

Existing GMA

Voluntary Stewardship Program

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is compulsory 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is voluntary
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mandated requirements from state 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work plan developed by stakeholder group
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can feel antagonistic between County and landowners 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourages and fosters a spirit of cooperation and partnership between landowners and county
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focuses upon ag land designations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focuses on agricultural activities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By individual land parcel 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By watershed or river reach
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uses buffers to protect critical areas and voluntary programs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uses landowners' stewardship plans
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protection of critical areas through regulatory buffers combined with enforcement program 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus is on critical area function rather than per parcel
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neutral position 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerned with viability of ag
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uses buffers to protect critical areas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uses goals and benchmarks
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neutral position 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure outreach and technical assistance is provided to agricultural operators
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Based on established buffers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Based on measurable objectives that are monitored
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enforcement triggered by land use activity or development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitoring and reporting
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adopted and defended by County 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adopted and defended by Washington State Conservation Commission

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