

Adams County Voluntary Stewardship Program

Attend an upcoming public meeting on the Draft Work Plan

Twenty-seven counties have opted into this innovative program for farmers in Washington State

Adams County is seeking agricultural producer input on the draft Voluntary Stewardship Program (VSP) Work Plan developed by the Adams County VSP Work Group, comprising agricultural producers, local government elected officials and staff, agency representatives, and interest groups. The VSP is a new, non-regulatory program intended to balance natural resources protection on agricultural lands while maintaining the economic viability of agriculture. Success of the VSP depends upon producers' participation in this program and continued implementation of conservation practices on agricultural lands.

A critical component of the VSP Work Plan development process is to provide opportunity for input to the plan. The Adams County VSP Work Group will be hosting two public meetings throughout the County on Wednesday, January 17, 2018 and Thursday, January 18, 2018, to share information about the VSP and how to get involved, discuss the County's draft VSP Work Plan, and provide an opportunity for input.

VSP public meetings will be held at the following locations, dates, and times:

Wednesday, January 17:	3:00 – 5:00 PM	City of Othello Othello City Hall - Council Room 500 E Main Othello, WA 99344
Thursday, January 18:	3:00 – 5:00 PM	City of Ritzville Wheat Foundation Annex Building 109 East 1 st Ave Ritzville, WA 99169

Comments can be submitted to the Work Group at the public meetings and via the email address below. Comments are due by February 23, 2018. The final Draft Work Plan is planned for submittal for State review and approval in Spring/Summer 2018.

For more information about VSP and to view the Draft VSP Work Plan, please visit:

http://www.co.adams.wa.us/departments/building_and_planning/volunteer_stewardship_program.php

Please email comments to:

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