agreement. Any and all agreed modifications shall be in writing, signed by each of the parties.
 8. Termination for Public Convenience. The LCCD District Manager or the County Director of Community Development may terminate this Agreement upon 90 days written notice whenever either party determines, at either party's sole discretion that such termination is in the interest of LCD or the County.
 9. Defense and Indemnity Agreement. Each party shall hold the other, its officials, employees and agents, harmless and shall indemnify the other, its officials, employees and agents, from any and all causes of action, judgments, claims, and damages arising out of its sole and solitary acts of omissions. Without limiting the foregoing, County acknowledges that LCD is solely responsible for all liability, costs, or expenses resulting from its acts or omissions, and that LCD's responsibility hereunder is expressly limited to the provision of the services described in Section 4 of this Agreement.
 10. Venue and Choice of Law. In the event any litigation should arise concerning the enforcement, breach, construction or interpretation of any of the terms of this Agreement, the venue of such action or litigation shall be in the courts of the State of Washington in and for the County of Thurston. The law of the State of Washington shall govern this Agreement for all purposes.
 11. Notice and Deliverables. Any notices or deliverables to be given under this Agreement shall at a minimum, be delivered and addressed to:
 - Lewis Conservation District
Attn. District Manager
2057 SW Salsbury Ave.
Chehalis, WA 98532
 - Lewis County Department of Community Development
Attn. Director
2025 NE Kresky Ave
Chehalis, WA 98532

