

Near Term Actions for South Central Action Area LIO | **2014-2015**

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<p><b>1. Support state and local partnerships to advance the Action Agenda.</b></p>	<p>D2.1 Advance the coordination of local recovery actions via local integrating organizations.</p>	<p>Support local governments in developing and implementing policies and regulations that advance Action Agenda implementation.</p> <p>Use LIO as forum for sharing approaches to implementing policies and regulations, including sharing of incentives and “model” regulations.</p> <p>Promote funding and technical assistance for local governments to update, adopt, and implement policies and regulations.</p> <p>Form a working group of LIO members to identify incentives and model regulations.</p> <p>Support ECO Net endorsed education and outreach efforts for this NTA.</p>	<p>South Central Local Integrating Organization (LIO)</p>	<p>By March 2011, hold 2 meetings to review and share incentives and model regulations. After full LIO review, bring findings to the Ecosystem Coordination Board.</p> <p>In 2015, recommend ways to incorporate findings into state and local policies and regulations.</p>	<p>High: Residential and Commercial Development</p> <p>Runoff from Built Environment</p>
<p><b>2. Identify and protect high-value salmon recovery habitat and lands at immediate risk of conversion.</b></p>	<p>A2.1 Protect and conserve ecologically important lands at risk of conversion.</p> <p>A2.2 Implement and maintain priority freshwater and terrestrial restoration projects.</p>	<p>Secure funding for acquisitions of high-priority, high-threat land as identified in salmon recovery plans.</p> <p>Identify priority habitat restoration projects that demonstrate multiple benefits.</p>	<p>Watershed Resource Inventory Areas (WRIAs) 8, 9, &amp; 10</p>	<p>By December 2015, secure funding for acquiring land and protecting the following high-priority, high-threat areas in each WRIA:</p> <p>WRIA 8: \$7,950,000</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Middle Cedar River: 70 acres of floodplain</li> <li>• Issaquah Creek: 125 acres of floodplain and riparian area</li> <li>• Bear Creek: 150 acres of riparian areas, wetlands, and forested uplands</li> </ul> <p>WRIA 9: \$18,600,000</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lower Green River: 273 acres of floodplain and riparian area</li> <li>• Middle Green River tributary streams: 230+ acres of floodplain and riparian area</li> <li>• Marine Nearshore (Vashon-Maury Island): 5 acres of nearshore habitat and riparian area</li> </ul>	<p>High: Residential &amp; Commercial Development</p>

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Duwamish River: 15 acres of floodplain, wetland and riparian area</li> </ul> <p><b>WRIA 10: \$6,600,000</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Puyallup River main stem: 130 acres of upland, floodplain, and riparian area</li> <li>• Carbon River canyon area: 500 acres of forested upland and riparian area</li> <li>• Carbon River main stem: 25+ acres of floodplain and riparian area</li> <li>• South Prairie Creek: 60 acres of riparian area and floodplain</li> </ul> <p>By March 2014 and semi-annually thereafter, WRIAs will report to LIO on the list of high priority, high-threat land acquisitions as identified in salmon recovery plans.</p>	
<p><b>3. Implement high-priority projects listed in local salmon recovery plans.</b></p>	<p>A6.1 Implement high priority projects identified in each salmon recovery watershed's three-year work plan.</p> <p>A2.2 Implement and maintain priority freshwater and terrestrial restoration projects.</p>	<p>Secure funding for high-priority projects listed in the 3-year work plans for WRIAs 8, 9, and 10.</p>	<p>WRIAs 8, 9, &amp; 10</p>	<p>By December 2015, secure funding for implementation of high-priority restoration actions in each watershed:</p> <p>WRIA 8: \$16,690,000 for habitat restoration and \$50,000,000 for infrastructure improvements, including fish passage facilities at Hiram H. Chittenden (a.k.a. Ballard) Locks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lower Cedar River: 77 acres of riparian and floodplain restoration</li> <li>• South Lake Washington: 750 linear feet of lakeshore restoration and 1,500 linear feet of tributary stream restoration</li> <li>• Hiram H. Chittenden Locks: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' list of prioritized infrastructure improvements, including critical fish passage facilities <b>as secured funding from HQ.</b></li> <li>•</li> </ul>	<p>High: Residential &amp; Commercial Development</p> <p>Freshwater Levees &amp; Floodgates</p>

