

Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) available in the in the Samish river.

Have you had a new farm project on the back burner that always seems to be waiting for the right moment or enough extra cash to begin? Maybe a manure bin, soil improvements or gutters and downspouts for the barn (the muddy season is fast approaching, after all). Fortunately for residents of portions of the designated RCPP of the lower Samish watershed, the time to begin may be now. If you live or own land in this priority area you may be eligible for help with your projects through a new grant program.

This area is the focus of the Regional Conservation Partnership Program. Also known as RCPP, the new funding program is the result of the 2014 USDA Farm Bill. “This program offers new opportunities for landowners to get free assistance with innovative natural resource solutions and helps illustrate the value of getting conservation on the ground”, says Program Coordinator Jeff Frazier.

Staff from Skagit Conservation District and the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service can assist with planning, design and funding in areas such as livestock-related water quality practices, wildlife habitat improvements and soil health practices.

Landowners can choose from livestock heavy-use areas, manure storage and composting systems, roof runoff systems, cover crops, stream plantings, fish passage barrier removal and much more.

If you are interested in finding out more about participating, please contact Jeff Frazier at the Skagit Conservation District by phone 360-428-4313 or by email at jeff@skagitcd.org

Lower Samish Watershed

