

Requirements for a Farm Landowner to Conduct A King County Streamlined Agricultural Drainage Maintenance Project

To conduct a drainage maintenance project under King County's streamlined agricultural drainage assistance program (ADAP) that can include receiving a facilitated Hydraulic Project Approval from the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW), the farm landowner is required to do the following:

1. Develop a farm plan with the King Conservation District.
A clearing and grading permit is not required from King County Department of Development and Environmental Services if 1) the maintenance work is done in accordance with an approved farm plan, 2) best management practices are employed, and 3) the work is inspected by either King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks, King Conservation District, or WDFW.
2. Contact the King County ADAP discuss the drainage problem(s).
3. Allow a King County engineer to conduct an engineering survey to evaluate the drainage problem.
4. Discuss survey results with the King County engineer and agree on plan of action.
5. Fill out and submit a Joint Aquatic Resource Permit Application (JARPA) form to the WDFW (Olympia) for a Hydraulic Project Approval (HPA) permit for projects in modified waterways*. Provide plan of action and planting plan, and include prepared letter of coverage under ADAP programmatic State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) review. [Examples of these will be made available.]
6. Participate in a preconstruction meeting with King County to understand schedule, equipment needed, and required best management practices. If a contractor is hired, he/she must attend the preconstruction meeting.
7. Submit and sign agreement to cost-share revegetation plantings with King County.
8. Allow King County Roads Division to remove and relocate fish from the project site prior to and during construction activities.
9. Conduct drainage maintenance using best management practices per ADAP manual and preconstruction meeting with King County engineer.
10. Revegetate according to HPA, streamlined ADAP requirements, and cost-share agreement.
11. Allow site inspection by King County, WDFW, or the King Conservation District after the project is completed.
12. Maintain plants for at least three years.

NOTES:

*To comply with King County code, landowners will need to follow streamlined ADAP best management practices where salmonids are found, including in artificial high and moderate waterways.

The streamlined ADAP can be applied on artificial and modified waterways in King County Agricultural Production Districts (APDs). Application may be made on a case-by-case basis for projects outside the APDs on land zoned agricultural.