

Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)

& Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)

To learn more: search for “WA NRCS EQIP” or “WA NRCS CSP” or visit www.nnrg.org/eqip

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. Minimum annual payment of \$1,500
 - a. Must complete a *Practice* to correct any resource concern not protected (see examples below).
 - b. May complete additional practices as desired.
4. Must complete at least one *Enhancement* that goes above and beyond current conservation practices (see examples below).
5. Must document all costs and steps in implementation of conservation practice(s)

Sample EQIP & CSP Conservation Practices & Payment Rates (2023) ¹				
Practice Code	Practice Name	Description	EQIP Payment Rate/acre*	CSP Payment Rate/acre
106	Forest management plan	<20 acres	\$1,197/\$1,436	NA
106	Forest management plan	20-100 acres	\$1,764/\$2116	NA
165	Forest Management Design and Implementation Activity	<20 acres	\$315/\$378	NA
165	Forest Management Design and Implementation Activity	20-100 acres	\$504/\$604	NA
314	Brush management	Hand tools, medium	\$159/\$191	\$21
315	Herbaceous weed control	Chemical, spot treatment	\$159/\$191	\$21
315	Herbaceous weed control	Hand tools	\$278/\$334	\$37
384	Woody residue treatment	Slash treatment, light	\$190/\$228	\$25
383	Fuel break	Thinning trees and removing fuels (e.g. shrubs, branches, etc.) within 100' of public roads or 200' of structures.	\$2,164/ \$2,597	\$288
660	Pruning, stand improvement	Pruning trees to improve timber quality and reduce fire risk. Trees must be pruned to >10' from ground.	\$436/\$524	\$58
490	Tree/shrub site preparation	Hand Site Prep, Individual Spots, Light Vegetation	\$246/\$295	\$32

490	Tree/shrub site preparation	Chemical, ground application	\$193/\$232	\$25
490	Tree/shrub site preparation	Mechanical, Shredding, Light vegetation	\$729/\$875	83
612	Tree/shrub establishment	Reforestation of 1 acre or more, hand planting, protected	\$1,074/\$1,289	\$85
645	Upland wildlife habitat	Pollinator species, annuals	\$137/\$164	\$18
649	Structures for Wildlife	Brush piles	\$281/\$337**	\$37**
649	Structures for Wildlife	Nesting box, small	\$50/\$60**	\$6**
649	Structures for Wildlife	Snag creation	\$27/\$33**	\$3**
649	Structures for Wildlife	Downed large wood	\$297/\$356**	\$39**
666	Forest Stand Improvement	Pre-commercial Thinning, Hand tools, Light	\$316/\$380	\$42

Sample CSP Enhancements for Forestry

Practice Code	Enhancements	Payment Rate/Acre
E384A	Biochar production from woody residue	\$5,536.11
E386D E386E	Enhanced field borders to increase wildlife or pollinators food and habitat along the edge(s) of a field	\$758.66
E420A	Establish pollinator habitat	\$510.11
E612B	Planting for high carbon sequestration rate	\$843.86
E612C	Establishing tree/shrub species to restore native plant communities	\$1,086.19
E612D	Adding food-producing trees and shrubs to existing plantings	\$254.55
E612E	Cultural plantings	\$2,215.19
E612G	Tree/shrub planting for wildlife food	\$2,585.15
E666G	Reduce forest density and manage understory along roads to limit wildfire risk and improve habitat	\$354.63
E666J	Facilitating oak forest regeneration	\$662.39
E666K	Creating structural diversity with patch openings	\$698.12
E666O	Snags, den trees, and coarse woody debris for wildlife habitat	\$64.92
E666P	Summer roosting habitat for native forest-dwelling bat species	\$242.59
E666R	Forest songbird habitat maintenance	\$246.89

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 the normal payment rate. Second payment rate is for forest owners who qualify as *historically underserved* (e.g. minority, women, new/beginning forest owners, etc.).

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