

East Fork Lewis River

Partnership

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East Fork Lewis River Partnership Next Steps & Meeting Summary

August 8, 2018, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

The first [East Fork Lewis River Partnership](#) meeting was held on August 8, 2018, in the City of La Center. Forty seven partners, representing twenty eight different organizations attended the kickoff meeting. Thank you to everyone that made time to participate in this new partnership!

Next Steps

Bacteria and Temperature Workgroups – Please Complete Survey

To support the development of the East Fork Lewis River Water Cleanup Plan, Bacteria and Temperature Workgroup meetings will be hosted in October 2018. The purposes of these meetings are to discuss watershed challenges, identify data gaps, and to start identifying critical areas and priority implementation actions. The full East Fork Lewis River Partnership will reconvene in November 2018.

Please complete this [Survey on Next Steps for the East Fork Lewis River Partnership](#) to help identify the best meeting dates, locations, and topics.

Meeting Summary

- East Fork Lewis River Partners were welcomed to the kickoff meeting by La Center's Mayor Greg Thornton, and Wastewater Treatment Plant Supervisor, Matthew Jenkins.
- Following the welcome, a [presentation](#) on the partnership, and the process to develop a Water Cleanup Plan for the East Fork Lewis River was presented by Devan Rostorfer, TMDL Lead from Washington State Department of Ecology.
- A [presentation](#) on the [East Fork Lewis River Watershed Bacteria and Temperature Source Assessment](#), was also provided by Sheelagh McCarthy, from Ecology's Environmental Assessment Program.
- Some projects in the East Fork Lewis River were highlighted by Implementation Partners.
 - Patrick Lee and Alice Williamson provided a [presentation](#) on Clark County's Legacy Lands Program and the Columbia Land Trust's efforts to acquire land in the watershed.
 - Jeff Schnabel from Clark County Public Works highlighted the [Clean Water Department's past work and proposed future work](#) in the East Fork Lewis River.
 - Catherine Corbett from the Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership showcased some of [LCEP's projects in the watershed](#).
 - Doug Stienbarger from Washington State University Extension and Zorah Oppenheimer from Clark Conservation District presented some outreach and implementation efforts in the watershed related to addressing nonpoint source challenges.
 - Leanne Whitesell from the Department of Ecology provided an [overview of funding programs](#) for water quality and nonpoint source activities.
 - [Funding Guidelines – State FY 2020 Water Quality Financial Assistance](#) (Due October 15, 2018)
 - [Terry Husseman Account Grants](#) (Due October 2018)

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- Partners also had the opportunity to participate in a [facilitated discussion](#) on getting to clean water in the East Fork Lewis River.
- Tours of the La Center Bottoms and La Center's Wastewater Treatment Plant were provided after the meeting.
- The agenda, presentations, meeting materials, and more [information](#) about the partnership are all available on the new [East Fork Lewis River Ezview](#) webpage. Going forward, this webpage will contain the most current information on partnership meetings and the planning process, and will also serve as a repository for East Fork Lewis River Partnership materials.

Reminder!

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Thank you for your partnership!

Thank you to the following organizations for attending the first East Fork Lewis River Partnership kickoff meeting.

- **Local and Regional** - Clark County Public Works, Clark County Legacy Lands Program, Clark County Public Health, City of La Center, City of Battle Ground, Clark Public Utilities, City of Vancouver, La Center Schools, Clark Conservation District, Clark Regional Wastewater District, Lower Columbia Fish Recover Board, and Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council.
- **State** - Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, Washington Department of Natural Resources, Washington Department of Transportation, and Washington Department of Ecology.
- **Federal** - US Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service, and US Fish and Wildlife Service.
- **Nonprofit** - Washington State University Clark County Extension, Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership, Columbia Land Trust, Watershed Alliance of Southwest Washington, Friends of the East Fork, Friends of Clark County, Salmon Creek Fly Fishers, and Clark County Trout Unlimited.
- **Private** - PC Trask and Associates, and Wapato Valley Mitigation and Conservation Bank.
- **Ecology's Core Team Members** -
 - [Devan Rostorfer](#), TMDL Lead
 - [Shawn Ultican](#), Nonpoint Source
 - [Jennifer Riedmayer](#), Nonpoint Source
 - [Sheelagh McCarthy](#), Environmental Assessment Program
 - [Brett Raunig](#), Water Quality Program

We look forward to working with you!

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