



# Funding for Forest Stewardship

NRCS Environmental Qualities Incentive Program

In Washington - Apply by Friday, January 17th

In Oregon - Apply by Friday, January 17th - DEADLINE EXTENDED!

## Stories of Success - Part 3

*Planning for a restoration journey*



As we welcome 2014, consider the to-do list you've made for your forest. If you've been thinking of developing a new management plan or are looking for resources to improve the health of your land, EQIP may be for you. The [Environmental Quality Incentives Program](#) is a voluntary, technical and financial assistance program. The deadline for Oregon and Washington forest owners to apply for EQIP funds is Friday, January 17th. Your [local NRCS office](#) can assist you in completing the application.

Northwest Certified Forestry members have accessed this conservation tool to develop management plans, precommercial 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.



### Accessing EQIP

One-stop resources to apply for funding.

[Learn More!](#)



### Check out the application

Go directly to the Conservation Program Application - NRCS-CPA-200. The 2014 application is now available.

[Get it here!](#)

# Safeguarding a natural buffer for Willapa Bay

*Forterra plans to restore upland forest species and ecological processes*



A half-hour drive from Long Beach takes one passed the Willapa Bay National Wildlife Refuge to Lynn Point at the mouth of the Nemah River.

Here the river meanders by the small cape into the eastern waters of Willapa Bay. Lynn Point encompasses several distinct ecosystems: forested, fresh water and salt water habitats. Tidelands are home to shellfish, crabs, juvenile coho and chinook salmon, brown pelicans, gulls and bald eagles, while forests shelter black-tailed deer, Roosevelt elk, cougar, woodpeckers, and mountain beaver.

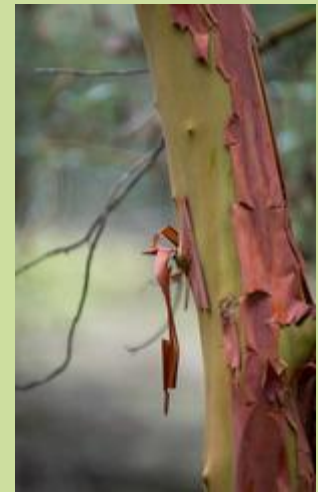
NCF member, Forterra, has long recognized the ecological importance of its forest reserve along Willapa Bay. Located at the confluence of the Nemah River and the estuary, the 300-acre forest contributes to a biological hotspot for migratory birds and endangered fish. But it took assistance from the Environmental Quality Incentives Program and NCF to develop a new stewardship plan for the land managed by the Seattle-based conservation organization. Now with a plan in place, Forterra is on a restoration journey to further enhance the forest and its contribution to a diverse and vital landscape.

[Read the full story about Forterra's Lynn Point and Nemah River EQIP project.](#)

## EQIP funding is available for a variety of forest stewardship projects

Develop a forest management plan

Pre-commercial thinning



### 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.**

Pruning  
Tree and shrub planting  
Invasive species removal  
Snag, downed log and habitat pile creation  
Erosion control  
Forest road and landing decommissioning  
Hedgerow planting  
Bird nest boxes  
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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