

SVAPD Agriculture Land Resource Strategic Plan Overview

The Plan starts with a vision statement describing the desired future for the Snoqualmie Valley Agriculture Production District Agriculture Land Resource.

The Vision of this plan is to elevate the land resource needs for infrastructure, policy, and regulatory improvements for commercial farmers in the SVAPD and King County so that farmers in the APD, policy makers and service providers alike, can understand the agricultural needs based on facts, implement the solutions, and gain the results needed in the next 25 years.

It also emphasizes guiding **principles** (see Appendix A) as well as **key values and themes** incorporated while achieving the vision and accomplishing **two overarching task force goals** from the Fish Farm Flood 1.0 agreement:

1) Long-term farmland productivity, with more acres in production, especially food production, and increased opportunities for farmers to develop the necessary infrastructure to support or increase their farm businesses.

2) Sufficient acreage of permanently protected farmland for a viable farming sector (FFF rec #32).

Key values and themes incorporated into the plan highlight the lens through which the task force has developed goals and objectives including:

1. responsible stewardship/sustainable farming,
2. flood and climate change preparedness,
3. equity and social justice,
4. multi-benefit projects,
5. innovative thinking,
6. regulatory certainty,
7. resource investments, and
8. alignment with related plans and programs.

The plan has important links to and works to support other **plans, programs, organizations, and agencies** including:

- King County Plans
 - Comprehensive Plan and NEKC
 - Farm Fish Flood 1.0
 - Flood Hazard Management Plan
 - Local Food Initiative
 - Land Conservation Initiative

- Strategic Climate Action Plan
- Organization/Agency Strategic Plans, Missions, Programs
 - King Conservation District
 - King County Agriculture Commission
 - Snoqualmie Valley Preservation Alliance (SVPA)
 - Snoqualmie Valley Watershed Improvement District's (SVWID) / Wetness Prioritization Plan
 - SnoValley Tilth
 - The Tulalip Tribes Beaver Project
 - USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)
 - WSU Food System Program, CSANR, and Puyallup Research Center
 - WA State Department of Agriculture
 - WA State Department of Fish and Wildlife

The plan provides goals and sub-goals, objectives and measures, issue papers, and references.

Goals articulate the conditions we will create in the Snoqualmie Valley Agriculture Production District Agriculture Land Resource by 2046.

1. **Improved Farmland Productivity**
2. **Increased Farmland Protections**

- A. It also includes nine **Sub-goals** (see Appendix B) on these topics:
 1. **Drainage**
 2. **Transportation**
 3. **Irrigation**
 4. **Flood safety**
 5. **Climate change**
 6. **Population growth and development**
 7. **Wildlife**
 8. **Farmland preservation**
 9. **Proposed farmable acres for a long-term, viable agriculture sector**
- B. **Objectives** measure progress toward each sub-goal. See the table in Appendix C.
- C. **Issue papers** include **17** farmland resource challenges arranged under the two main goals and each of the 9 sub-goals. They are numbered according to the goal number, sub-goal number, issue number. The issue papers contain specific action recommendations that planners and service providers will need to implement the plan.
- D. The plan also includes **tables** that delineate and connect **issue papers and individual strategies with their values and themes as well as with their aligned plans, programs, organizations, and agencies.** See tables in Appendix D-G.