Streamflow Restoration Grant Applicant Workshop

2026 Grant Round

Workshop Outline

1. Purpose of Workshop

2. Funding Program Overview

3. Funding Guidance Overview

4. Application Requirements and Considerations

5. Applying in EAGL

Purpose of Workshop

- Updates to the 2026 Grants Guidance
- Project eligibility
- General technical information
- Program timeline and resources

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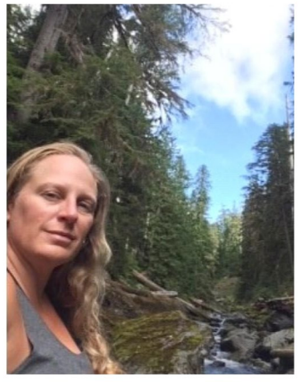

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Streamflow Restoration Funding Program: Overview

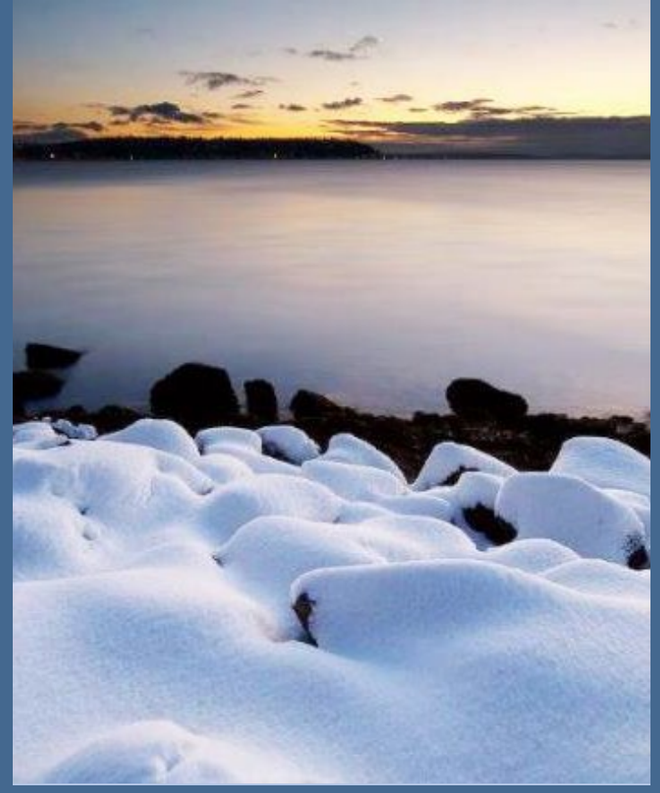
Streamflow Restoration Funding Program Overview

In **2018**, the Legislature passed the streamflow restoration law that:

- Directed Ecology to "…implement a program **to restore and enhance streamflows** to levels necessary to support robust, healthy, and sustainable salmon populations."

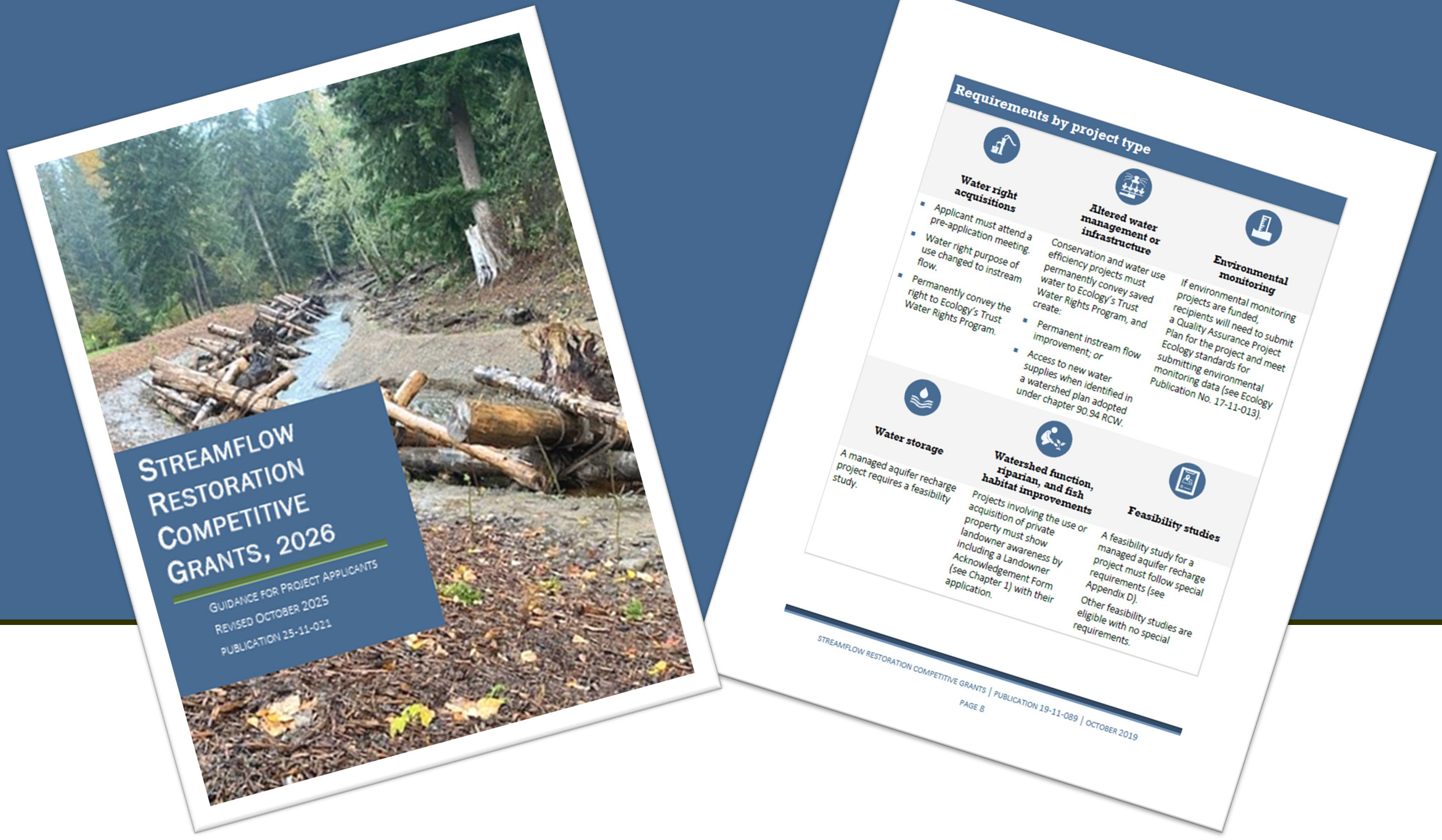
- Laid out **watershed planning requirements** in specific water resource inventory areas

The legislation provides Ecology $300 million over the course of 15 years to achieve these goals and meet the requirements of the law. This is our **fifth** grant round and **up to $40 million** is available.



Streamflow Restoration Grants

- Statewide, competitive
- Incentive to implement projects identified in local watershed plans.
- **Funding Rule**
  Chapter 173-566 WAC
- **Funding Guidance**
  Publication 25-11-021



2026 Grants Guidance Overview

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2026 Grant Round Timeline

Nov. 2025 – Jan. 2026	Applicant Workshops
Nov. 2025 – Mar 3, 2026	Pre-Application Meeting Request Deadline: March 3, 2026
Jan. 15 – Mar 17, 2026	**Application Period** **Deadline**: **March 17, 2026, 5pm**
March – Aug. 2026	Grant Application Evaluations
Fall 2026	Offer Letters
2027	Active Agreements and Projects

Streamflow Restoration Competitive Grant Round (2026)

- Designed to encourage and support the local implementation of projects that restore streamflows to levels necessary to support robust, healthy, and sustainable salmon populations and meet the purpose of Chapter 90.94 RCW.

- **Up to $40 million for 2026 grant round**

- Projects that <u>increase</u> streamflows are the highest priority for funding

Eligible Applicants

- Washington State agencies
- Local governments
- Quasi-governments in the state
- Federal agencies
- Tribal governments with reservation lands or treaty rights in Washington
- Non-profit organizations
- Out-of-state agencies and organizations, individuals and for-profit companies are <u>not</u> eligible to apply for these competitive grants.

Funding Priorities

Funding program priorities
are consistent with
WAC 173-566-150 and
Chapter 90.94 RCW

Projects that ***actively manage water to improve streamflows***!

