

Funding for technical assistance: What is it for, and why is it important?



Technical assistance is the foundation for all conservation projects.

- ▶ It refers to the relationship-building, coordination, and expertise that's needed to develop successful projects that conserve our natural resources.

The most important and time-consuming part of a conservation project is the technical assistance that conservation districts must provide before breaking ground.

- ▶ While project construction is funded by capital dollars, conservation districts rely on state operating dollars from the Washington State Conservation Commission to pay for technical assistance.
- ▶ Partner coordination, logistics, and technical design can take up to 3-5 years, depending on the size and complexity of the project.

Technical assistance steps that are required before conservation project construction begins...



GROUND BREAKS ON A CONSERVATION PROJECT