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Issaquah Creek: 1,800 linear feet of stream channel restoration and 155 acres riparian area restoration</li> <li>• Bear Creek: 370 linear feet of stream channel restoration and 2.3 acres riparian restoration</li> <li>• Sammamish River: 5,500 feet of stream channel restoration and 85 acres of floodplain and riparian restoration</li> <li>• Marine Nearshore: 1,750 linear feet of coastal tributary stream channel restoration and 28 acres of salt marsh restoration</li> </ul> <p>WRIA 9: \$16,035,000</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lower Green River: 31+ acres floodplain restoration</li> <li>• Duwamish River: 1 acre of shallow water habitat and 2 acres of riparian restoration</li> <li>• Marine Nearshore: remove 4,400 linear feet of shoreline armoring, revegetate 3.2 acres of shoreline with native plants, and restore 550 feet of linear stream channel</li> <li>• Middle Green River: 14+ acres floodplain and riparian area</li> </ul> <p>WRIA 10: \$80,000,000</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Upper White River forest road decommissioning and flood plain restoration: about 100 miles of forest road</li> <li>• South Prairie Creek floodplain reconnection and habitat restoration: 300 acres</li> <li>• Replace dam and build new fish collection facilities at Buckley Fish Trap</li> <li>• Alward Road Levee Setback: Acquisition Phase: 142 acres</li> <li>• Puyallup Estuary Acquisition at Union Pacific: 30 acres</li> </ul>	

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				By June 2014, WRIAs will report to LIO on status of implementation of high-priority habitat protection and restoration in salmon recovery plans.	
<p><b>4. Improve South Central Shorelines by limiting new residential shoreline armoring and overwater coverage, and promoting "green" shoreline replacements.</b></p>	<p>B1.2 Support local governments to adopt and implement plans, regulations, and policies that protect the marine nearshore and estuaries and incorporate climate change forecasts.</p> <p>B1.3 Improve, strengthen, and streamline implementation and enforcement of laws, regulations, and permits that protect the marine and nearshore ecosystems and estuaries.</p>	<p>Encourage programs and projects that implement and promote incentives and best practices identified in Shoreline Master Programs study.</p> <p>Assist local governments by providing information on best practices and models. (Example: Hold informational sessions at standing planner forums including Puget Sound Regional Council, King County, and Seattle.)</p> <p>Work to promote existing and new incentive programs.</p> <p>Use LIO as a forum for sharing best practices and model shoreline master program (SMPs). Compile incentive information and provide to local governments.</p> <p>Coordinate outreach and incentive programs with existing industry best practices such as Leadership in Energy and Environmental Development (LEED), Green Shores for Homes project, and Built Green Certification program.</p> <p>Seek funding to engage streamside/riparian, lakeshore, and nearshore area property owners and to increase assistance to shoreline landowners who are willing to implement aquatic area protection and enhancement practices.</p> <p>Support WRIA 8 Green Shorelines Steering Committee's outreach and education to key marine and</p>	<p>King Conservation District (KCD), Pierce Conservation District (PCD), ECO Net, Futurewise, WRIA 8 Green Shorelines Steering Committee</p>	<p>Report quarterly to LIO on education and other actions funded by Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration (PSAR), Estuary Salmon Restoration Project (ESRP), and other sources.</p> <p>By third quarter 2015, owners will report to LIO on progress made on working with private property owners and reaching priority audiences to promote green shorelines practices.</p> <p>By second quarter 2015, KCD assist 20 landowners in implementing shoreline protection, restoration, and enhancement practices.</p> <p>In 2015, explore options for using existing funding mechanisms to assist landowners who are willing to implement aquatic area enhancement protection and enhancement practices.</p>	<p>Very High: Marine Shoreline Infrastructure &amp; Freshwater Shoreline Infrastructure</p> <p>High: Residential &amp; Commercial Development</p>