Projects located:

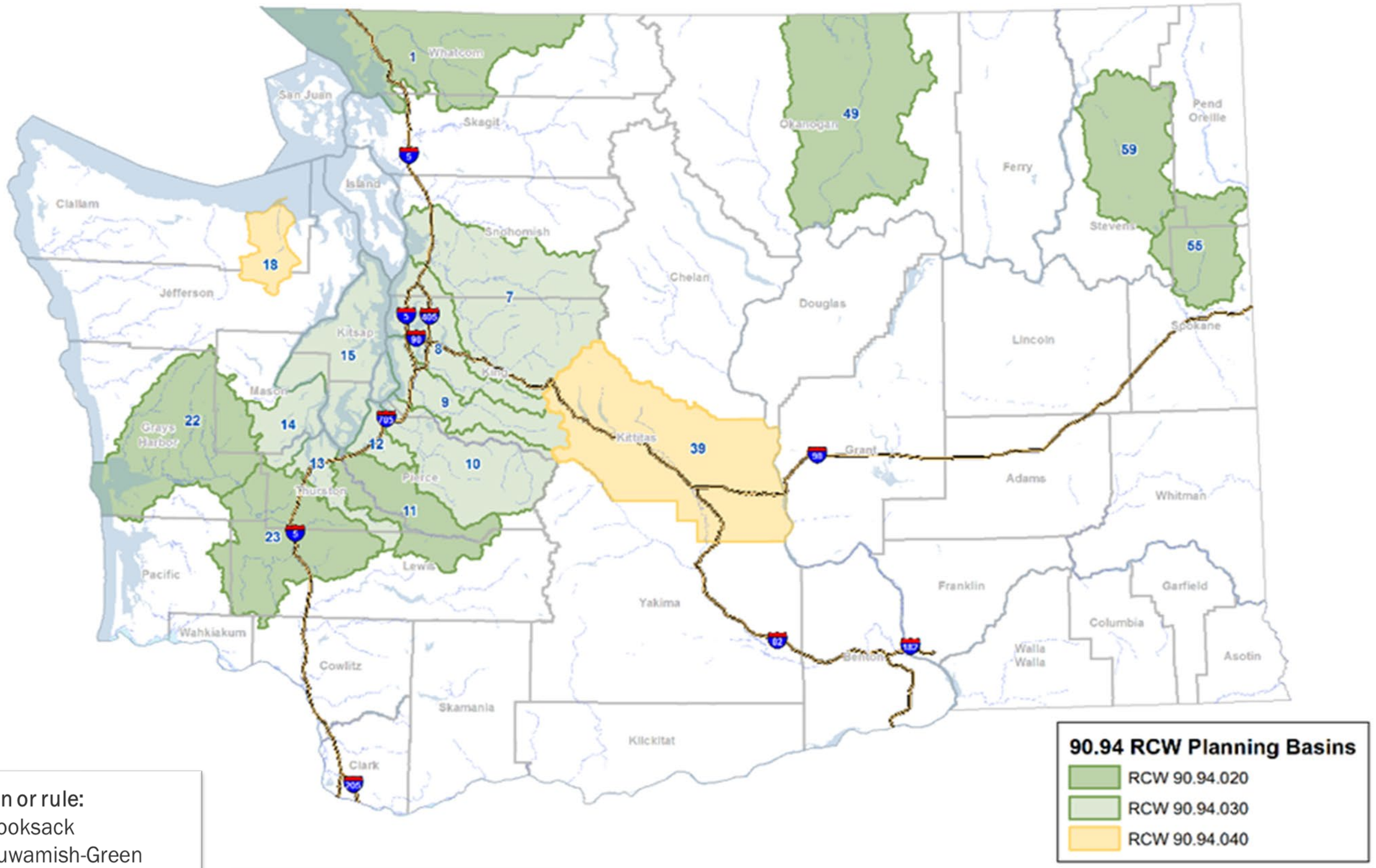
- In a designated metering pilot area

Projects identified:

- In an adopted streamflow restoration plan; or
- Through a rulemaking process

Projects that benefit or consider:

- Threatened and endangered salmonids; or
- Other native fish and aquatic species of concern
- Overburdened communities or vulnerable populations
- Climate change resilience



Adopted plan or rule:
WRIA 1 — Nooksack
WRIA 9 — Duwamish-Green
WRIA 10 — Puyallup-White
WRIA 11 — Nisqually
WRIA 12 — Chambers-Clover
WRIA 22 — Lower Chehalis
WRIA 23 — Upper Chehalis
WRIA 49 — Okanogan
WRIA 55 — Little Spokane
WRIA 59 — Colville

WRIA 7— Snohomish
WRIA 8 — Cedar-Sammamish
WRIA 13 — Deschutes
WRIA 14 — Kennedy-Goldsborough
WRIA 15 — Kitsap

Metering pilot:
Part of WRIA 18 - Dungeness
WRIA 39 - Kittitas

Find Your WRIA

Eligible Project Types

- Water right acquisitions.
- Water storage.
- Altered water management or infrastructure.
- Watershed function, riparian and fish habitat improvements.
- Environmental monitoring.
- Planning and feasibility studies.

Other projects consistent with intent of the law.

Updates to the 2026 Guidance

Scoring Criteria Updates

Updates reduced redundancy and added new criteria for emerging program priorities

- Emphasis on **climate and drought resilience, tribal engagement, overburdened communities and vulnerable populations**
- Applicants must use the **WA Environmental Health Disparities Map** to identify overburdened/vulnerable populations (rank 9–10)
- Changes of note:
  - Quantitative improvements to streamflows now limited to active water management. Habitat projects do not gain points for passive management (Funding priority 1.2)
  - Projects no longer gain points for monitoring components

Changes to Project Type Requirements

- Water storage projects require phased approach
- New Appendix G for water right acquisition appraisal requirements

Application Requirements and Considerations

Important Considerations

- ✓Coordinate with **partners** and **stakeholders.**
- ✓Consider overburdened communities and project resiliency to **climate change.**
- ✓Funds are **limited.** There are no guarantees.
- ✓Projects may be divided into **phases.** Funding in one phase does not obligate funding in subsequent rounds.
- ✓**Stay consistent** between streamflow benefit, scope of work, budget, and schedule.
- ✓Pay attention to requirements for certain **project types.**

Water Right Acquisitions

Purpose and Primary Benefits:

- Increase streamflows to benefit vulnerable fish and wildlife.
- Offset the impacts of water use.

Project Requirements:

- Pre-application meeting.
- Water right purpose of use changed to instream flow.
- Permanently convey the right to Ecology's Trust Water Rights Program.
- An appraisal that establishes market value

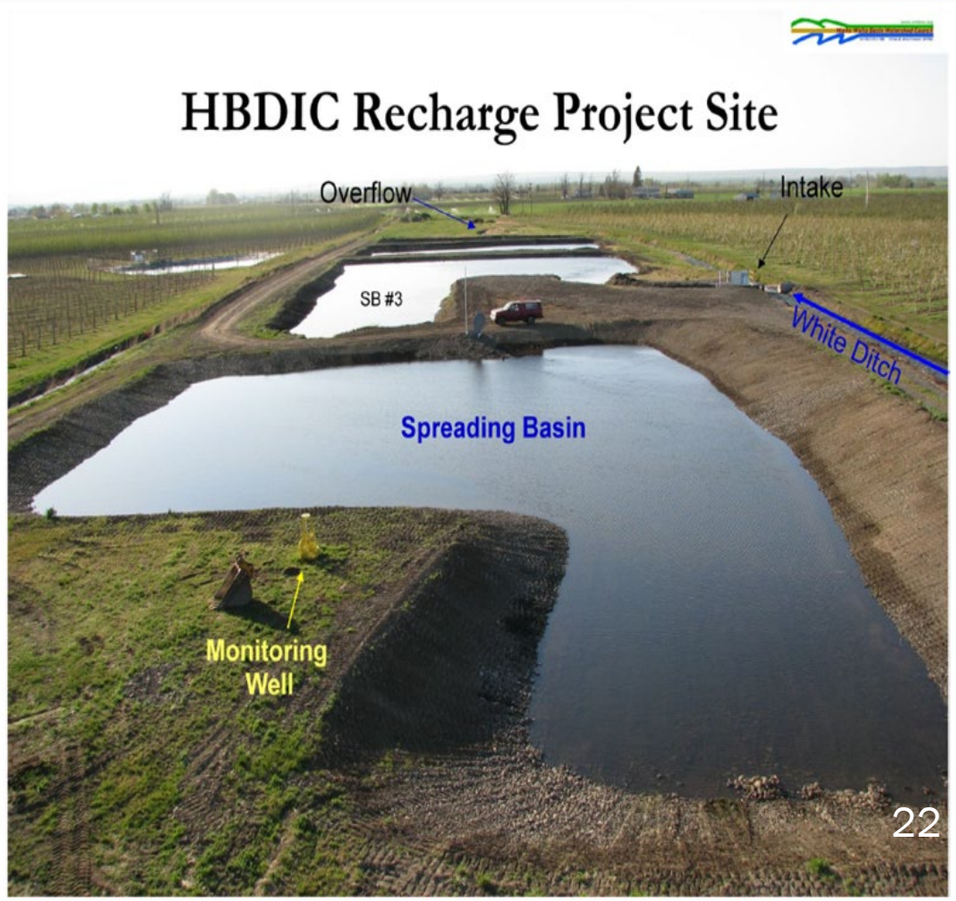
Water Storage

Examples:

- Active Surface Storage.
- Managed Aquifer Recharge*
  *Requirements:
  - Phased approach.
  - Feasibility study.
  - Must meet WR/WQ program requirements.
- Aquifer Storage and Recovery.
- Cisterns.

Other Considerations:

- Projects that include a stormwater infiltration component must:
  - Meet WQ stormwater requirements.
  - Meet with WQ Program prior to applying for Streamflow funding to understand WQ design and construction standards.



