

WRIA 8 2012 Recommended Updates to Three-Year Work Plan and 10-Year Start List

Background

Implementing the WRIA 8 Recovery Plan involves the following three lists of priority project and programmatic actions:

1. Comprehensive List – The complete list of habitat projects, land use actions, and outreach and education activities identified when the WRIA 8 Plan was written (Plan Volume II).
2. 10-Year Start List – The annually-updated subset of actions from the Comprehensive List, which focuses implementation for the first 10 years. (Plan Volume 1, Chapter 9)
3. Three-Year Work Plan – The annually-updated subset of actions from the 10-Year Start List that demonstrate the highest benefit for Chinook salmon and high feasibility of being started and/or completed in the next three years.

The WRIA 8 Three-Year Work Plan is used as a project management tool to identify the highest priority and most ready-to-go projects over time. The Puget Sound Partnership and the Recovery Implementation Technical Team require an annual update to the Three-Year Work Plan as a way to track progress in implementing salmon recovery in Puget Sound. WRIA 8 annually updates the Three-Year Work Plan and 10-Year Start List, based on Technical Committee review of project sponsors' proposed additions or updates. Updates include identifying projects that have been completed in the past year. Having a project on the Three-Year Work Plan is also an eligibility requirement for Salmon Recovery Funding Board grants and legislative funding requests. The Three-Year Work Plan also contains priority projects for non-listed species (e.g., Lake Sammamish Kokanee), programmatic actions (land use and outreach and education), monitoring and adaptive management, and H-integration work.

2012 Update Recommendations

The WRIA 8 Implementation Committee and Technical Committee reviewed the proposed updates, and the Technical Committee recommends the following updates to the Salmon Recovery Council for review and approval.

New project/program additions:

- Nine high priority habitat restoration and protection projects (two in the Cedar River, one in the Sammamish River, one in Bear Creek, one in Evans Creek, one in Kelsey Creek, one in Cottage Lake Creek, two along Lake Washington shoreline)
- One non-capital/programmatic priority addition to include invasive species control as part of riparian restoration strategy – including corresponding general invasive species control projects for each watershed subarea (i.e., Cedar River, North Lake Washington tributaries, Issaquah Creek, Sammamish River, and migratory areas)

Updates to projects on Three-Year Work Plan and 10-Year Start List:

- Expand descriptions of four habitat projects to include new sub-projects, clarify scope, or adjust project areas (one along Lake Washington shoreline, one along Issaquah Creek, one along Sammamish River, and one in Bear Creek)
- Refine descriptions of two non-capital/programmatic priorities:
 - Riparian restoration and protection strategy
 - Outreach and education to increase support for salmon recovery
- Remove one completed project – Clearwater School project on North Creek in Snohomish County

Decision

Approve Technical Committee recommendations for 2012 updates to WRIA 8 Three-Year Work Plan and 10-Year Start List.

WRIA 8 Technical Committee 2012 Recommended Updates to 3-Year Work Plan and 10-Year Start List

Plan # and Project Name	Likely Project Sponsor	Location in the Watershed	Technical Committee Recommendation
Proposed Project Additions to 3-Year Work Plan and 10-Year Start List			
C219 – River Bend Mobile Home Buyout	King County	Cedar River	Add to 10-Year Start List & 3-Year Work Plan
C255 – Cedar River Floodplain Restoration at river mile 16	Mid Sound Fisheries Enhancement Group	Cedar River	Add to 10-Year Start List and 3-Year Work Plan
C287 – Madrona Park Bulkhead Removal and Shoreline Restoration	Friends of the Cedar River Watershed and Seattle Parks	Lake Washington shoreline	Add to 10-Year Start List and 3-Year Work Plan
<u>Add new habitat project priority:</u> Enhance small creek mouths in Lake Washington shoreline segments 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 (C282 and C303)	Multiple	Lake Washington shoreline	Add to 10-Year Start List
N214 – Riparian restoration in Friendly Village development and the equestrian center	Adopt-A-Stream Foundation	Bear Creek	Add to 10-Year Start List and 3-Year Work Plan
N289, N290, and N291 – Restore riparian conditions along Cottage Lake Creek	Mid Sound Fisheries Enhancement Group	Cottage Lake Creek	Add to 10-Year Start List and 3-Year Work Plan
N362 – Riparian revegetation between weir and Lake Sammamish	City of Redmond	Sammamish River (tributary – Tosh Creek)	Add to 10-Year Start List & 3-Year Work Plan

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<u>Close out</u> N378 – Clearwater School project is complete	Snohomish County	North Creek	Identify as “complete” on 10-Year Start List and 3-Year Work Plan
N432 – Evans Creek Relocation Study	City of Redmond	Evans Creek	Add N432 to 10-Year Start List and note as complete. Add N432A to 10-Year Start List and 3-Year Work Plan
N485/N487 – Kelsey Creek Restoration Phase 2	Mid Sound Fisheries Enhancement Group	Kelsey Creek	Add to 10-Year Start List and 3-Year Work Plan
<u>Add new non-capital/programmatic priority – Invasive species control</u>	Multiple	Watershed wide	Update 10-Year Start List riparian restoration strategy and add to 3-Year Work Plan
<u>Add new habitat project to implement invasive species control programmatic priority – (Add general project to each area of the watershed)</u>	Multiple	Watershed wide	Add to 3-Year Work Plan
Expand description of existing 3-Year Work Plan projects to include similar projects, clarify scope, or adjust project area			
Expand description (C270) – Add Lower Taylor Creek Restoration to the description of C270 (Explore opportunities to restore small creek mouths in Section 1 of Lake Washington shoreline)	City of Seattle	Lake Washington shoreline	Update project description in 3-Year Work Plan

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<p>Expand description – Add the following project under Issaquah Waterways Program implementation:</p> <p>I209 and I210 – Acquire and restore undeveloped streamside property on Issaquah Creek downstream of Juniper St. and downstream of Berntsen Park</p>	City of Issaquah	Issaquah Creek	Update project description in 3-Year Work Plan
<p>Expand description (N276) – In addition to replanting the riparian buffer along Bear Creek throughout Paradise Valley Conservation Area (Reach 16) that was treated for yellow flag iris, also include the King County Parks parcel immediately south of the Woodinville-Duvall Road which is part of the infested area.</p>	King County	Bear Creek	Update project description in 3-Year Work Plan
<p>Expand description (N339) – Add relocation and restoration of the mouth of Horse Creek Western Branch to the description of N339 (Sammamish River Tributary Mouth Restoration Feasibility and Restoration):</p>	City of Bothell	Sammamish River	Update project description in 3-Year Work Plan
<p>Expand description – In addition to restoring habitat conditions in the Lewis Creek delta, add upstream stabilization efforts that address sediment movement in the system to help preserve the habitat at the delta and lower reaches of the creek.</p>	City of Issaquah	Lake Sammamish and Lewis Creek	Update project description in 3-Year Work Plan

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<p>Refine description of the following two existing non-capital / programmatic priorities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with public and private landowners to protect and restore riparian areas in both rural and urban areas of the watershed (basin wide), including targeted technical assistance and outreach and education activities. • Increase support for salmon recovery, including promotion of programs that enable the public to see returning adult salmon and learn about salmon and river ecology, annual tour of habitat protection and restoration projects for elected officials, identifying and promoting watershed salmon recovery legislative priorities, coordinated messaging, etc. 	Multiple	Watershed wide	Update project description in 3-Year Work Plan