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CCLC News

Conservation Program Explorer - *a new way to find incentive programs for your land*



Small Farm and Forest landowners face a variety of pressures in making land management decisions. Incentive programs are effective tools to support environmental stewardship and play an important role in achieving shared regional landscape values. In spite of agency efforts to share incentive program information to landowners, it can still be very time-consuming for landowners to discover which incentive programs are available and applicable to their lands when looking across

the broad spectrum of federal, state, local, and non-governmental programs. To remedy this, the CCLC partnership created a simple web-based tool called the [Conservation Program Explorer](#). This tool enables landowners or agency staff to quickly discover which incentive programs are available based on one's geographic location and the type of program they are interested in. The tool has been launched for the Olympic and Southwest regions of Washington.

Use the filters to see what programs are relevant for your land.

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Program benefits: 	Searching for water-focused programs:
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During our launch webinar, Ken Miller made this point:

"It isn't about advocating for any of the programs that are out there, it's ... a tool intended to point you in the right direction to meet a variety of needs or wants. You simply plug in a little bit of information, and it points you to the person ... or their organization that has something to offer, that you think you might be interested in. It doesn't quite replace my old DNR stewardship forester, but perhaps broadens my horizon by exposing me to some program of interest that he or she might not have been aware of... This tool, while it doesn't make recommendations, it does go a long way towards matchmaking, pointing you towards what you might be interested in. It's a big deal gathering up all of this information and keeping it current, but it really sells itself"

- Ken Miller, Prior WA Farm Forestry Association President and long-time member, small family forest farmer in Olympia, Wa.

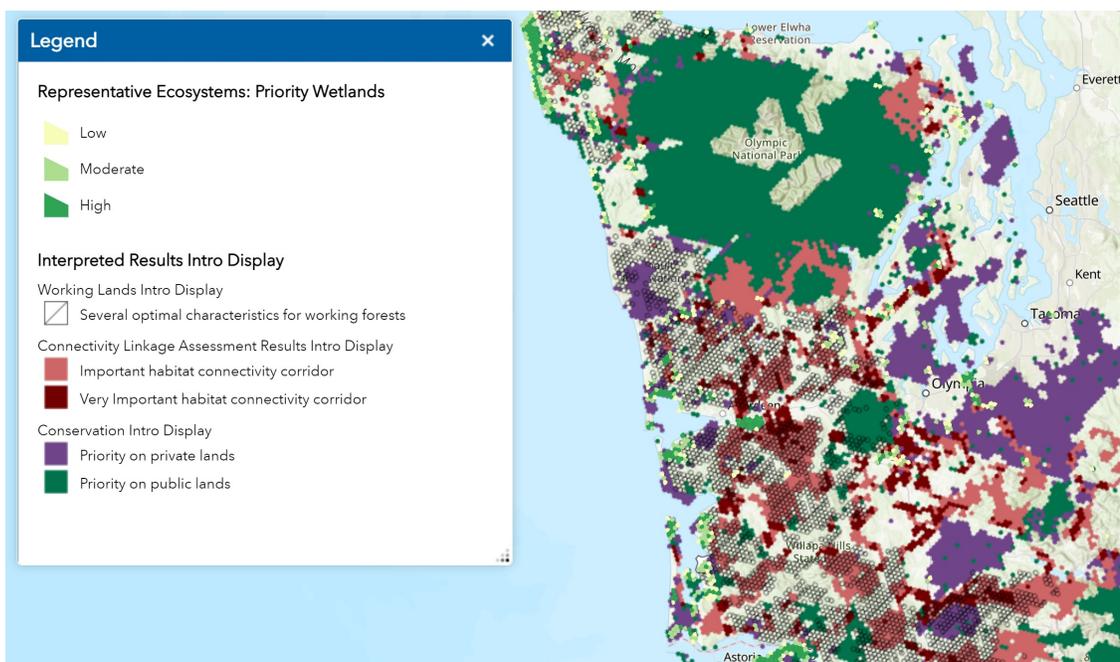
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The expansion of the tool to the remainder of Washington is underway with the Northwest region debuting in February 2022. The tool will be built out for Oregon by Fall of 2022. See more about the Conservation Program Explorer's development in [Forestry Stewardship Notes](#), or [watch the webinar](#) for more about the history and how it is used. [Sign up for the CCLC newsletter](#) to get information on updates and events for the tool's expansion. Try out the Conservation Program Explorer [here!](#)

We are interested in your experience using this tool. Once you give it a try, please [contact Rachel Santa Olalla](#) to let us know what you think!

Coastal Northwest Landscape Conservation Mapper - connecting your work with landscape-scale values in the region



With so much going on in the coastal Pacific Northwest, it can be difficult to know

how management actions and land ownership fits into a larger conservation blueprint when planning for on-the-ground projects. The [Coastal Northwest Landscape Conservation Mapper](#) is an interactive web-based tool, designed for managers and decision makers, that provides landscape-scale spatial information on the working lands, habitats, wildlife, and conservation values of the landscape. It was created to serve as a first step towards landscape planning efforts and inspire further conversations with the broad scope of resource policy makers, managers, and stakeholders across the region. Users can either explore the landscape through applying the suite of embedded data layers to their area of interest or create a more customized experience through adding their own data to the mapper. The mapper was officially launched during a [public webinar](#) in August 2021 and is now ready to help you see the larger perspective when planning your on-the-ground projects!