Altered Water Management or Infrastructure

Examples:

- Conservation and Efficiency.
- Source Switches.

Project Requirements:

- Permanently convey the saved water to Ecology's Trust Water Rights Program, and create:
  - Permanent streamflow improvement.
  - Access to new water supplies when identified in an adopted plan.

Watershed Function, Riparian and Fish Habitat Improvements

Examples:

- In channel habitat improvements
- Riparian restoration
- Strategic land acquisitions
- Levee modification
- Floodplain modification
- Large wood placement in incised streams
- Fish passage
- Beaver dam analogs and/or beaver introduction

Land Acquisitions Project Requirements:

✓ Signed Landowner Acknowledgement Form

Questions?

Important Considerations:

Scope of Work, Budget, and Schedule

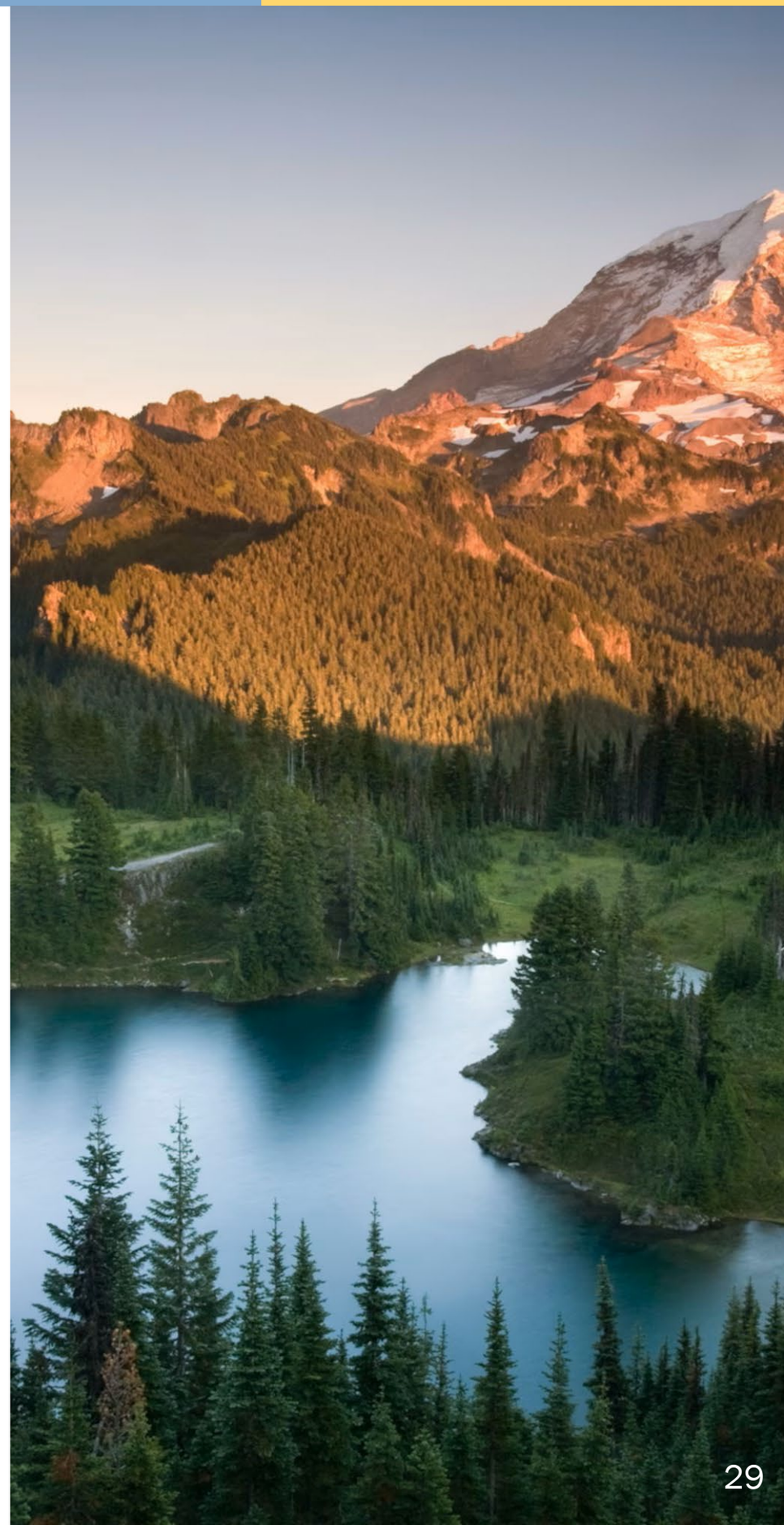
Common Scope of Work Tasks

- Grant Administration (Task 1)
- Cultural Resources Review (Task 2)
- Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP)
- Environmental Data Collection (monitoring) & Analysis
- Property Acquisitions (land, water, conservation easements)
  - Due Diligence Task (appraisals, environmental assessments, permitting)
  - Acquisition Task (purchase, deed conveyance and recording)
- Feasibility
- Project Design and Permitting
- Project Construction
- Any additional activities required to complete the project.

Task 1: Grant Administration

- What *is* Grant Administration?
  - ✓ Quarterly PRPRs
  - ✓ Recipient Closeout Report
  - ✓ Clear and timely communication with Ecology

- What *isn't* Grant Administration?
  - Field work
  - Project supplies
  - Work done by contractors
  - Anything else that isn't related to grant administration



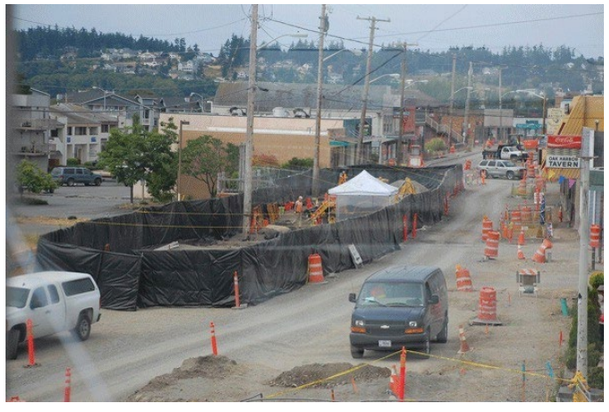
Task 2: Cultural Resources Review

- Required for projects that include ground disturbing work or land acquisition (GEO 21-02). Refer to Appendix E.

- Understand risk to cultural resources and adjust scope of work, budget, and schedule accordingly.

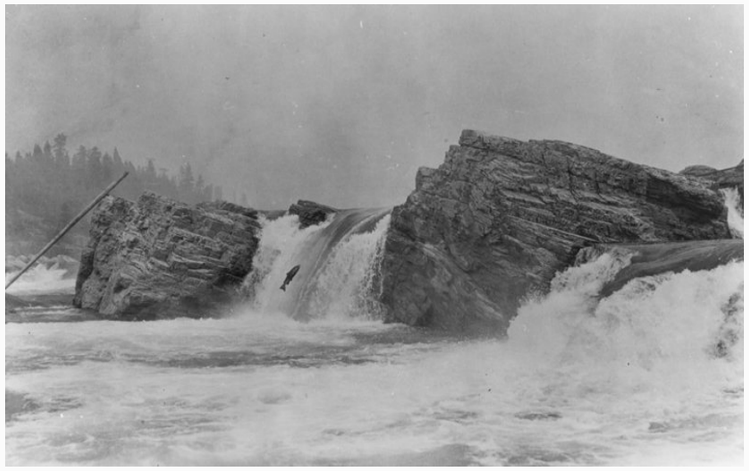
- Potential impacts to budget and timeline:
  - Consultation with DAHP and Tribes
  - Archaeological surveys, historic property inventories, on-site monitoring may be required.

- Adoption may be an option.
  - Cultural resources review and consultation may still be required by Ecology.

