



Homeowner Incentive Program (HIP)

Homeowner Acknowledgement Form

The Whatcom Conservation District (WCD) has assisted landowners with their conservation choices since 1946. As a non-regulatory entity with a long history of providing technical and financial assistance to landowners on a voluntary basis, Whatcom County asked us to bring this approach to homeowners in the Lake Whatcom Watershed through their Homeowner Incentive Program (HIP). The goal of HIP is to reduce phosphorus runoff from residential property in a manner that the homeowner finds aesthetically pleasing and does not interfere with the enjoyment of their property.

You have expressed interest in participating in the program. Our role is to provide you with the highest level of customer service in navigating this program. In providing this service, we strive to communicate expectations clearly, effectively and ensure that you fully understand the program before making any commitment. Help us confirm that we have been successful by checking the following boxes:

- I understand my role completing a HIP project and the level of support provided by staff because:
 - I reviewed the *How HIP Works* presentation on the website and the *HIP Whatcom County Program Handbook*.
 - I read their contents and understand the process and limitations of the program.
 - HIP staff have explained the program and its scope and limitations.

- I understand the following HIP reimbursement requirements:
 - My project must treat a minimum of 25% of my improvable area or 1,000 ft² (whichever is less).
 - My project must meet HIP design requirements and be approved and permitted **prior** to incurring project related expenses.
 - Only approved materials included in the *HIP Eligible Expenses* document are eligible for reimbursement.
 - I must provide legible copies of all receipts showing documentation of expenses eligible for reimbursement.
 - I received a sample *HIP Maintenance Agreement* and understand that I will need to sign a notarized copy to file with Whatcom County.



HIP staff explained the maximum reimbursement I can receive upon completing the project as permitted and signing the *HIP Maintenance Agreement* is \$1.30/ft² of area treated up to a maximum of \$8,000. I understand that any project costs above this amount will be at my own expense.

Signature of Homeowner *Printed Name* *Date*

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Homeowner Photo Release Statement

I give permission for photos and/or video taken on my property to be used as promotional and educational materials for the Homeowner Incentive Program and/or the Lake Whatcom Cooperative Management Program.

___ YES ___ NO

Signature of Homeowner *Printed Name* *Date*

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