

## Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)

### & Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)

[To learn more: search for "WA NRCS EQIP" or "WA NRCS CSP"](#)

#### EQIP

1. Must have a forest management plan that identifies the conservation practices to be implemented.
2. May apply for multiple conservation practices.

#### CSP

1. Does not require forest management plan. However, all recent management activities must be documented in some fashion.
2. Must meet or exceed protections for at least two of eight *Resource Concerns* for forestland.
3. Annual payment of \$300/resource concern protected.
  - a. Must complete a *Practice* to correct any resource concern not protected.
  - b. May complete additional practices as desired.
4. Must complete at least one *Enhancement*.
5. Must document all costs and steps in implementation of conservation practice(s)

Sample EQIP & CSP Conservation Practices & Payment Rates (2022) <sup>1</sup>				
Practice Code	Practice Name	Description	EQIP Payment Rate/acre*	CSP Payment Rate/acre
106	Forest management plan	<20 acres	\$731/\$877	NA
106	Forest management plan	20-100 acres	\$913/\$1,096	NA
314	Brush management	Hand tools, medium	\$153/\$184	\$20
666	Pre-commercial thinning	Thinning trees that are too young, or too small, to be commercially viable. Average stand diameter must be <10".	\$491/\$590	\$66
384	Woody residue treatment	Slash treatment, light	\$178/\$214	\$24
383	Fuel break	Thinning trees and removing fuels (e.g. shrubs, branches, etc.) within 100' of public roads or 200' of structures.	\$2,089/ \$2,507	\$279
660	Pruning, stand improvement	Pruning trees to improve timber quality and reduce fire risk. Trees must be pruned to >10' from ground.	\$296/\$355	\$55
490	Tree/shrub site preparation	Preparing individual planting sites for trees/shrubs by removing competing vegetation.	\$832/\$998	\$111
612	Tree/shrub establishment	Reforestation of 1 acre or more, hand planting	\$585/\$702	\$118
645	Upland wildlife habitat	Pollinator species, annuals	\$136/\$164	\$18
649	Structures for Wildlife	Brush piles	\$205/\$297**	\$37**
649	Structures for Wildlife	Nesting box, small	\$51/\$61**	\$7**
649	Structures for Wildlife	Snag creation	\$27/\$32**	\$4**

649	Structures for Wildlife	Downed large wood	\$276/\$332**	\$37**
Sample CSP Enhancements for Forestry				
Practice Code	Enhancement		Payment Rate/Acre	
E384A	Biochar production from woody residue		\$4,871.76	
E386D E386E	Enhanced field borders to increase wildlife or pollinators food and habitat along the edge(s) of a field		\$696.21	
E420A	Establish pollinator habitat		\$460.29	
E612B	Planting for high carbon sequestration rate		\$1,711	
E612C	Establishing tree/shrub species to restore native plant communities		\$1,086.18	
E612D	Adding food-producing trees and shrubs to existing plantings		\$225.46	
E612E	Cultural plantings		\$1,752.08	
E612G	Tree/shrub planting for wildlife food		\$2,346.77	
E666G	Reduce forest density and manage understory along roads to limit wildfire risk and improve habitat		\$331.19	
E666J	Facilitating oak forest regeneration		\$651.08	
E666K	Creating structural diversity with patch openings		\$672.67	
E666O	Snags, den trees, and coarse woody debris for wildlife habitat		\$64.64	
E666P	Summer roosting habitat for native forest-dwelling bat species		\$237.47	
E666R	Forest songbird habitat maintenance		\$237.66	

1 Rates can vary depending on treatment type. Please check current EQIP & CSP Payment Schedules on the USDA's website.

\*First payment amount listed refers to normal payment rate. Second payment rate is for forest owners who qualify as *historically underserved* (e.g. minority, women, new/beginning forest owner, etc.).

\*\*Wildlife structures are paid by the unit, not by the acre.