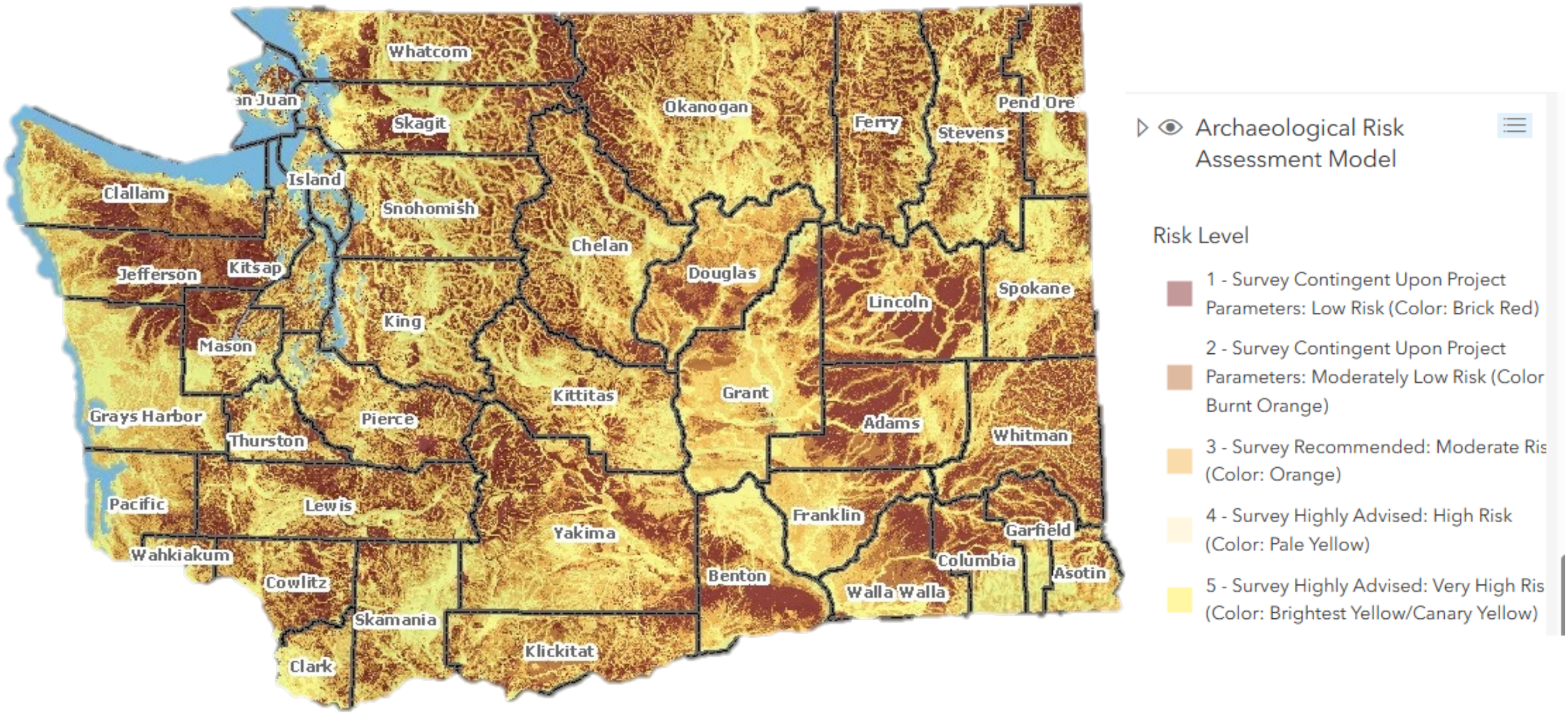


What Are Cultural Resources?

- **Archaeologic Resources**
  - Remains, tools, shell middens, etc.
- **Ethnographic sites**
  - Pre-contact camps, traditional cultural places, etc.
- **Historic structures**
  - National Register barns, houses, etc.
- **Human Remains**
  - Graves, abandoned cemeteries, etc.



Understanding Potential Risk



The Washington Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation has a **mapping tool** to learn about your project area.

WISAARD: Washington Information System for Architectural and Archaeological Records Data.

What is a QAPP and why do we have to write them?

- A **Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP)** is a written plan that describes the objectives of the study and the procedures to be followed to achieve those objectives. It attempts to address all the quality management needs for the project.

- A **QAPP is *required*** if the project will:
  - ✓Collect environmental data;
  - ✓Use, interpret, or analyze existing environmental data; or
  - ✓Use environmental data to construct models to simulate or predict environmental conditions.

- The QAPP ***must*** be approved by Ecology prior to the commencement of any work that is contained in the QAPP.
  - Other Ecology Programs may be involved in QAPP review.

★The QAPP effort is often **underestimated,** resulting in **budget shortfalls** and impacts to the **project schedule**.

QAPPs are Complicated…

- Generally, the effort of preparing a QAPP increases with the scale and complexity of the project.
- The types of data to be collected determine which QAPP template(s) are required.
- Some projects may require <u>multiple</u> QAPPs.
  - For example: MAR feasibility projects (see Appendix D)
- Licensed professionals may be needed for QAPP and the project.
  - Example: Projects looking at surface water and groundwater interactions require a licensed hydrogeologist to oversee monitoring equipment installation/calibration, data collection, analysis, and interpretation of results.
- Data must be entered into Ecology's Environmental Information Management (EIM) system annually
- Consider discussing QAPP requirements with Ecology during a **pre-application meeting**.

Resources for Gaging Level of Effort: QAPP Guidance and Templates

- Guidelines for Preparing Quality Assurance Project Plans for Environmental Studies.
  - Publication No. 04-03-030

- Water Resources Program and Office of Columbia River Grant Special Terms and Conditions Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) Guidance.
  **Projects without water quality sampling*
  - Publication No. 17-11-013

- Water Resources Program and Office of Columbia River Grant Special Terms and Conditions Quality Assurance Project Plan Template for Projects without Water Quality Sampling.
  - Publication No 18-11-018

- Water Quality Program Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) Template for Water Quality Components of Required Feasibility Studies for Managed Aquifer Recharge (MAR) Projects
  - Publication No 19-10-050

Required Budget Breakdowns

Example Budget

By Task

Task Title	Task Cost
Task 1 - Grant Admin	$5,000
Task 2 - Cultural Resources Review	$10,000
Task 3 - QAPP	$10,000
Task 4 - Data collection	$25,000
Task 5 - Design	$50,000
Task 6 - Construction	$122,000
Total	$222,000

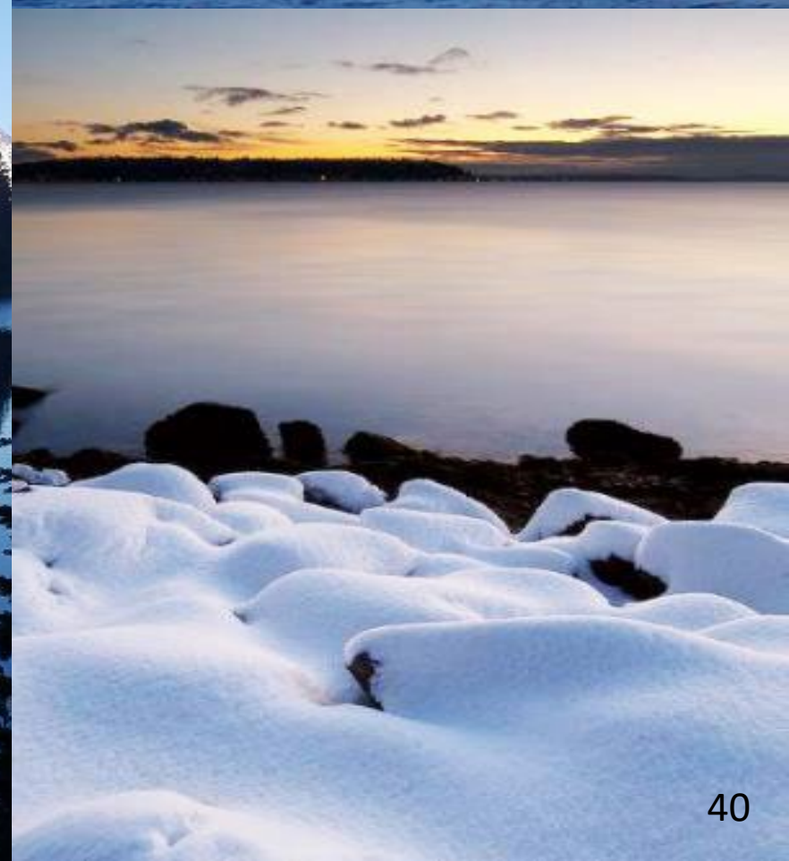
Example Budget

By Element

Element	Amount	Total
Salaries – 1	$0	$0
Benefits - 1	$0	$0
Salaries and Benefits Combined	$20,000	$20,000
Contracts	$198,500	$198,500
Travel	$500	$500
Equipment - 2	$2500	$2500
Goods/services - 3	$500	$500
Overhead - 4	$0	$0
Total	$222,000	$222,000

Questions?

Evaluating Applications



Scoring Criteria
(Possible Points = 300)

Table 2. Scoring overview.

Scoring Category	Points Possible
1. Funding priorities	95
2. Project benefits	45
3. Project budget	30
4. Project durability and resiliency to impacts of climate change and drought	42
5. Project scope	30
6. Applicant's community collaboration and readiness to proceed	28
7. Additional project considerations	30
Total	300

What makes a good application?

- ✓ Be clear and concise.
- ✓ Describe the problem.
- ✓ Support your statements.
- ✓ Provide clear citations and resources.
- ✓ Correct spelling and grammar.

