



Natural Resource Investments

Washington State



**Conservation
Commission**

*Overhauling a Program Through a
Collaborative Approach*

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Natural Resource Investments – NRI

Grant program for CDs to install cost-share projects with private landowners

Remained unchanged for a long time

Presented challenges to CDs

Resolution calling for change



Overhaul It?

YES!!



But HOW?



NRI Committee

Member	Organization	Position
Harold Crose	WSCC	Commissioner
Joe Holtrop	Clallam CD	Manager
Elsa Bowen	Lincoln Co. CD	Manager
Megan Stewart	Asotin Co. CD	Manager
Amy Martin	Okanogan CD	Conservation Director
Al Cairns	Jefferson Co. CD	Manager (former)
Zorah Oppenheimer	Clark CD	Manager
Tova Tillinghast	Underwood CD	Manager
Heather Wendt	Benton & Franklin CDs	Assistant Manager
Evan Bauder	Mason CD	Habitat Program Manager
Courtney Woods	WSCC	Grants Manager
Melissa Vander Linden	WSCC	Program Specialist
Josh Giuntoli	WSCC	Regional Manager
Shana Joy	WSCC	Regional Manager Coordinator
Allisa Carlson	WSCC	Regional Manager
Mike Baden	WSCC	Regional Manager
Jean Fike	WSCC	Regional Manager

Framework vs. a Freeway

Meeting Format

Role & Decision Making

Timeline

Side Boards



Survey

- 1. What do you like about NRI? What's working well?*
- 2. What's not working well?*
- 3. The 2 most important things you'd like to do with NRI funds?*
- 4. What policies, rules, forms, or procedures would you like to change re: NRI?*
- 5. What other ideas do you have?*

The Sausage Making

Committee met virtually 8 times over 10 months

Research and
homework
between meetings

Each option/idea was
thoroughly considered



Extensive Overhaul

Added an eligible project type – a DIP!

Allocations of funding

Process for funding awards

Local flexibility & control



Interacting with All CDs

SCC Policy on Policies

Webinars!

Commission Meeting Presentations



Implementation?

The new NRI program hit the airwaves on June 2, 2021. While we've uncovered a few minor challenges to work through since the unveiling, so far so good! Please stay tuned.....

For the full, newly overhauled NRI program guidelines: [Natural Resource Investments Programmatic Guidelines](#)



Questions?



Thank you!

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