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		<p>freshwater shoreline audiences (e.g., property owners, real estate agents, construction and landscaping communities, and local government planning departments) to share green shorelines materials and messages and to encourage improved shoreline restoration stewardship.</p> <p>Support ECO Net endorsed education and outreach efforts for this NTA.</p>			
<p><b>5. Improve floodplains management by creating partnerships of interested parties (especially local governments and business community).</b></p>	<p>A5.2 Align policies, regulations, planning, and agency coordination to support multi-benefit floodplain management, incorporating climate change forecasts.</p> <p>A5.3 Protect and maintain intact and functional floodplains.</p> <p>A5.4 Implement and maintain priority floodplain restoration projects.</p>	<p>Work with federal and state agencies to address and resolve conflicts between regulations that are a barrier to completing multi-benefit projects.</p> <p>Support over next 2 years King County's effort to lead the advisory council or stakeholder group of the Green River System-Wide Improvement Framework (SWIF) in developing integrated priorities for levee improvements that meet safety, economic development, and habitat objectives and that bridge conflicts in federal regulations.</p> <p>Support over the next 2 years the Russell Foundation's work with WRIA 10 to complete a Watershed Open Space Strategy (WOSS). The process will focus on development of a regional strategy by aligning with current ecological management efforts in the watershed to promote inter-organizational collaboration and action.</p> <p>Share information among local governments on successful approaches to meeting requirements of Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Biological Opinion.</p> <p>Participate in forums to address conflicts between</p>	<p>King County, King County Flood District, Pierce County, cities with major river floodplains, The Nature Conservancy</p>	<p>By December 2015, SWIF will make substantial progress in developing priorities for levee improvements.</p> <p>In 2014, the King County Flood District will submit a report to the LIO that identifies what constitutes substantial progress toward completion of major floodplain restoration projects.</p> <p>By December 2015, brief the Puget Sound Partnership (PSP) Leadership Council and Ecosystem Coordination Board (ECB) and the state legislature on quantifiable benefits of floodplain management.</p> <p>By June 2015, compile the percentage of local jurisdictions with significant floodplain area that comply with FEMA Biological Opinion.</p> <p>By September 2014, King County will develop concept, strategy, and candidate projects for 2014 legislative session and report to LIO.</p> <p>By end of 2015, King and Pierce County will report on progress in implementing major floodplain protection</p>	<p>Very High: Marine Levees &amp; Tidegates</p> <p>Freshwater Levees and Tidegates</p> <p>High: Residential &amp; Commercial Development</p> <p>Freshwater Levees &amp; Floodgates</p>

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		<p>agriculture, flood hazard reduction projects, and habitat restoration projects in the floodplain.</p> <p>Advocate for state to improve alignment and coordination between minimum requirements for local Flood Hazard Reduction Plans, Comprehensive Plans under the Growth Management Act (GMA), and minimum requirements for regulation of Frequently Flooded Areas.</p> <p>Implement major floodplain protection and restoration projects in King and Pierce Counties funded under state 2013 CIP appropriation for Coordinated Investment Strategy, including Carlin Project and Lower Cedar River Integrated Floodplain Restoration Project in King County and the Green and White rivers in Pierce County.</p> <p>Continue to identify, implement, and publicize floodplain restoration projects, including the Needham Road Setback Levee Project and Calistoga Reach Setback Levee and Side Channel Construction Project that provide multiple benefits, including public safety, salmon habitat enhancement, open space, and recreation.</p> <p>Demonstrate quantifiable benefits of major floodplain restoration projects to salmon recovery, flood resilience, water quality, and agriculture and help make the case for ongoing investments of state funding in multi-objective flood hazard reduction projects. Work with King County, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and other partners to identify alternatives to the existing policies on levee vegetation.</p>		<p>and restoration projects in King and Pierce Counties</p>	

