

SNOQUALMIE VALLEY AGRICULTURAL STRATEGIC PLAN

Public Review Draft, May 2023

SVAPD Agriculture Task Force

Snoqualmie Valley Agriculture Land Resource Strategic Plan Overview

Abstract

The SVAPD Agriculture Task Force, made up of farmers and industry professionals in the commercial farm sector drafted the plan over four years to elevate the land resource needs for farmers in the SVAPD, policy makers and service providers alike, to understand the agriculture needs based on facts, implement the solutions, and gain the results needed in the next 25 years. From drainage to climate change to farmland preservation, this plan has 17 short issue papers and 283 strategies to achieve the desired condition for each issue.

Agriculture Strategic Plan Task Force

4.20.23

Overview includes



About the Plan



Task Force



Goals and Issue
papers



Review Process
and Timeline



This plan's scope of work was created by Fish, Farm, Flood (FFF), but it is also a **stand-alone agricultural plan** to guide support for agricultural needs in the Snoqualmie Valley Agriculture Production District (SVAPD) over the next 25 years.



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Origin



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The Task Force



The task force brings experience from farmers and industry professionals in the commercial farm sector:



farmer organizations: SnoValley Tilth and Snoqualmie Valley Preservation Alliance,



agency agriculture policy advisors: King County Agriculture Commission,



special purpose districts: Snoqualmie Valley Watershed Improvement District and King Conservation District,



educational institutions: Washington State University Center for Sustainable Agriculture and Natural Resources,



and the FFF Implementation Oversight Committee (IOC).

The Task Force Composition



improve the long-term productivity of farmland



bring more acres into production, especially food production,



increase opportunities for farmers to develop the necessary infrastructure to support or increase their farm businesses



proposed acreage needs for long-term, viable sector

Purpose



assessment of specific farmland resource property needs and assets in the SVAPD



create an implementation plan for project improvements to land (e.g., drainage) and water access

Method

Task Force Members

Members	Affiliation
<u>Patrice Barrentine, Coordinator</u>	King County Water & Land Resources Division (KC WLRD)
Janet Keller, Jordan Jobe, Carrie King	King County Agriculture Commission
Andrew Stout Erin Ericson, alternate	Snoqualmie Valley Watershed Improvement District (SVWID)
Janet Keller Lauren Silver, alternate	Snoqualmie Valley Preservation Alliance (SVPA)
Libby Reed Dave Glenn, alternate	SnoValley Tilth
Bobbi Lindemulder	Fish, Farm, Flood Implementation Oversight Committee



**Improve
Farmland
Productivity**

**Increase
Farmland
Protections**

Framework

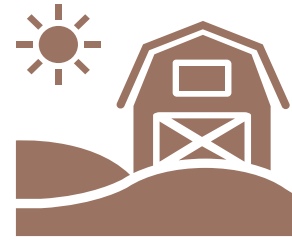
- Vision statement
- 2 Goals
- 9 Sub-goals
- Key values/themes
- Objectives and Measures
- 17 Issue dashboards
- References

9 Sub-Goals



Improve Farmland Productivity

1. Drainage
2. Transportation (revetments, roads and bridges)
3. Irrigation
4. High ground, home elevation
5. Climate change



Increase Farmland Protections

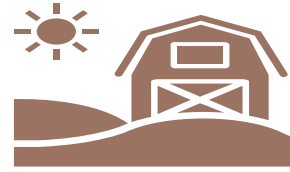
6. Development and Population Growth
7. 8. Wildlife
8. 9. Farmland Preservation
9. 10. Proposed acreage needs for long-term, viable sector

17 Issue Papers



Improve Farmland Productivity

- A. About the SVAPD Ag Sector
 - 1. Waterway Maintenance – ADAP eligible
 - 2. Agricultural Drainage Tiles
 - 3. Flap/Flood Control Gates and Pumps
 - 4. Culverts
 - 5. Waterway Maintenance – non-ADAP eligible
 - 6. Beavers
 - 7. Farm Pads and High Ground Refuge
 - 8. Home Preservation
 - 9. Water Rights and Irrigation
 - 10. Revetments
 - 11. Transportation
 - 12. Invasive Species
 - 13. Climate change

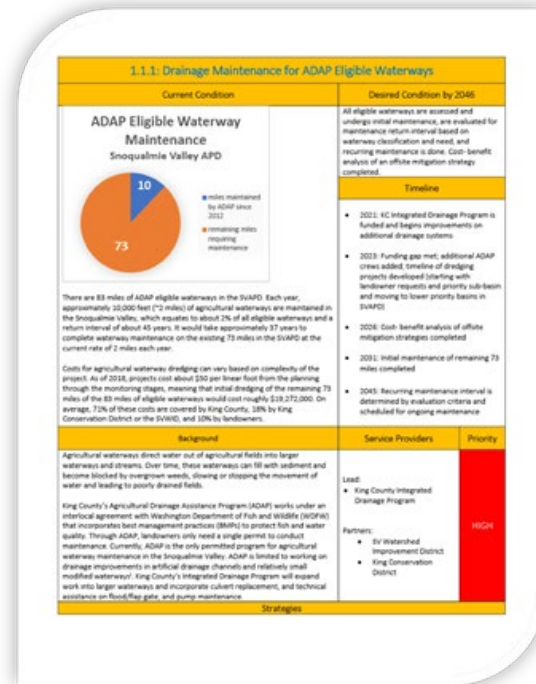


Increase Farmland Protections

- 14. 14. Population Pressure
- 15. 16. Elk and Deer
- 16. 17. Farmland Preservation
- 17. 18. Acreage

17 Issue Papers

Sample



Format for Issue Papers

- Current Condition
- Desired Condition by 2048
- Background
- Strategies
- Timeline
- Service Providers
- Priority
- Map and/or Graphics
- References

How the Public Review Process will work


Document posted for review with link to survey for comments; extensive outreach through mtgs, newsletters and listservs



Request for Plan presentation/speaker to groups



Post a video showing the May 11th King County Agriculture Commission work through the plan, take public comment



SVPA and SVT hosted event on-farm May 22

For more information

Review the Plan



Submit your input May 4 - June 5



Outreach events



Access more resources



[Visit this link](#)