Pre-Application Meeting

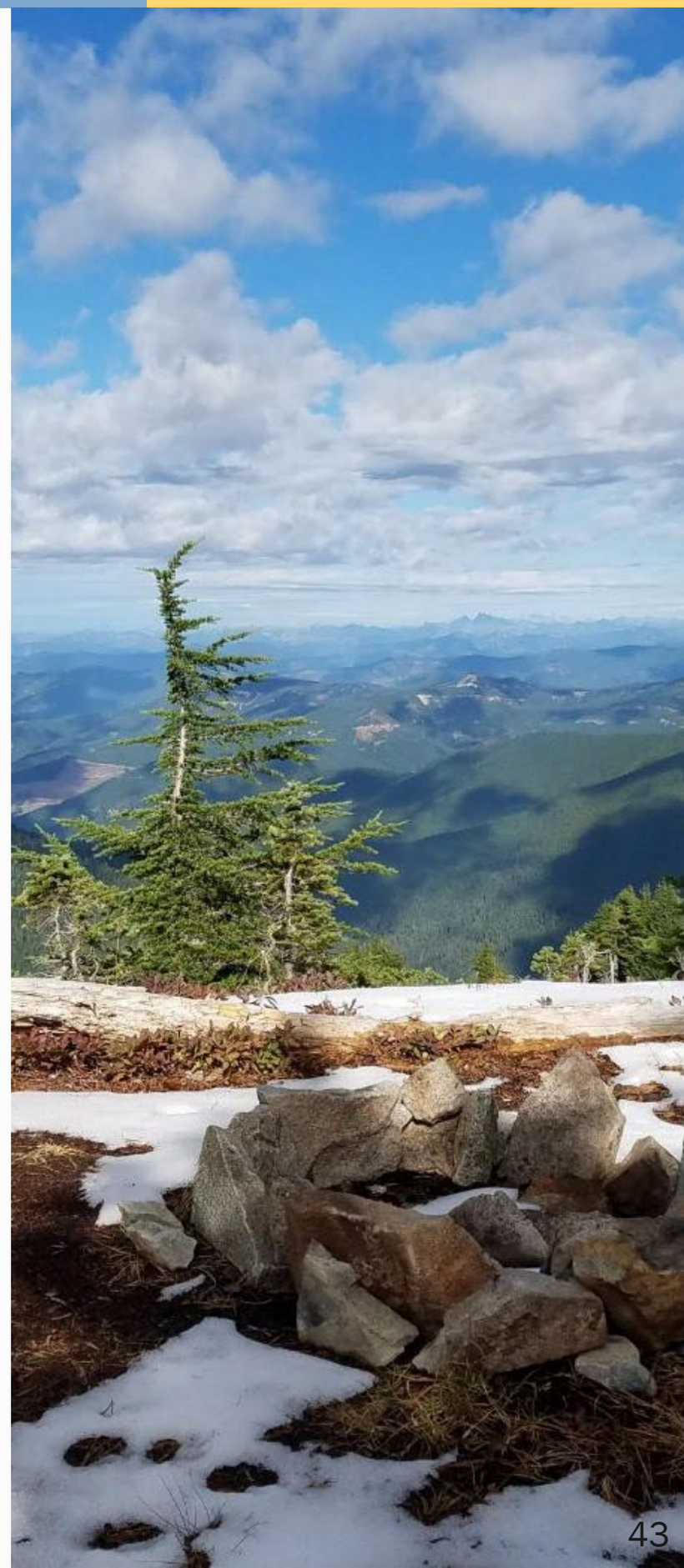
Opportunity for applicants to discuss the details of their project with Ecology staff before application submission.

- **Water Right Acquisitions**
  - *Meeting required prior to applying.*
  - Ecology priority.
  - Additional documentation required.

- **All Other Projects**
  - Ecology will meet requests as capacity allows

- **To request a pre-application meeting:**

  1. Complete a pre-application meeting request form.
  2. Email it to sfrprjgrants@ecy.wa.gov. by **March 3rd, 2026.** Include “Meeting Request” in the subject line.



Mandatory Application Elements

- Project specific requirements
  - Water Right Acquisitions: Pre-application meeting
  - Land Acquisitions: Signed Landowner Acknowledgement Form
  - MAR Storage Projects: Feasibility Study

- EAGL-IGX = automated application system

- Applications without all mandatory elements are incomplete.

- Incomplete applications will not be accepted by the EAGL-IGX system.

- Therefore, incomplete applications will not be reviewed.

- Submit by **March 17, 2026 at 5 pm**

Ecology's Administration of Grants and Loans (EAGL IGX)

EAGL IGX: apply, manage, report

- Complete grant applications.
- Download grant agreements and amendments.
- Submit payment requests with progress reports.
- Request amendments.
- Upload agreement deliverables-200 mb max file size.
- Submit close out reports.

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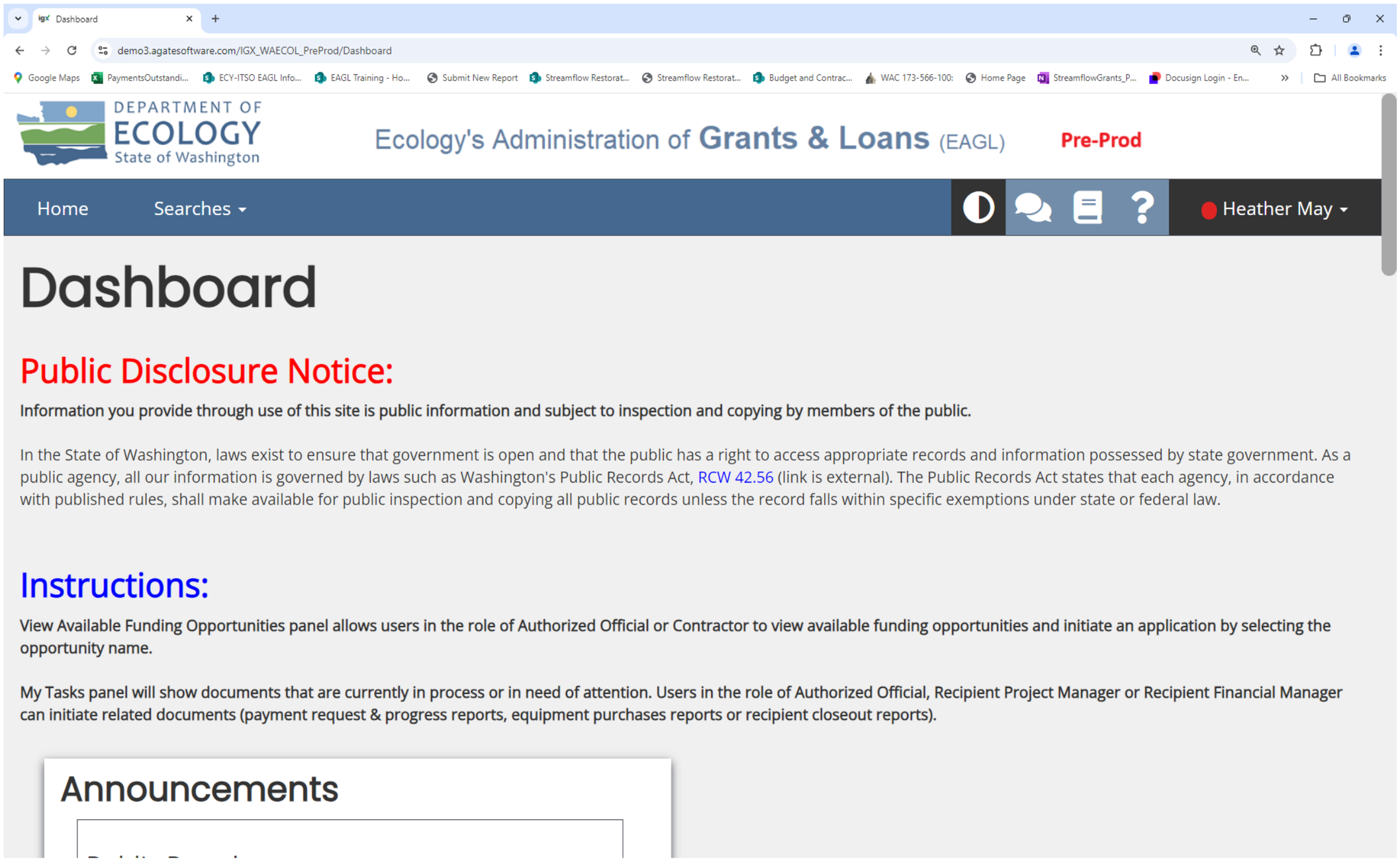

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Register

There are three scenarios for EAGL IGX registration:

- Current EAGL IGX users.
- New EAGL IGX users with a Secure Access Washington (SAW) account.
- New SAW and EAGL IGX users.

Email 10/15/2025.

New User Instructions.

