

Sustainable Northwest Scope of Work for Scappoose

Project Start Date Anticipated: November 1, 2026

Project Description

The Youngs River Lewis and Clark Water District (The District) supplies water from the North and South Fork's of Barney Creek. The combined acreage of these two watersheds totals 1,900-acres. The District owns and manages 29-total acres surrounding their intake within the watershed, and a total of 40 acres, with the remaining acreage within management of a private industrial landowner. The District has 1,100 total connections, and provides drinking water for over 3,500 customers. Following prior timber harvests in the upper watershed, the District has experienced increased turbidity and water quality issues, however through engagement with the current landowner, these issues have been mitigated in subsequent harvests, giving the District motivation to work towards potential conservation solutions, and allowing the district to maintain a working relationship with the current landowner.

Background:

YRLC is interested in pursuing multiple management efforts to support protecting their drinking watershed. These efforts include, but are not limited to developing a forest stewardship plan for their current ownership, investing in forestland infrastructure upgrades (roads, bridges, culvers) to ensure water system resilience during periods of increased flood and fire risk, and potential long-term watershed conservation planning. Sustainable Northwest will come on to support the YRLC to support their management efforts in supporting watershed

Project Tasks List:

Task 1: Research support to identify funding sources, draft application language, and find nexus between District needs and watershed resilience opportunities & partnerships.

- Sustainable Northwest will work with The District to identify and support applications for State and Federal funding programs which can support funding around forest management planning or the other identified goals from The District.
- SNW will be available to engage in this Task throughout the full duration of this contracting period, through September of 2027.

Task 2: Develop a Tax Parcel Analysis to Identify Priority Parcels

- Sustainable Northwest will develop a basic Tax Parcel analysis to identify priority parcels for acquisition or locally informed management within the Barney Creek Watersheds.
- Priority data in the analysis include but are not limited to timber stand age, slope steepness, present waterbodies and priority species habitat.
- SNW will execute this task during the first four months of this scope of work, ensuring that District Staff have relevant materials for future watershed planning.
- This will take place in the first six months of this effort, beginning in November of 2026 and running through March of 2027.

Task 3: Landowner Engagement Outreach.

- Sustainable Northwest will engage with landowners within the identified watershed to increase awareness of the Goals of The District.
- This will include direct outreach between SNW and landowners and facilitated meetings between landowners in the watershed and District representatives. A goal of three landowner meetings will take place with The District and landowners, taking place a minimum of once annually.
- This will take place to ensure that landowners and partners within the watershed are aware and able to participate in conversations around Watershed protection and act as a precursor to acquisition or future management conversations.
- The outcome of these meetings will be focused on establishing an understanding around whether watershed acquisition or the development of a watershed management agreement (conservation easement or other protective instrument) would be possible.
- This effort will take place through the duration of this contracting period, beginning in November of 2026, and running through September of 2027. The priority for this work will take place during the first 6 months of this agreement.

Task 4: Project Management and Educational Material Development

- Throughout the entire duration of this contract, from November 1, 2026 – September 30, 2027, SNW will remain available to The District and its staff to discuss pertinent information regarding the watershed, and develop educational and communication materials, as requested by City staff.

Task	Timeframe (days, weeks, months, years)
Task 1: Develop a Tax Parcel Analysis to Identify Priority Parcels	November 2026– April 2027
Task 2: Landowner Engagement Outreach.	November 2026– September 2027

Task 3: Research support to identify funding sources, draft application language, and find nexus with other regional or species-specific planning documents.	November 2026 – September 2027
Task 4: Project Management and Educational Material Development	November 2026 – September 2027

Project Tasks and Time Allotment*

***Contingency:** SNW projects this scope to run from November 1, 2026 – September 30, 2027. If the funds available through this contract get spent prior to the end of this agreement, SNW will not perform additional work without an amended contract or scope of work.