



# Skagit County Board of Commissioners

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Senator Ron Muzzall  
Legislative Modular Building 114  
PO Box 40410  
Olympia, WA 98504

Re: Skagit County Voluntary Stewardship Program Funding

Dear Senator Muzzall,

On behalf of the Skagit County community, we thank you for your support of our Voluntary Stewardship Program (VSP). Grateful that our Natural Resources Program under Skagit County Public Works has been awarded \$1 million from the Senate capital budget to go toward VSP projects and initiatives, it affirms that our legislators not only understand the value of this work, but actively seek to bolster its efforts.

The purpose of this funding is to accelerate voluntary participation in riparian forest planting on Skagit agricultural lands. Now, with dedicated funding, staff will be able to continue to expand on existing partnerships to provide more flexible and attractive landowner incentives. Accomplishing this will be no easy feat, but this new funding will allow Skagit County to grow and strengthen our VSP at a time when our most precious natural resources need our protection the most.

Thank you once again for supporting Skagit County's Voluntary Stewardship Program and being our champion during this year's legislative session. Your dedication to our community is incredibly heartening and makes all the difference.

Sincerely,

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