"We make decisions every day that impact the landscape – from where to invest resources to management options for a piece of land. It's vital that are decisions are informed by not only site specific information, but the context of the landscape they are within. The Coastal Northwest Conservation Mapper is a great tool built out of collaboration that distills and displays data to increase our understanding of the risks, values, and opportunities for forests and natural resources in this landscape."



- Jenn Watkins, Planning, Science, and Monitoring Assistant Division Manager, Forest Resilience Division, Washington Department of Natural Resources

This year, the CCLC plans to expand the use of the mapper by working with partners to develop case studies that demonstrate the tool's wide range of applications and can be shared with other potential users. We also plan to incorporate data from ongoing, habitat connectivity work from the [Washington Wildlife Habitat Connectivity Working Group](#) and the [Oregon Connectivity Assessment and Mapping Project](#).

To learn more about the mapper, [check out this webinar!](#)

Habitat connectivity - protecting wildlife through connecting lands



Habitat connectivity plays an important role in maintaining healthy landscapes. The survival of many species depends in part on their ability to move safely throughout the environment to meet their daily and seasonal needs for access to food, shelter, and opportunities to reproduce. However, human impacts to the landscape through development pressure can impede wildlife movement by adding barriers, causing changes in behavior, impacting critical migration corridors, and increasing habitat fragmentation. With the growing threat of climate change, the need for habitat connectivity is even more critical as many species will need to adapt to a changing landscape.

There are two connectivity mapping projects currently underway in Washington and Oregon that are working to identify priority wildlife corridors for a wide diversity of species. Their work will guide efforts to maintain and restore connectivity to ensure a resilient Pacific Northwest landscape. The [Washington Wildlife Habitat Connectivity Working Group](#) has nearly completed their work mapping connectivity for American beaver, cougar, fisher, mountain beaver, and western gray squirrel. The [Oregon Connectivity Assessment and Mapping Project \(OCAMP\)](#) has completed connectivity maps for marten, northern red-legged frog, and Pacific-slope flycatcher, with an additional 51 species planned for the remainder of 2022. Connectivity data from these two projects will be added to the CCLC [Coastal Northwest Landscape Conservation Mapper](#) soon followed by a public webinar that will demonstrate how to use the data within the tool.



If you would like to be invited to attend the future habitat connectivity webinar the CCLC partners are planning for this Spring, [please sign up to receive the announcement here!](#)

Landscape Conservation News and Events



Events:

[Beyond the Land Ethic: Traditional Ecological Knowledge and Forest Management and Conservation, A Native American Perspective](#) : February 16, 2022. 3:30 - 5:00 pm Pacific. OSU 2022 Starker Lecture Series, Speaker: Cristina Eisenberg, Graduate Faculty, College of Forestry, OSU

[Lane County Small Woodlands Association Thinning Video Tour](#) - View a video that Lane County Small Woodland Association made with the OSU Extension about thinning.

[OSU Workshop on Release and Recruit: Recovering the resiliency of native streamside \(riparian\) forests](#) - Have you ever wondered how you can get through the wall of non-native blackberry that prevents you from seeing and getting to the creek on your property?

News:

Landscape Conservation Communities:

[A new report from Rural Voices for Conservation Coalition](#) explores three other models for putting Shared Stewardship into practice, drawing on examples in California, Oregon, and Minnesota.

[The Western Governors' Association shares results of a survey](#) on the interdependent relationships between western communities and state and federal land / resource management entities, and the role that local communities play in successful land planning and management processes. Explore the results The Network for Landscape Conservation has launched a national survey of landscape conservation initiatives aimed at tracking the growth of the landscape conservation movement, and identifying key challenges facing the community of practice.

Connectivity:

[Conservation Corridor post](#) explores what continent-wide, transboundary connectivity looks like, highlighting a new analysis that models potential linkages between protected areas across all of North America.

[High Country News article](#) highlights the growing body of “fence ecology” research, which is helping land managers in the western United States better understand how fences are harming wildlife—and better identify solutions.

[Reports Offer Guidance on Why and How to Build Wildlife Crossings](#) -vehicle collisions take a toll on our environment and society in many ways. They endanger wildlife populations, cause human injuries and deaths, and cost US taxpayers billions of dollars a year. Well-designed wildlife road-crossing structures are a proven solution but are not without challenges.

[New Toolkit Helps Fish & Wildlife Managers Strategize for Landscape Connectivity](#). State fish and wildlife managers recognize that keeping landscapes connected is an important conservation tool. Yet there is growing evidence that the impacts of climate change are already altering the needs and behaviors of animals, creating new patterns of movement throughout the landscape. Staff from the Center

recently contributed to a new toolkit offering guidance on protecting wildlife movement and corridor habitat in the face of a changing climate.

[IUCN's Guidelines for Conserving Connectivity through Ecological Networks and Corridors.](#)

Working Lands :

[2022 Winter/Spring Native Plant Sales](#) The winter wet season in the Pacific Northwest is an ideal time to plant young trees and native shrubs! Planting native trees and shrubs enhances forest biodiversity by providing habitat for wildlife and forage for pollinators.

Want to host a virtual family tree farm tour in Washington? - If you are interested in hosting a virtual tree farm tour, please email Elaine Oneil, Executive Director, (eoneil@wafarmforestry.com) or Jon Matson, IT Consultant (jon@jkematson.org). This is a wonderful opportunity to highlight the unique aspects of your tree farm and share what you think makes it "Cool to be a Tree Farmer"!

Connect with us!

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