

Sustainable landscaping is the work of designing, constructing, and maintaining landscapes to conserve and regenerate water, air, soil, plant and wildlife resources, and protect and enhance human health and well-being. Sustainable best practices focus on the environment while striving to be socially equitable and economically feasible.

The ecoPRO certification program has identified eight domains that include 200+ sustainable landscape management best practices. As an ecoPRO certified individual, you will demonstrate knowledge of, and voluntarily practice, sustainable best landscape practices in the following domains:

- Protecting & conserving soils
- Conserving water
- Protecting water & air quality
- Protecting & creating wildlife habitat
- Conserving energy
- Sustaining healthy plants
- Using sustainable methods & materials
- Protecting human health

ecoPRO ADMINISTRATORS:

The ecoPRO certification program is administered by the Washington State Nursery and Landscape Association (WSNLA) and the Washington Association of Landscape Professionals (WALP). The program works to ensure a unified standard within the horticultural industry that also enhances marketing, networking, and educational opportunities.

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CERTIFIED SUSTAINABLE LANDSCAPE PROFESSIONAL

About ecoPRO

Puget Sound and other watersheds throughout our state are in trouble. Toxic and nutrient-laden runoff from the built environment—including lawns and gardens, golf courses, corporate campuses, roads, and industrial facilities—is harming critical ecosystem functions that support our health and economy. To protect and strengthen our quality of life and our region's prosperity, we need to change how we design, install, and maintain our landscapes. The ecoPRO Certified Sustainable Landscape Professional program has been established to respond to this need. The program provides science-based information that promotes, guides, and informs ecological, sustainable landscape management. It serves as Washington State's first advanced certification in sustainable landscaping practices for landscape professionals.

This training and certification program for landscape professionals is intended to achieve four primary outcomes:

- 1. Provide credentials to individuals with expertise in sustainable landscaping practices, thereby giving them an advantage in the marketplace;*
- 2. Provide consumers with a verifiable means of judging qualifications;*
- 3. Impart practical knowledge to landscape professionals to use in the field; and*
- 4. Achieve widespread adoption by professionals of sustainable landscaping practices across Washington state. Over the long term the vision is for trained, certified professionals to help establish sustainable landscaping as the norm for homes, institutions, and public spaces, thus contributing to the restoration and protection of watersheds, groundwater, and public health throughout Washington.*

Become an ecoPRO Partner

Please join us, as a funding partner, in achieving our goals for the next three years (by mid-2017). They include:

- 1. Create demand for the certification by landscape professionals.*
- 2. Create demand for sustainable landscape services by residents, commercial entities, and public agencies through marketing the ecoPRO program and ecoPRO certified professionals.- Offer 2-3 trainings a year, certifying 75 landscape professionals each year.*
- 3. Identify "education partners" to offer additional trainings and grow the program geographically.*
- 4. Establish a protocol to evaluate best management practices employed by certified individuals that can be translated into environmental and health impacts.*

Learn more about the ecoPRO professional certification at WSNLA.ORG/ecoPROcertified and WALP.ORG/ecoPRO.