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		<p>Key partners for these efforts: PSP, Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology), Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW), MIT, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), and FEMA.</p>			
<p><b>6. Identify, guide, and fund stormwater retrofits.</b></p>	<p>C2.1 Manage urban runoff at the basin and watershed scale.</p> <p>C2.3 Fix problems caused by existing development</p>	<p>Complete WRIA 9 retrofit study and promote it as a model.</p> <p>Advocate locally and sound-wide through the LIO for increased funding for priority stormwater retrofit projects.</p> <p>Participate in the Washington State Department of Commerce's technical assistance and study of examples of urban-specific implementation or stormwater retrofit projects.</p> <p>Support ECO Net endorsed education and outreach efforts for this NTA.</p>	<p>King County, ECO Net, Futurewise, Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC), South Central LIO</p>	<p>By September 2014, comment on Ecology's retrofit prioritization and allocation criteria.</p> <p>By January 2015, identify and analyze funding mechanisms that incorporate existing and new funding.</p> <p>By June 2015, complete WRIA 9 retrofit study.</p> <p>By December 2015, identify next steps to support carrying out stormwater retrofit planning and projects throughout the Action Area.</p> <p>By June 2014, report on monitoring and modeling tools for future stormwater retrofit evaluations.</p> <p>By December 2015, implement 15 stormwater retrofit projects.</p> <p>By December 2015, complete Swan Creek Watershed Characterization and Action Plan, and implement at least one retrofit project.</p>	<p>Very High: Runoff from Built Environment</p> <p>High: Residential &amp; Commercial Development</p>
<p><b>7. Promote operations and maintenance and improvements to existing stormwater systems.</b></p>	<p>C.2.3 Fix problems caused by existing development.</p> <p>C.2.5 Provide focused stormwater-related education, training, and</p>	<p>Support and guide technical assistance for local government adoption of improved operation and maintenance techniques for existing stormwater infrastructure such as flushing, vactoring, and high efficiency street cleaning, to reduce legacy loads in existing sewer lines (PSRC, King County, ECO Net, Futurewise).</p>	<p>ECO Net, Futurewise, PSRC</p>	<p>By December 2015, create a list of the number of local jurisdictions implementing operation and maintenance techniques.</p>	<p>Very High: Runoff from Built Environment</p> <p>High: Residential &amp; Commercial</p>

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	technical assistance.	<p>Promote efficient street cleaning as a means to reduce pollution.</p> <p>Increase education of and stewardship by homeowners, businesses, and institutions to reduce pollutant loadings to stormwater (e.g., fertilizers, pesticides, oils, cleaners).</p> <p>Support ECO Net endorsed education and outreach efforts for this NTA.</p> <p>Key partner for these efforts: Ecology.</p>			Development
<p><b>8. Share information on low impact development /green stormwater infrastructure (LID/GSI) and facilitate the transition from conventional stormwater management.</b></p>	<p>C2.3 Fix problems caused by existing development.</p> <p>C2.2 Prevent problems from new development at the site and subdivision scale.</p>	<p>Use LIO as a forum for sharing approaches to implementing LID policies.</p> <p>Encourage local government participation in Washington State University (WSU) LID technical workshops.</p> <p>Support ECO Net endorsed education and outreach efforts for this NTA.</p> <p>Support development of regulations that implement Action Agenda priorities.</p>	South Central Action Area Caucus Group (LIO)	By December 2015, hold two forums that highlight successful integration of LID/GSI into local regulations.	Very High: Runoff from Built Environment
<p><b>9. Support restoration of the voter approved local Model Toxics Control Account.</b></p>	C2.3 Fix problems caused by existing development.	<p>Advocate for fund protection. Support the use of the Model Toxics Control Account for grants and programs that expedite multiparty cleanup efforts.</p> <p>Support and promote programs that leverage other grants to expedite cleanups.</p> <p>Educate and promote the protection of the Local Toxics Control Account and identify opportunities for acquisition and redevelopment of vacant, orphaned, or</p>	South Central Action Area Caucus Group (LIO)	<p>By December 2015, increase awareness of state and local government about the value of protecting the Local Toxics Control Account in 2014.</p> <p>By December 2015, hold a forum on opportunities for acquisition and redevelopment of vacant, orphaned, or abandoned property.</p>	High: Toxics & Legacy Contaminants



