

WRIA 9 Scope of Work for 2021 - 2022
ILA, Lead Entity, FCD, and Contract Services
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Watershed Ecosystem Forum Coordination

- Schedule and staff four WRIA 9 Watershed Ecosystem Forum
- (WEF) meetings at key decision points in implementing and monitoring the WRIA 9 Salmon Habitat Plan (Habitat Plan) and preparing the scope of work and budget for work to be cost-shared for 2021 - 2022
- Selective participation in and coordination with State and Puget Sound regional efforts, such as the Puget Sound Partnership (South Central Action Area Caucus Group and Salmon Recovery Council), the Washington Salmon Coalition, and regional or sub-regional efforts
- Schedule and staff four WRIA 9 Management Committee (MC) meetings to oversee the 2021 - 2022 ILA-funded work program. Prepare quarterly budget and work plan reports
- Provide information to jurisdictions as needed and applicable, including presentations for briefing city and county councils and King County on ILA-funded watershed services
- Coordinate with city, county staff and elected officials as practicable
- Work on proposed new initiatives with Management Committee approval
- Outreach to cities and the County on integrating city and County functions with salmon recovery actions, such as land use, parks, critical areas, shoreline management, and other actions local governments can take to support consistent implementation of the Salmon Habitat Plan
- Coordinate regional aspects of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Duwamish/Green River Ecosystem Restoration Project.

WRIA 9 Salmon Habitat Plan Implementation

- Coordinate with multiple agencies and partners on relevant regulatory, technical, funding, policy, and program issues that includes Our Green/Duwamish implementation, King County Flood Control District Lower Green River Corridor Plan development, statewide Floodplains by Design program, Puget Sound Partnership groups, and other regional salmon recovery efforts
- Coordinate Implementation Technical Committee (ITC) in its advisory capacity to the WEF to inform implementation of the Salmon Habitat Plan Update and coordinate research and monitoring needs in the watershed
- Coordinate with partners to implement an adaptive management and monitoring program to track progress and address research gaps, evaluate project effectiveness, and refine conceptual models to improve outcomes
- Support implementation of education and outreach, policy, and programmatic priorities across the watershed (Re-green the Green Grants, Educational Grants, etc.)
- Track National Marine Fisheries Service planning approach for Puget Sound steelhead recovery and marine survival studies

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Capital Projects Implementation

- Coordinate cross-jurisdictional implementation of projects identified as WRIA 9 priorities
- Help to establish partnerships and seek funding for, and implementation of high priority capital projects
- Support the WEF in developing, prioritizing, and presenting project recommendations for various funding opportunities (e.g., projects funded by the watershed allocation of King County Flood Control District Cooperative Watershed Management grants, Puget Sound Partnership, State Salmon Recovery Funding Board, Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account, Estuary and Salmon Restoration Program, Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration, Conservation Futures, Floodplains by Design, Urban Waters Federal Partnership, King Conservation District and other funds)
- Provide technical support to and project management coordination of habitat project design and development
- Adaptively manage the WRIA 9 Lead Entity grant process to align and leverage funding and capacity
- Prepare and facilitate project presentations from project sponsors to the ITC, MC and WEF throughout the life of the project, from procuring a recommendation for funding to sharing milestones and results
- Track capital project and program implementation through coordination with grant administrators and project sponsors
- Iteratively identify, prioritize and support implementation of projects within the Salmon Habitat Plan
- Coordinate with King Conservation District on initiatives like the Shore Friendly and the Shared Endeavor program to jointly implement nearshore projects
- Administer the WRIA 9 WEF/Cooperative Watershed Management grant/funding program (on behalf of the WEF) pursuant to agreements with the King County Flood Control District and the collection of revenue in 2021-2022
- Develop and manage the WRIA 9 four-year work plan (4YWP), the Recreation and Conservation Office's Planned Project Forecast List (PPFL) and the Salmon Recovery Portal (formerly Habitat Work Schedule (HWS)). Coordinate among project sponsors and others as necessary to coordinate the entry of project data into HWS
- Support the WEF in developing, prioritizing, and presenting project recommendations to the State Salmon Recovery Funding Board for funding
- Manage any technical support contracts for capital projects for design and development

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Program Management, Communications, Public Outreach and Administration

- Organize field trips or other field-based informational opportunities for the WEF, state and federal elected officials
- Produce communication products, social media announcements, and interpretive material to help engage the public in the WRIA 9 implementation, adaptive management, and monitoring process
- Prepare annual achievement reports
- Coordinate with jurisdictions and Puget Sound Partnership on implementing education and stewardship programs identified by the Habitat Plan
- Develop media press releases and communication materials in coordination with partner jurisdictions
- Conduct general administration work in support of ILA implementation. Administration includes work program development and monitoring, budget development and tracking, regular reporting, billing, personnel, and supervision. Short written progress reports will accompany billings to the parties. Work plan and budget progress report will be made to the WRIA 9 WEF. Quarterly budget and work plan reports will be provided at MC meetings
- Regularly update and maintain WRIA 9 website
- Provide administrative coordination of the WRIA 9 WEF, MC, and Service Provider
- Help prepare for, attend, and take notes at meetings of the WEF
- Track grants and invoices
- Coordinate Salmon SEEs on with other watersheds

Miller/Walker Creek Stewardship

- Under separate agreement with the parties in the Miller/Walker Creek basin, assist in implementation of the stewardship and monitoring program, including:
 - Implement a stewardship program to restore and maintain stream habitat and educate basin residents, and;
 - Coordinate monitoring efforts

Lower Green River Stewardship

- Implement the Re-Green the Green Revegetation Strategy by supporting and coordinating 15+ partners in the Green the Green Network. Support partners through site and funding identification and creating opportunities for collaboration between partners. Develop communication materials for Green the Green Network partners, including a new greenthegreen.org website and Green River Trail signage about the benefits of trees
- Work closely with the WRIA 9 Salmon Recovery Team by participating in quarterly Watershed Ecosystem Forum meetings, monthly Implementation Technical Committee meetings, and regularly engaging with partners and project sponsors to identify and advance implementation of priority salmon recovery projects and programs