This Resource List provides some of the main local organizations to assist landowners with conservation choices.

**Whatcom Conservation District (WCD)**
6975 Hannegan Road
Lynden, WA 98264
Phone: (360) 526-2381
Email: wcd@whatcomcd.org
Website: www.whatcomcd.org

WCD offers technical assistance, farm planning, workshops, tours, a native plant sale and the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP). CREP is a stream restoration program that financially compensates landowners for planting trees along salmon bearing rivers and streams. Restoration is installed by local professional contractors. Contact the WCD for more information about farm planning or to find out if your land is eligible.

**Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS)**
6975 Hannegan Road
Lynden, WA 98264
Phone: (360) 354-2035x3
Email: alexander.hall@wa.usda.gov
Website: www.wa.nrcs.usda.gov

NRCS staff provides technical assistance and federal cost-share programs. NRCS can also provide information related to soil, wetlands, water and crops.

**U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)**
**Farm Service Agency (FSA)**
6975 Hannegan Road
Lynden, WA 98264
Phone: (360) 354-5658 x160
Website: http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/

FSA farm programs help agricultural producers manage market risks, recover from disasters, and conserve and protect America's natural resources. The programs currently carried out in Washington State are Conservation, Disaster Assistance, Price Support and Farm Loans.

**WA State Department of Agriculture**
6951 Hannegan Road, Suite 12
Lynden, WA 98264
Phone: (360) 715-5200
Email: misensee@agr.wa.gov
Website: agr.wa.gov/Livestock-Nutrient/

Nutrient Management inspectors conduct routine inspections of each cow dairy and look at facilities, land applications, and crop records for risks of nutrients impacting either ground or surface water quality.

**WA State Department of Ecology**
1440 10th Street Suite 102
Bellingham, WA 98225
Phone: (360) 715-5200
Website: www.ecy.wa.gov

Staff at the local office can assist with water rights information, water quality guidelines and other water quality/quantity information.
WSU Whatcom County Extension  
1000 N Forest Street Suite 201  
Bellingham, WA 98225  
Phone: (360) 676-6736  
Email: Whatcom@wsu.edu  
Website: www.whatcomwsu.edu  

Office Hours: M-F 8:30 am to 4:30 pm  
WSU offers master gardener and composting classes, food preserving, pest, weed and crop information.

Whatcom County Public Works (WCPW)  
Noxious Weed Control Board  
322 N. Commercial St, Suite 110  
Bellingham, WA 98225  
Phone: (360) 715-7470  
Email: LBaldwin@co.whatcom.wa.us  
Website: www.co.whatcom.wa.us/publicworks/weeds/index.jsp  

Staff can answer questions and provide technical assistance regarding noxious weed identification and control.

Whatcom County Planning and Development Services (PDS)  
5280 Northwest Drive  
Bellingham, WA 98226  
Phone: (360) 676-6907  
Email: pds@co.whatcom.wa.us  
Website: www.whatcomcounty.us/pds/naturalresources/criticalareas/regulations/functions/farmplans/index.jsp  

Check website for information on the Whatcom County Critical Areas Ordinance (CAO). Livestock owners check out the Conservation Program on Agriculture Lands (Section 16.16.290 and Appendix A) and the Habitat Conservation Areas (Article 7) of the CAO.

Nooksack Salmon Enhancement Association (NSEA)  
3057 East Bakerview Rd  
Bellingham, WA 98226  
Phone: (360) 175-0283  
Email: info@n-sea.org  
Website: www.n-sea.org  

NSEA works with Whatcom County landowners to improve salmon habitat. If you are interested in a restoration project on your own land or interested in volunteering for work parties can NSEA.

Portage and Drayton Harbor Shellfish Protection Districts  
WCPW– Natural Resource Division  
322 N. Commercial St, Suite 110  
Bellingham, WA 98225  
Phone: (360) 715-7450  
Email: WaterResources@co.whatcom.wa.us  
Website: whatcomshellfish.wsu.edu/Drayton  

Whatcom County Marine Resources Committee (MRC)  
322 N. Commercial St, Suite 110  
Bellingham, WA 98225  
Phone: (360) 676-6876  
Email: arose@co.whatcom.wa.us  
Website: www.mrc.whatcomcounty.org  

Whatcom County Health Department  
509 Girard Street  
Bellingham, WA 98225  
Phone: (360) 676-6724  
Email: EnvironmentalHealth@co.whatcom.wa.us  
Website: www.co.whatcom.wa.us/health  

Staff can answer questions and provide technical assistance related to commercial composting methods and county regulations. The Health Dept. On-site Sewage System (OSS) Program has regulatory oversight for all on-site septic systems in Whatcom County.