

# East Fork Lewis River Partnership for clean water

## Summary – East Fork Lewis River Water Quality Public Town Hall East Fork Lewis River Partnership

The East Fork Lewis River Water Quality Public Town Hall was hosted on June 3, 2019, in the City of La Center. Fifty-four people attended this important Town Hall meeting including forty members of the public, and fourteen people from environmental organizations.



The goals of the Town Hall were to raise awareness about water quality in the East Fork Lewis River; share information about local environmental programs, projects, and priorities; provide landowners with resources to improve water quality on private property; and answer questions.

The Town Hall was highlighted by Clark County newspapers.

- [Project aims to ease East Fork of Lewis River's woes](#)
- [Town hall on East Fork water quality set for June 3rd](#)
- [East Fork: Officials offer insight on elevated temperature, bacteria levels](#)

## Next Steps

- **Complete survey for water quality projects!**  
Clark Conservation District and Watershed Alliance are looking for willing landowners that want to implement voluntary water cleanup projects on their property. Priority projects include tree plantings on streamside properties, and agricultural projects to improve livestock areas. Please complete this [survey](#) to find out if your property is eligible for assistance! [www.clarkcd.org/eastfork](http://www.clarkcd.org/eastfork)
- **Register for a workshop!**  
Washington State University Extension's Small Acreage Program has multiple [educational workshops](#) planned for 2019. If you have a small acreage, agricultural property, or a septic system, you might be interested! More information and registration

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details are available on the [Small Acreage Program](#) website. If you live in the lower East Fork Lewis River, you might get a post card in the mail with more information about these workshops.

- [Pasture Management and Improvement Workshop](#) – June 12, 2019
  - Farm Tour – June 29, 2019
  - Composting Manure Workshop – July 16, 2019
  - Well & Septic System Maintenance and Inspection Certification – [July 24](#) and [December 11, 2019](#)
  - Living on the Land Course – September 5 – November 21, 2019
  - Streamside Planting with Native Plants Workshop/Tour – October 19, 2019
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- **Stream health & swim beach monitoring**  
Learn more about [stream health monitoring](#) completed by Clark County Public Works. Information on [healthy swimming and public beach monitoring](#) is also available through Clark County Public Health.
  - **If you see something, say something! - Report environmental concerns online**  
Environmental organizations often rely on residents and landowners to be the “eyes and ears” of the watershed. If you see something that doesn’t look right, please [submit an environmental complaint](#) online at [ecology.wa.gov/ReportAnIssue](http://ecology.wa.gov/ReportAnIssue)
  - **Ecology is working in the watershed**  
Ecology’s Nonpoint Source Specialists Shawn Ultican and Jennifer Riedmayer are working in the watershed to proactively identify sources of pollution. Shawn and Jennifer will talk with landowners about their property and will connect them to resources to improve their properties.
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## Partners

The East Fork Lewis River Partnership was established in the summer of 2018 to work collaboratively with stakeholders to develop and implement a Water Cleanup Plan for the East Fork Lewis River watershed, to address challenges with fecal coliform bacteria and warm water temperatures. Since the Partnership kicked off, almost fifty people from thirty different organizations have engaged in the partnership. The East Fork Lewis River Partnership will meet regularly through the 2019 to develop the Water Cleanup Plan.



Thank you to Clark County Public Works, Clark County Public Health, City of La Center, Washington State University Extension, Clark Conservation District, and the Watershed Alliance of Southwest Washington for partnering to host the Water Quality Public Town Hall on June 3, 2019.

Additional information about the East Fork Lewis River Partnership and Water Cleanup Plan are available online at [ecology.wa.gov/eastforklewisriver](https://ecology.wa.gov/eastforklewisriver)

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