



Funding for Forest Stewardship

A further look at NRCS' Environmental Quality Incentives Program

In Washington - Apply by Friday, November 21, 2014

In Oregon - Apply by Friday, January 16, 2015

Continuing our Stories of Success



With Washington State's EQIP application deadline just two weeks away, NNRG is sharing our members' stories about their experience with the program. We'll be sharing a story a week through November 21. Previous stories are available [here](#).

The inheritance of a church

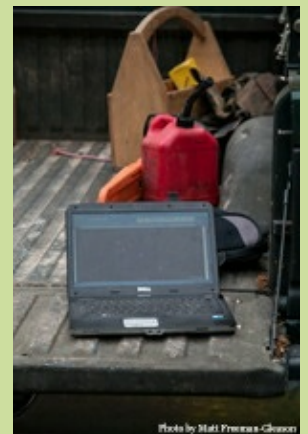
Through EQIP Bethlehem Lutheran Church is restoring the ecological function and economic value of its forest



Accessing EQIP

One-stop resources to apply for funding.

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What would you do if you inherited over one hundred acres of forestland in need of restoration? Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Marysville, WA was faced with this quandary when a member of the congregation bequeathed 132 acres of Hood Canal forestland to the church.

[Read the full story about Bethlehem Lutheran Church's experience.](#)

The [Environmental Quality Incentives Program](#) is a voluntary, technical and financial assistance program.

The deadline for Washington forest owners to apply for EQIP funds is Friday, November 21, 2014.

The deadline for Oregon forest owners to apply for EQIP funds is Friday, January 16, 2015.

Your [local NRCS office](#) can assist you in completing the application.

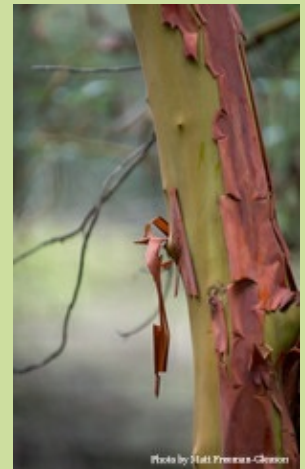
Northwest Certified Forestry members have accessed this conservation resource to develop management plans, pre-commercial thin overstocked stands, and restore diversity to their forest's plant community. Not sure if your project is a good fit? Contact [your local NRCS office](#) with questions.

EQIP funding is available for a variety of

application

Go directly to the Conservation Program Application - NRCS-CPA-200. The 2015 application is now available.

[**Get it here!**](#)



Contact your local NRCS staff

Have questions about the application? NRCS staff can help.

[**Find your local NRCS office.**](#)



Find a TSP

NCF field staff & select preferred providers are certified as TSP's with NRCS.

[**More TSP info available.**](#)

forest stewardship projects

Develop a forest management plan
Pre-commercial thinning
Pruning
Tree and shrub planting
Invasive species removal
Snag, downed log and habitat pile creation
Erosion control
Forest road and landing decommissioning
Fish passage projects
Bird nest boxes
Hedgerow planting
Improving pollinator habitat

Know a forest landowner who might be interested?

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For over 20 years, [Northwest Natural Resource Group \(NNRG\)](#) has been leading efforts to make ecologically-based forestry a paying proposition in the Pacific Northwest. We work with our members in Washington and Oregon to help them optimize the ecological and economic potential of their forestlands.

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