

HERITAGE LANDS

Farmland & Public Access Preservation

The Washington Waterfowl Association (WWA) has finalized a business plan for private land/public access program called

Heritage Lands.

The program idea came from a multi-stakeholder work group developing mitigation options for the farmland and public access losses resulting from fish restoration projects in the Lower Skagit and Stillaguamish River Deltas.

The goal of the program is for the Washington Waterfowl Association to:

- 1. Purchase & own a limited amount of farmland in three or four different areas across the deltas.**
- 2. Preserve the farmland in perpetuity through sale of development rights and farming-related easements.**
- 3. Lease the land to farmers, supporting and promoting agricultural productivity, infrastructure, and crop rotation.**
- 4. Use lease fees to support property management, hunting and other public access, and lease of waterfowl hunting access to other private farmland in the region.**
- 5. Promote recreational access and wildlife habitat improvements that do not reduce long-term agricultural productivity.**
- 6. Provide research and public education opportunities.**

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We are now seeking funding for the Heritage Lands Program. If adequate private funding can be obtained it will drastically simplify program initiation. Your support can help get this program rolling.

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