

Community Flood Assistance and Resilience (CFAR) program update

The CFAR program will reduce risks and damages associated with flooding in the Chehalis Basin, and from erosion hazards due to migrating river channels. The program will include local-scale actions like purchasing repetitively flooded or damaged properties, moving or elevating homes and making other building retrofits like adding or fixing flood vents, floodproofing, and projects that may help landowners minimize increasing flood insurance premiums.

The draft goals for the CFAR program were distributed to the Flood Authority in July 2019.

Development of the CFAR Program

- ✓ With input and support from French & Associates, basin local governments, and local governments from other regions in the state (as well as Louisiana!) with similar experience or programs, a first outline of the initial CFAR program was drafted and presented to Office of Chehalis Basin (OCB) management on December 17, 2019.
- ✓ Goals for the initial program include clear identification of responsibilities and eligible project types, factors used to prioritize projects, and clear and relatively simple project and program administrative procedures.
- ✓ Next steps: meet with basin local government staff, Chehalis and Quinault tribal staff and community members in January to get feedback on initial program outline, input on remaining issues, additional ideas, priorities, and administrative capacity.
- ✓ Using feedback from tribes and communities, develop more detailed outline for discussion with Flood Authority and OCB management in January.
- ✓ Develop program and project recommendations or options for the Chehalis Basin Board's consideration (winter/spring 2020).
- ✓ Define scope, scale and cost of initial program based on reasonable assumptions as part of development of the Long Term Strategy Assessment, with input from the Chehalis Basin Board (spring/summer 2020).
- ✓ Intention is to implement some on the ground, early opportunity actions in summer 2020.

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