Current EAGL Users

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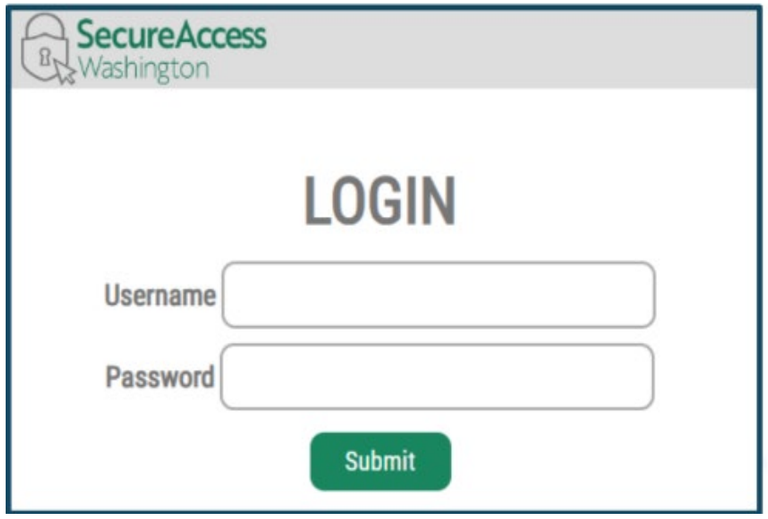

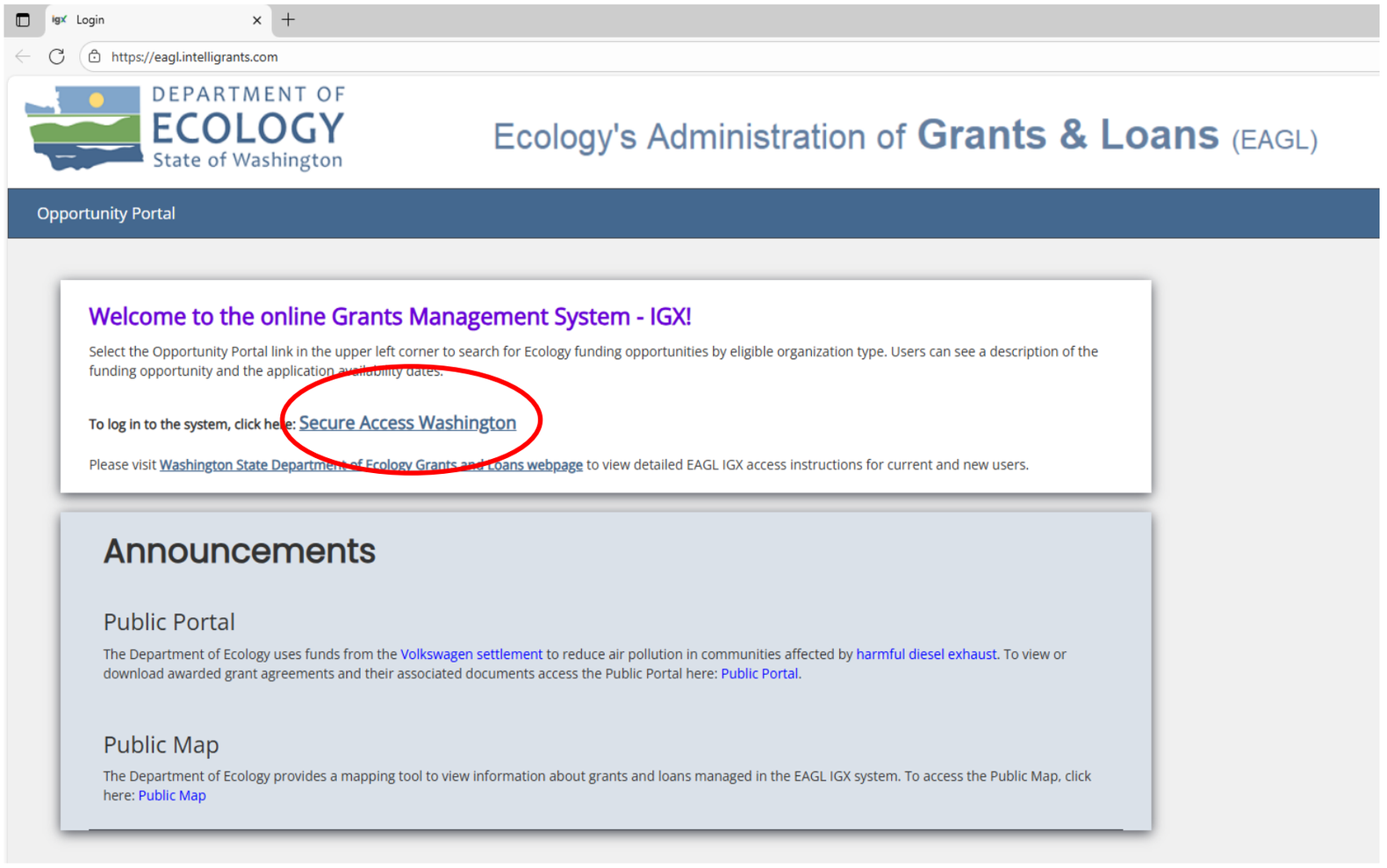

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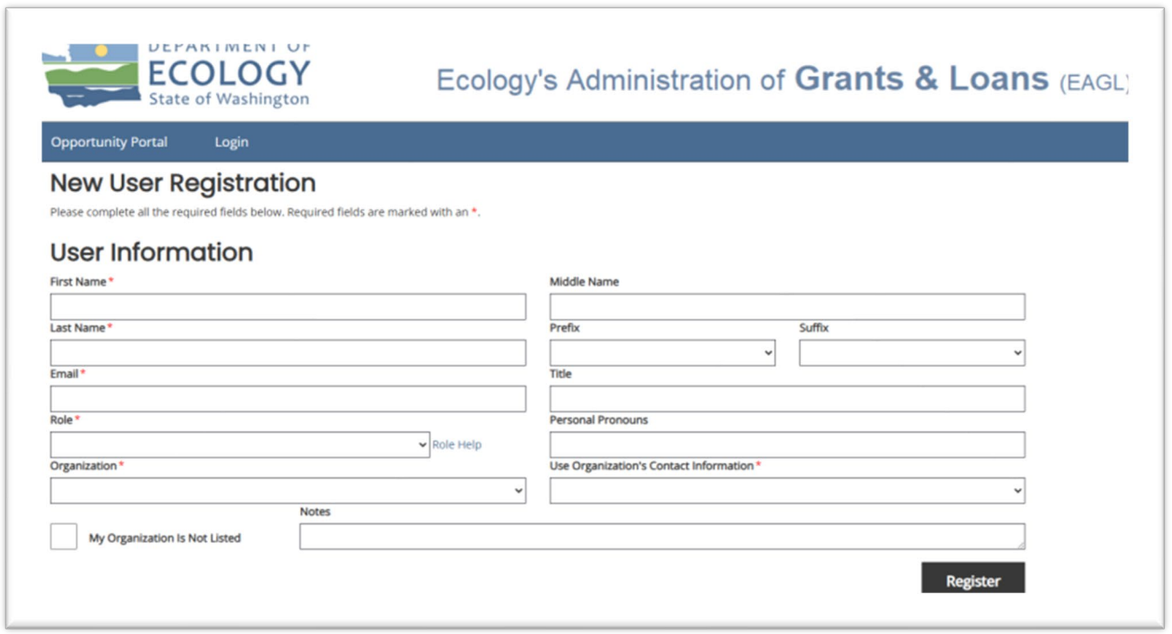

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2. Login to SAW.
3. Complete EAGL IGX registration form.
4. Select appropriate system role.
5. Select your organization from the drop-down menu or select checkbox for My Organization is Not Listed.
6. Fill in your organization's information including Federal Tax ID and Statewide Vendor number.
7. Select Register button at the bottom of the page.
8. Ecology staff will review your registration and email you when approved.
9. Log in to EAGL IGX by selecting Secure Access Washington account link from the EAGL IGX Welcome page.
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New to SAW and EAGL

1. Select the SAW link from the EAGL IGX Welcome page.

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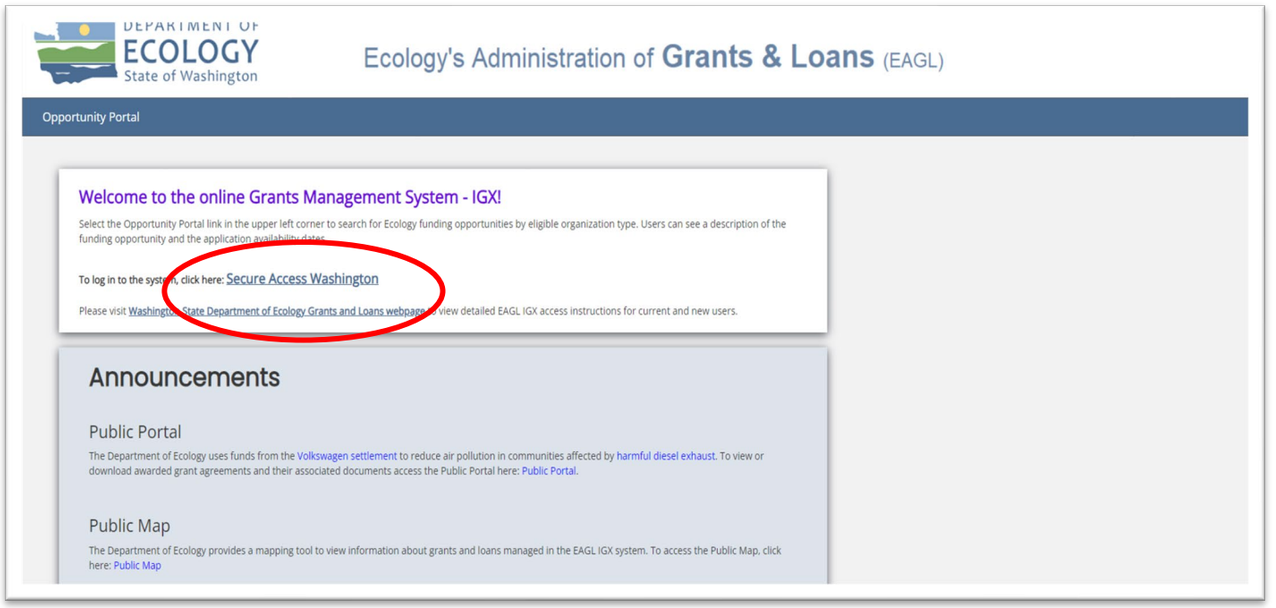
3. Create your SAW account and wait for email.

