



# Discretionary Fund Summary

## ▶ Cayford Exclusion Fencing

▶ **Project Type:**  
Restoration - Livestock  
Recreational Horse

▶ **Project Partners:**  
Snohomish Conservation  
District, Department of  
Ecology

▶ **Amount of Grant  
Award:**  
\$2,250

▶ **Amount of Grant  
Recipient Match:** (e.g.,  
landowner cash, landowner  
in-kind services or materials,  
grants from other agencies):  
\$750 (Department of  
Ecology grant funding)

▶ **Total Project Cost:**  
\$3,000

▶ **Year Completed:**  
2015

### *The Clean Water District Discretionary Fund:*

The Discretionary Fund is available to assist private landowners, community groups, and/or local agencies in undertaking small scale, on-the-ground projects to improve water quality for shellfish protection on private or public property.

### **Project Description:**

Church Creek runs through William Cayford's property. The creek is a tributary of the Stillaguamish River, and is listed as an impaired water body because high levels of fecal coliform bacteria have been found in the creek. Bacterial pollution can come from sources such as failing septic tanks, pet waste, livestock manure, stormwater, or wildlife. William had approximately 10 horses on his property, and was interested in installing best management practices on his property to reduce bacterial pollution and improve the water quality. He volunteered to install a livestock exclusion fence along both banks of Church Creek to keep animals 35 feet away from the stream. By excluding livestock from streams, landowners can help keep manure nutrients and fecal coliform bacteria from entering the creek. William chose to apply for a Discretionary Fund cost-share program to pay for the materials and installation of a post-and-wire fence with a mixture of wooden posts and metal posts. William worked with the Snohomish Conservation District to install native plants between the stream and fencing. The planted buffer strip will help filter water runoff from the pasture, will add to stream bank stabilization, provide shade for the creek, and can also provide a barrier to save the fence from damage in high water. "The Discretionary Fund was a great resource for completing this important project to improve the health of Church Creek, the Stillaguamish watershed and Puget Sound. Mr. Cayford stepped up to the plate to do his part, and the combination of grant funding from the Discretionary Fund and the Department of Ecology was critical in helping him to make it happen." Alex Pittman, Project Manager, Snohomish Conservation District.



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