

## Landowner Assistance Team Priorities



### **A. Landowner Focus**

- Small acreage farms
- District targeted watersheds (i.e. Zollner Creek and the Pudding River)
- 303d streams defined by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)
- Livestock, Christmas tree, and nursery operators
- Potential demonstration sites
- Critical habitat areas defined by Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife (ODFW) 'Conservation Strategy'

### **B. Priority Practices**

#### ***High***

- Manure storage facility (i.e. dry stack, compost structures, and nutrient management practices)
- Livestock building gutter/roof runoff structures
- Improving Water Use Efficiency (uniform application, converting to more efficient irrigation system, measuring to determine crop need (IWM))
- Native plantings for increased habitat & biodiversity
- Vegetative erosion control (i.e. filter strips, field borders, grassed waterways, cover crops)
- Heavy use area (HUA) protection
- Noxious weed removal (biological, mechanical, and hand)
- Pasture management (reseeding, grazing management) Fencing: use exclusion from water, internal cross-fencing (grazing management), hedgerow vegetative fencing, and biological brush management (if needed).
- Integrated Pest Management (IPM) planning
- Reducing irrigation induced erosion

#### ***Medium***

- Forestry practices (i.e. fuel breaks, stand improvements, etc.) and oak release
- Wildlife habitat enhancement (i.e. pollinator enhancements, bird and bat boxes, etc.)
- Wetlands (creation, restoration, maintenance)
- Noxious weed removal (chemical)
- Watering facilities away from sensitive areas for livestock
- Erosion control using a combination of vegetation, rock, or other materials

#### ***Low***

- Temporary erosion control measures when used without vegetative plantings (e.g., straw bales & waddles)
- New installations of efficient irrigation systems on previously non-irrigated acreage

### **C. LAP Grant Review Committee:**

Program Committee Members, SWCD Technical Staff, and NRCS Technical Staff

### **D. Non-fundable project components:**

Marion SWCD will not provide funds for the following project components, but the applicant may apply these items towards the "in-kind" cost share column for all LAP project budgets.

- Perimeter Fencing
- Normal operation and maintenance items (i.e. building or fence maintenance)
- Equipment purchase cost(s) greater than rental rate for period of use
- Temporary materials – Materials that have a life expectancy less than the life of the project (i.e. sand on an HUA)

The LAP Team Priorities fall in line with the Board voted highest priorities, according to the 2010 District Annual Work Plan.

- **Water Quality (8 points)**                      **High**
- **Soil Health (6 points)**                        **High**
- **Invasive Species (6 points)**                **High**
- **Native Species (6 points)**                 **High**
- **Water Quantity (5 points)**                 **Med**
- **Wetlands (2 points)**                         **Low**
- **Energy (2 points)**                            **Low**
- **Air Quality (0 points)**                       **Low**