



Nested Goals & Objectives of Pierce County SWM Plans

Pierce County’s Flood Hazard Management Plan (FHMP), developed in 2013, offers overarching goals and objectives for managing flood hazards in the County river system. The System Wide Improvement Framework (SWIF) Plan is being developed to support the goals and objectives outlined in the FHMP and the Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP). The Vegetation Management Strategy section of the SWIF Plan will have its own goals and objectives, and these will align and support the broader goals of the SWIF Plan and the County’s FHMP. The below graphic shows how the goals and objectives of these different plans align.

Flood Hazard Management Plan

Goals

- Reduce risks to life and property from river flooding and channel migration
- Identify and implement flood hazard management activities in a cost-effective and environmentally-sensitive manner
- Support compatible human uses, economic activities, and improve habitat conditions in flood-prone and channel migration areas
- Develop a long-term and flexible funding strategy for river flood hazard management

Habitat Conservation Plan

Purpose/Goals

System Wide Improvement Framework Plan

Goals

- Complete and obtain approval for a SWIF plan consistent with Corps requirements
- Regain eligibility for currently ineligible levee segments
- Maintain eligibility in the PL 84-99 Program
- Define an approach to implement future levee improvements

Vegetation Management Strategy

Goal

“...to provide for the riparian vegetation habitat requirements of the fish and wildlife resources in conjunction with the basic requirements entrusted to Pierce County of revetment (and levee) integrity and inspection, emergency revetment repairs, river channel capacity, and County road maintenance along tributary streams”. (PRVMP, 1985)

Objectives

- *Risk* – Vegetation management will be performed in a manner to minimize risk to both habitat and flood risk reduction structures.
- *Habitat* – Vegetation management will be performed in a manner that avoids or minimizes impacts upon fish and wildlife habitat.
- *Maintenance* – A vegetation management strategy will be developed that is cost-effective and practical to implement.