

**Socioeconomic Questions for Citizen Advisory Committee Scoring**  
**DEADLINE: April 17, 2014**

**“South Prairie (RM 4.0-4.6) Floodplain Phase 0, Phase 1, and Phase 2 #14-1504 and #14-1189”**

**Does the project promote public visibility and participation?**

<p>Does the project include a public education component relative to watershed health and salmon recovery?</p>	<p>The design phase of the project will begin planning for public outreach components and designing interpretive signage to be placed on the property prior to construction of the project to help tell the story of how the properties are being restored. Interpretation materials will include historical context of how the site was used for seasonal hunting and fishing camps between two village sites of the contemporary Puyallup Tribe, then later used for agriculture, and now for salmon recovery.</p> <p>Implementation of the project will also involve multiple volunteer planting events, and hopefully annual salmon homecoming events as well. One idea for the project is to create a salmon trail on the Conservation District property which could be open seasonally during peak spawning periods for school groups and members of the public to be hosted by volunteer docents/interpreters.</p>
<p>Does the project increase the amount of preserved open space and habitat?</p>	<p>The 4 properties within the project reach were purchased previously with salmon recovery dollars by the Pierce Conservation District and with floodplain management funds by Pierce County Surface Water Management. The project proposes to restore 80 acres of floodplain habitat and re-vegetate 60 acres of floodplain riparian forest.</p>
<p>Does the project incorporate volunteer labor in implementation?</p>	<p>This design phase of the project will seek input from the local community and adjacent homeowners on project design and interpretive materials. Volunteer labor will be utilized in the implementation of the project.</p>
<p>Does the project involve local schools in implementation?</p>	<p>Project partners will reach out to local schools and help in the planning of interpretive materials for the site. Local school groups will be targeted for help during the implementation phase of the project in planting events.</p>
<p>Will the project be used as a showcase to educate the community about the need for similar projects?</p>	<p>This project offers a paramount opportunity on public land to illustrate the need for similar projects. Project partners will work to showcase the project at all stages of design and implementation to interpret how large scale restoration projects evolve over time from planning, through construction, and after. The project also offers a prime example of collaboration amongst project partners.</p>

### Does the project encourage cooperative partnerships?

Does the project involve partnerships between multiple jurisdictions or agencies?	Yes, this project involves strong partnerships between the Pierce Conservation District, Pierce County, the Puyallup Tribe, and South Puget Sound Salmon Enhancement Group.
Does the project involve partnerships between public and private entities?	The project includes peripheral partnerships with school and volunteer groups and adjacent landowners including private homeowners and Tacoma Water.
Does the project include matching funds from multiple partners?	Overall the project would leverage \$180,000 in funds from PSAR/Pierce County Lead Entity, Pierce County Surface Water Management, the Pierce Conservation District and the Puyallup Tribe. These funds have already been expended to complete preliminary and permit level designs, and complete a cultural resources assessment of the properties. The project also leverages millions in funds expended to acquire these properties, hold them in protection, and make them available for restoration.

### Does the project have other economic and social benefits?

Does the project encourage businesses or industries to participate?	Tacoma Water is an adjacent landowner and they will be consulted with on design elements. The implementation phase will include hundreds of hours in volunteer planting work and project partners will reach out to local businesses known to contribute volunteer hours to conservation projects including REI, Starbucks, and Microsoft to name a few.
Does the project support economic development opportunities in the vicinity, downstream areas, or region?	Materials for the project will be locally sourced where possible. Large wood will be either purchased from local tree farms or salvaged locally. Gravel and river rock will be purchased from local quarries. Native plants, mulch, and compost will be purchased from local nurseries. The construction contract will provide jobs for two full seasons to local contractors.
Does the project have cultural or social value?	This site was previously utilized by members of what is now the Puyallup Tribe for seasonal hunting and fishing camps. Cultural resource surveys discovered fire rock and bird points in exploratory test pits of the properties. Returning the site to productive floodplain habitat honors the early historic value of the site to the Puyallup Peoples. Interpretive materials about the site will highlight this rich history.

Does the project promote a sustainable approach to salmon recovery?	The project approach is to kick start natural floodplain processes and provide South Prairie Creek with interim wood and grade control structures to promote the long term recovery of natural structure and function of South Prairie and the surrounding floodplain.
Does the project have a greater than the minimum amount of matching funds?	This project would leverage \$180,000 in funds from PSAR/Pierce County Lead Entity, Pierce County Surface Water Management, the Pierce Conservation District and the Puyallup Tribe. The project also leverages millions in funds expended to acquire the properties, hold them in protection, and make them available for restoration.

### Does the project have landowner willingness?

Is there a willing landowner for the proposed project?	The Pierce Conservation District and Pierce County are the two landowners of the 4 properties in the project reach. They are integral partners in the development and implementation of the project.
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