4. Selection confirmation link in the email to return to SAW Login.



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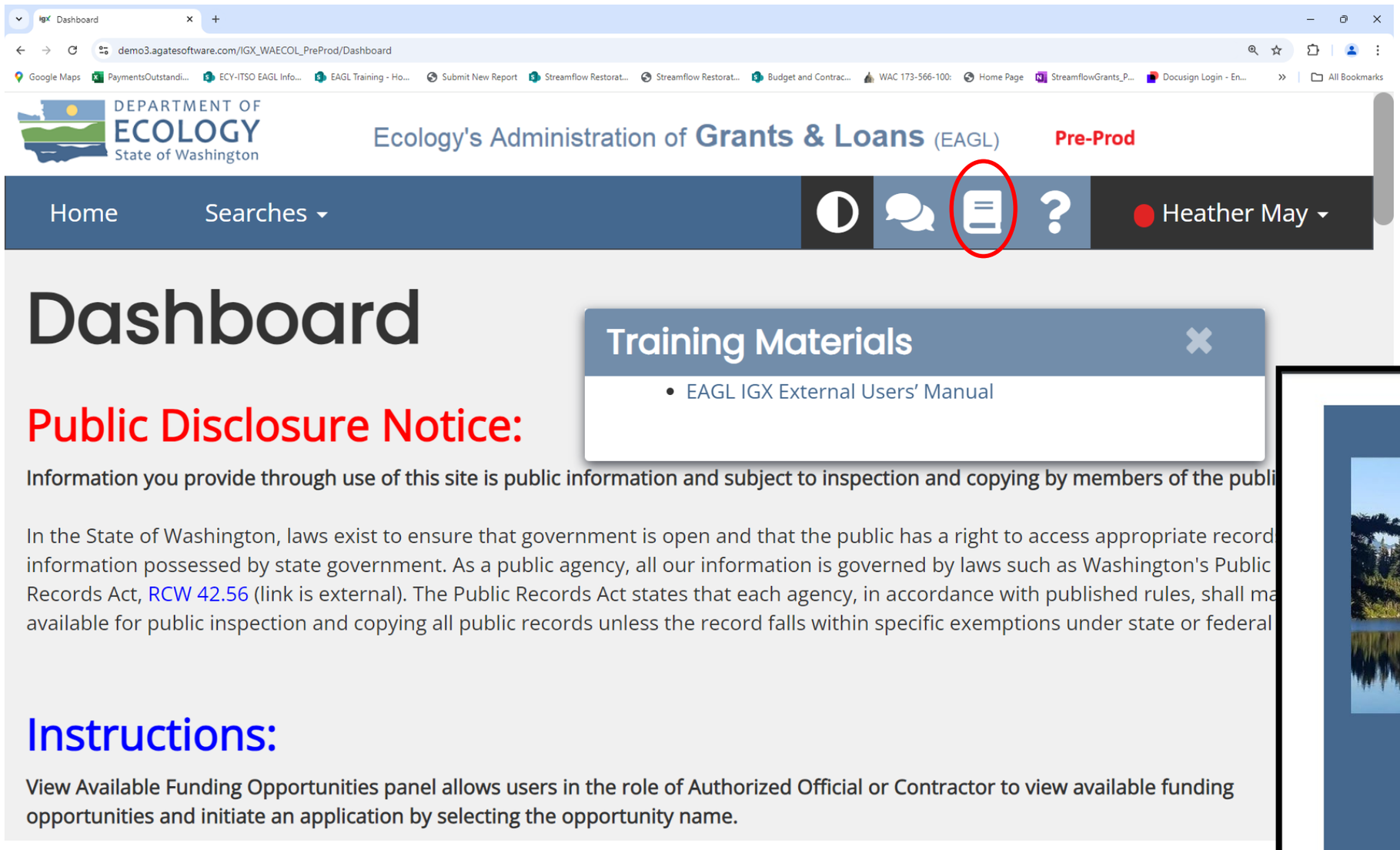

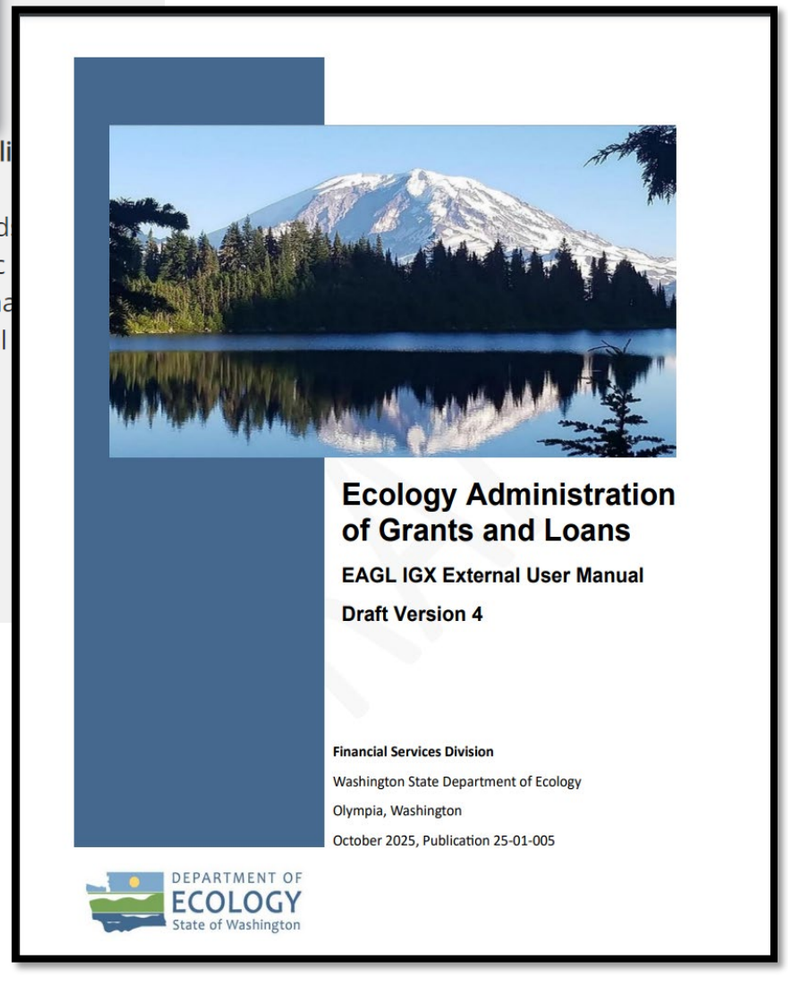

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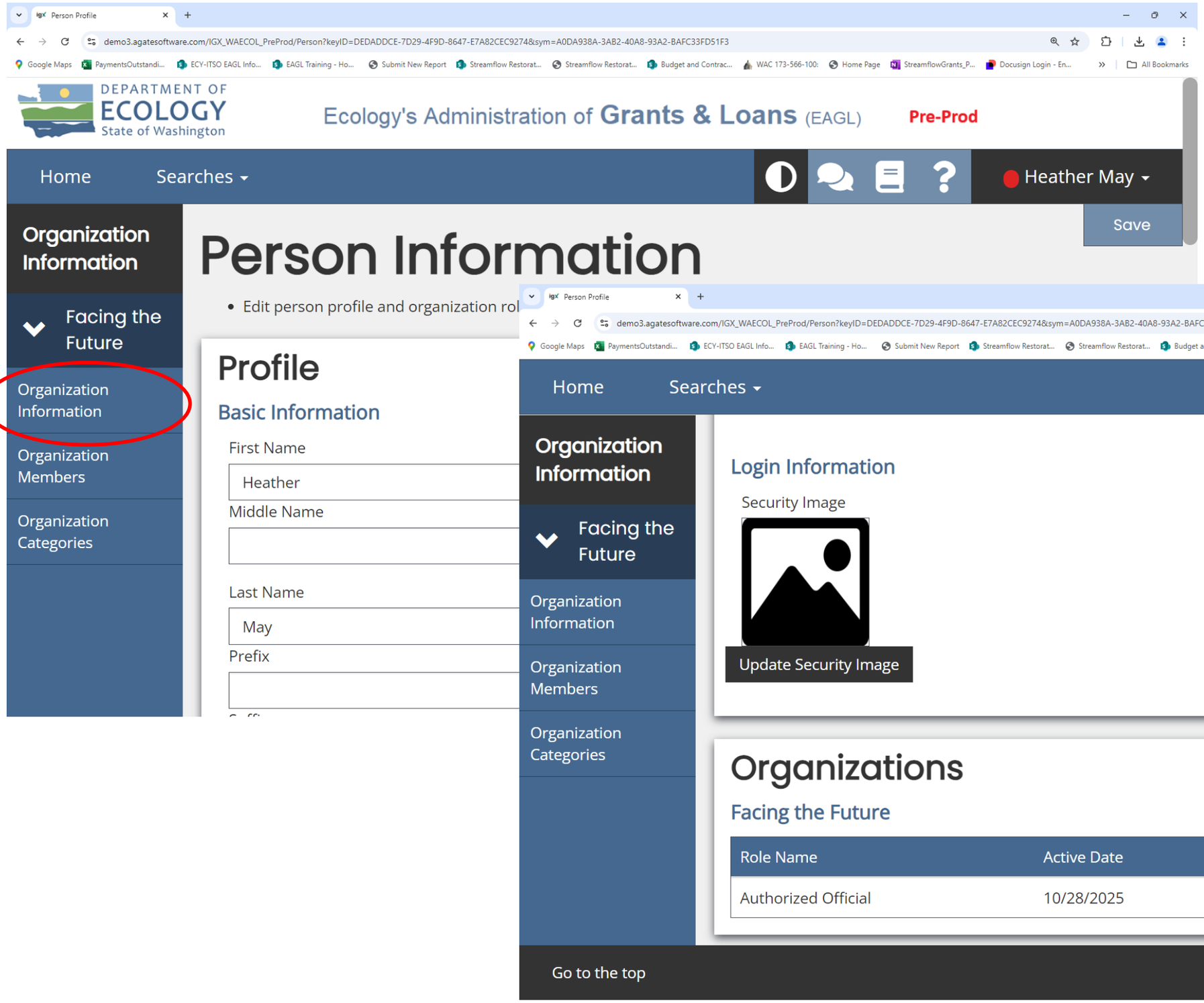