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		<p>abandoned property.</p> <p>Key partner for these efforts: Ecology.</p>			
<p><b>10. Keep toxics and excess nutrients out of the waste stream</b></p>	<p>C1.2 Promote the development and use of safer alternatives to toxic chemicals.</p> <p>C1.1 Implement best management practices to reduce pollution by identifying point source pollution.</p>	<p>Identify and implement strategies to keep toxics and excess nutrients out of the waste stream through product stewardship and source control.</p> <p>Support state and local programs for safe reduction, recycling, or disposal of hazardous wastes from households, small businesses, and agriculture.</p> <p>Support programs and projects that implement, teach, or otherwise encourage best management practices that remove toxic pollutants from the environment (source control; alternative products; hazardous waste technical assistance).</p> <p>Inventory toxics reduction efforts and programs and additional chemicals of concern that need to be reduced.</p> <p>Through the NW Product Stewardship Council, coordinate efforts for product-focused strategies to reduce the use of toxic chemicals.</p> <p>Coordinate with and support new product stewardship initiatives.</p> <p>Support and promote the implementation of the Washington Toxics Reduction Strategy Workgroup Recommendations of January 16, 2013.</p> <p>Support efforts to increase funding.</p> <p>Implement and strengthen authorities and programs to</p>	<p>ECO Net, NW Product Stewardship Council</p>	<p>By September 2014, ECO Net will report on education and outreach efforts for this NTA.</p> <p>By September 2014, Ecology and/or NW Product Stewardship Council will report to LIO on status of their efforts.</p> <p>By December 2015, obtain new funding for key toxic reduction activities.</p> <p>By March 2015, develop inventory of toxics reduction efforts and programs and additional chemicals of concern that need to be reduced.</p> <p>By December 2015, increase funding for the Washington Toxics Reduction Strategy Workgroup Recommendations of January 16, 2013.</p>	<p>Medium: Toxics &amp; Legacy Contaminants</p>

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		prevent toxic chemicals from entering the Puget Sound environment.  Key partner for these efforts: Ecology,			
<b>11. Secure additional funding to implement priority fish and wildlife habitat and high-value aquatic habitat area enhancement projects.</b>	E1.4 Maintain and enhance, local funding for implementation of Action Agenda priorities.	Provide input to the PSP's work to develop a gap analysis and funding strategy for implementation of the Puget Sound Action Agenda. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Articulate need for and provide examples of better coordination of habitat, water quality, and flood investments at a watershed level.</li> <li>• Describe specific financial needs and challenges for urbanized watersheds in protecting and restoring habitat and in prioritizing and carrying out stormwater retrofits.</li> <li>• Draw from research and analysis conducted by WRIAs 8 and 9 on watershed funding options and models.</li> <li>• Provide examples of successful watershed-based decision-making models and help to "tell the story" of successful multi-benefit projects.</li> <li>• Develop specific project proposals in support of federal and state appropriation requests to support salmon habitat restoration, habitat acquisition, major floodplain restoration, and stormwater retrofits for 2014 and 2015.</li> <li>• Review WRIA 9 issue paper on watershed investment concepts.</li> <li>• Provide input into state legislative proposals for potential new watershed-based governance structures and funding authorities.</li> </ul> Use upcoming guidance from Ecology and findings	South Central LIO, WRIAs 8, 9, & 10, King Conservation District, Pierce Conservation District	Within South Central Puget Sound Action Area: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• By December 2014, identify large-scale habitat restoration projects for the next round of Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration (PSAR).</li> <li>• By third quarter 2014 and 2015, promote the current round of "coordinated investment" floodplain restoration projects and development of the next set of candidate projects for 2014/2015 legislative session.</li> <li>• By third quarter 2014 and 2015, provide information to the Washington State Legislature on the high priority stormwater retrofit projects for 2014/ 2015 legislative session.</li> </ul>	Very High: Runoff from Built Environment  High: Residential & Commercial Development

