

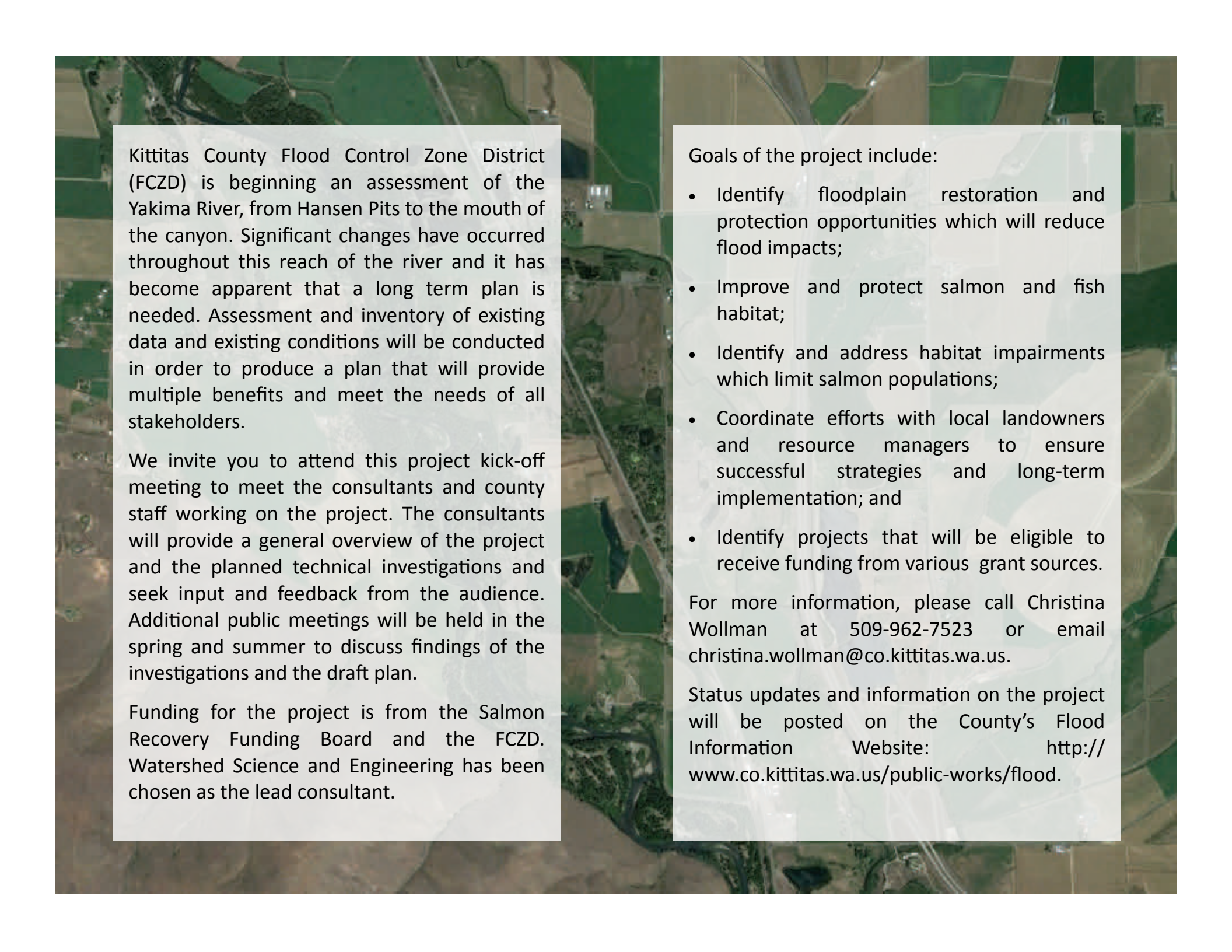


YAKIMA RIVER

Multiple Benefit Flood Hazard Reduction & Habitat Restoration Corridor Plan

*You are invited to our
project kick-off meeting!*

A project kick-off meeting for landowners and interested public will be held at
6:30 PM on Tuesday, December 17, 2013
in the Western Village Dance Hall at the Kittitas County Fairgrounds
(enter from 8th Ave at Alder Street).



Kittitas County Flood Control Zone District (FCZD) is beginning an assessment of the Yakima River, from Hansen Pits to the mouth of the canyon. Significant changes have occurred throughout this reach of the river and it has become apparent that a long term plan is needed. Assessment and inventory of existing data and existing conditions will be conducted in order to produce a plan that will provide multiple benefits and meet the needs of all stakeholders.

We invite you to attend this project kick-off meeting to meet the consultants and county staff working on the project. The consultants will provide a general overview of the project and the planned technical investigations and seek input and feedback from the audience. Additional public meetings will be held in the spring and summer to discuss findings of the investigations and the draft plan.

Funding for the project is from the Salmon Recovery Funding Board and the FCZD. Watershed Science and Engineering has been chosen as the lead consultant.

Goals of the project include:

- Identify floodplain restoration and protection opportunities which will reduce flood impacts;
- Improve and protect salmon and fish habitat;
- Identify and address habitat impairments which limit salmon populations;
- Coordinate efforts with local landowners and resource managers to ensure successful strategies and long-term implementation; and
- Identify projects that will be eligible to receive funding from various grant sources.

For more information, please call Christina Wollman at 509-962-7523 or email christina.wollman@co.kittitas.wa.us.

Status updates and information on the project will be posted on the County's Flood Information Website: <http://www.co.kittitas.wa.us/public-works/flood>.