

# SNOHOMISH IT LAUNCH TEAM FACT SHEET

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**Duration:** October – February, roughly 4 meetings

Objectives over the 4 meetings:

- Support implementation of the Floodplains by Design 2019-2021 grant, administered by Snohomish County, which is focused on project development and work in the Sultan Reach
- Support WDFW (19-21) Ebey Island and Estuary Planning
- Develop FbD 21-23 pre-application information including scale, opportunity, and process for completing full application
- Identify how to organize for future work in the Snohomish including key planning/technical staff who should be engaged in different reaches and/or how to expand or grow the team based on tasks and needs

## FbD 19-21 Implementation

SWM and partners awarded \$4.8M for implementation of Phase I	WDFW Estuary Planning
Actions for the Sultan Reach include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- An acquisition strategy</li> <li>- \$2 million for property acquisition</li> <li>- 3 culvert upgrades,</li> <li>- 30% design for an integrated floodway project</li> <li>- Design of at least one agricultural resilience project</li> <li>- Elevation of Mann Road</li> </ul>	Actions for Ebey Island include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Bog research</li> <li>- Detailed analysis of agricultural resilience</li> <li>- Development of restoration opportunities</li> <li>- Development of an acquisition strategy for WDFW</li> </ul>
Actions at the watershed scale include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Assessments of geomorphology, hazards, and infrastructure</li> <li>- Design of one or two additional agricultural resilience projects</li> <li>- Hydrologic and hydraulic modeling</li> <li>- Support for an Integration Team and for communications</li> </ul>	Actions for the upper estuary area include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Prioritization of restoration opportunities, including feasibility</li> <li>- Development of a broad acquisition strategy</li> </ul>

### Snohomish Launch Team Status

- Met three times (November, December, and Web-ex brief meeting in January)
- Discussed how to incorporate flood benefits and agriculture benefits into project packages
- Have begun developing list of near term actions to inform FbD 2021-2023 grant application project package
- Started discussing ongoing IT structure

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## FbD 21-23 Pre-Application Near Term Actions

### **1. ENABLING CONDITIONS THAT ENHANCE INTEGRATION AT THE WATERSHED SCALE**

- Grant management
- Education and technical assistance to build broad support for integrated floodplain management goals
- Integration Team support
- Riparian Forest Health Strategy Implementation
- Technical assessments at the watershed scale

### **2. MOVE IMPLEMENTATION OF ACTIONS BEING DEVELOPED IN CURRENTLY FUNDED WORK**

- Implementation of 2-3 Agriculture Resilience Projects designed in 19-21 grant period
- Feasibility and design of integrated floodway design project for Sultan Reach
- Continue Mann Road elevation
- Implementation of acquisition strategy (including channel migration easements)

### **3. DEVELOP THE PROJECT PIPELINE for integrated work throughout Lower Skykomish and Estuary**

- In development