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		<p>from the WRIA 9 study on stormwater retrofit priorities to develop a list of high-priority stormwater retrofit projects to support local investments and state funding request in 2014 and 2015.</p> <p>Support WRIAs 8, 9, and 10 in maintaining and refining the 3-year list of habitat protection and restoration implementation priorities.</p> <p>Support the King Conservation District in securing additional funding to address regional and local aquatic area enhancement and water quality protection priorities, with special emphasis on private property, subject to the outcome of joint task force recommendations.</p> <p>Support WRIA 9 in working with a stakeholder group and the State House of Representatives to prepare issue papers on key watershed-based investment concepts, including governance, geography, multiple benefit projects, and funding, and in preparing legislation for introduction in the 2014 or 2015 legislative session.</p>			
<p><b>12. Complete Regional Alliances Project and share results to increase infill development in urban centers while meeting stormwater requirements and GMA</b></p>	<p>A2.3 Implement restoration projects in urban and developed areas while accommodating growth, density and infill development.</p> <p>A4.1 Integrate</p>	<p>Through the Regional Alliance Project, develop recommendations for incentives and cost-effective tools to meet stormwater management and GMA requirements for development in urban areas in order to encourage infill development in urban centers instead of greenfield locations and to improve water quality.</p> <p>Develop recommendations related to comprehensive plan policy and development regulations to inform 2015 updates.</p>	<p>South Central LIO Subcommittee, PSRC, and other agencies as appropriate</p>	<p>By February 2014, develop a formal report on findings and recommended next steps to PSRC Growth Management Policy Board</p> <p>By March 2014, present a final report to the PSP Ecosystem Coordination Board.</p>	<p>High: Residential &amp; Commercial Development</p> <p>Runoff from the Built Environment</p> <p>Agriculture</p>

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mandates.	<p>growth, infrastructure, transportation and conservation planning at sub-regional levels and across jurisdictions.</p> <p>A4.2 Provide infrastructure and incentives to accommodate new and re-development within urban growth areas.</p>	<p>Other actions may be identified.</p> <p>Key partner in these efforts: Washington State Department of Commerce</p>			
13. Retain forest canopy cover and soils to attenuate stormwater runoff.	<p>A4.1 Achieve water quality standards on state and privately owned working forests through implementation of Forest and Fish report.</p> <p>C1.1 Implement and strengthen authorities and programs to prevent toxic chemicals from entering the Puget Sound.</p> <p>C2.1 Manage</p>	<p>Promote programs that support retention and enhancement of and/or the increase in forest canopy cover on private and public lands, especially those in priority and sensitive areas.</p> <p>Promote programs that support the retention of and /or amendment of soils to increase stormwater infiltration.</p> <p>Identify and implement watershed revegetation in the Swan Creek Watershed through the Pierce County Raise the Grade initiative.</p>	South Central LIO, King Conservation District, Pierce Conservation District, WRIA 8, WSU, Pierce County Conservation District	<p>By December 2015, WSU will hold workshops on coached forest management planning.</p> <p>By January 2015, King Conservation District will implement at least 2 Forest Health Management Plans with technical and cost-share assistance.</p> <p>By December 2015, King Conservation District will seek to secure funding for urban canopy assessment and management plan development for at least 1 local jurisdiction.</p> <p>By December 2015, WRIA 8 will do the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implement Trees for Streams Program to protect and restore riparian area canopy cover and streamside vegetation in high-priority sub-basins (Cedar River, Bear Creek, and Issaquah Creek).</li> <li>• Conduct 3 workshops for property owners to promote riparian area stewardship.</li> </ul>	<p>High: Residential &amp; Commercial Development</p> <p>Runoff from the Built Environment</p> <p>Medium: Timber Harvesting</p>

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	<p>stormwater at the basin and watershed scale.)</p> <p>C2.2 – prevent problems from new development)</p> <p>E 1.6 Develop and implement market-based mechanisms for implementation of priorities in the Action Agenda</p>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide technical assistance to at least 30 property owners to develop planting plans and support plantings.</li> </ul> <p>By December 2015, Pierce County Conservation District will Implement at least 2 community planting events in the Swan Creek Watershed.</p> <p>By third quarter 2014 and 2015, owners will conduct 2 workshops for property owners with livestock to protect and enhance riparian functions.</p>	