Water Resources Streamflow Restoration Program (WRSRP-2026)

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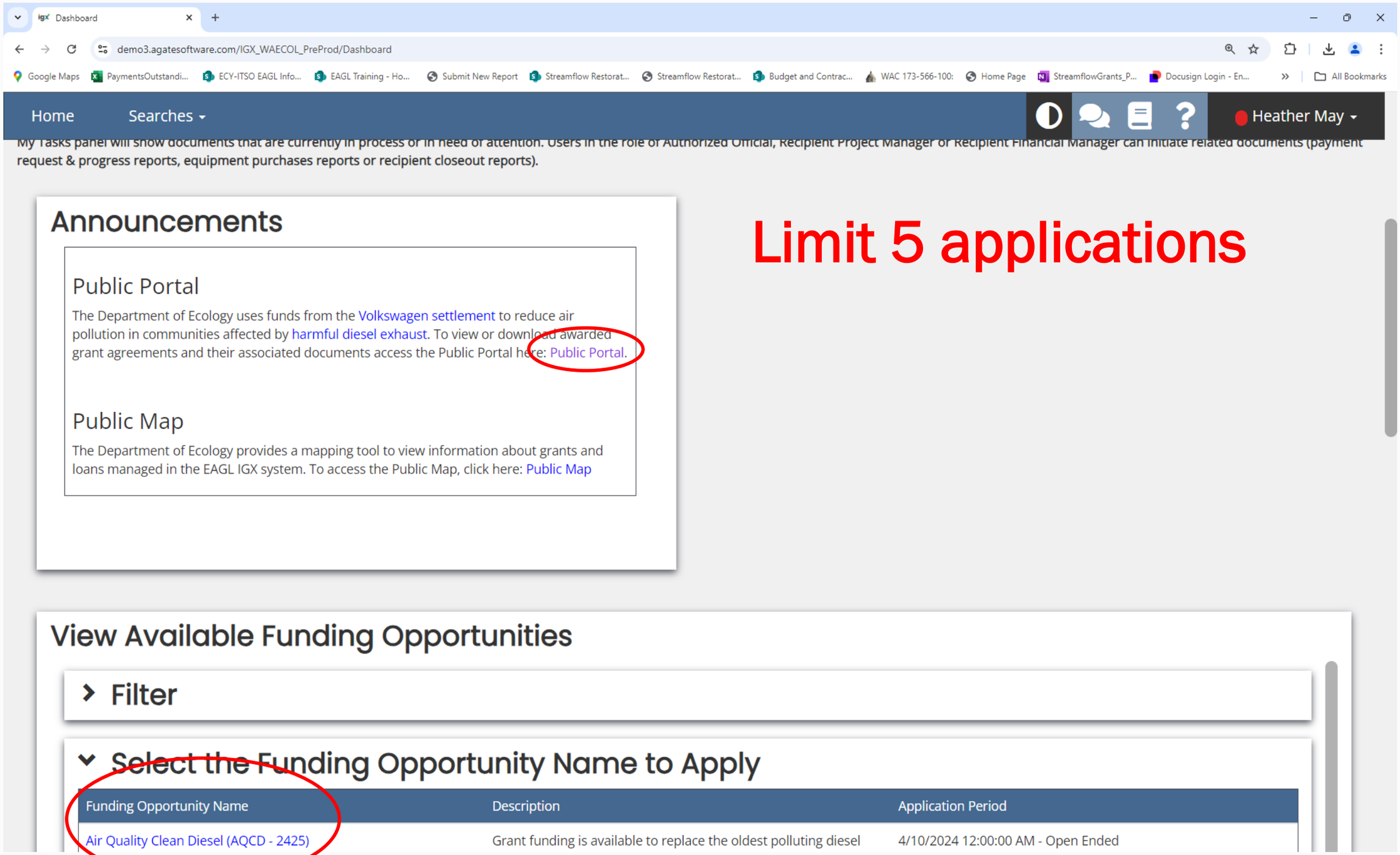

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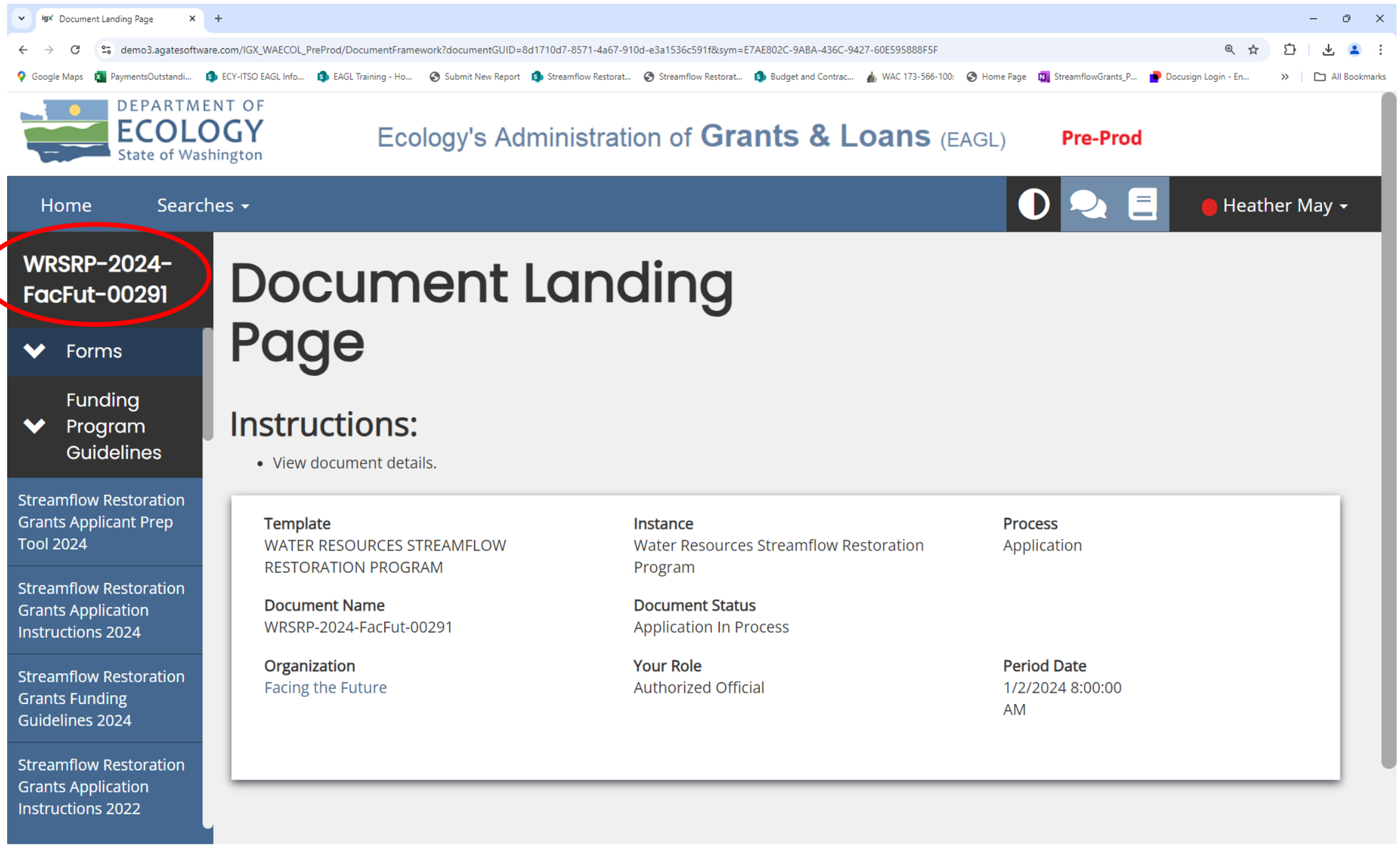

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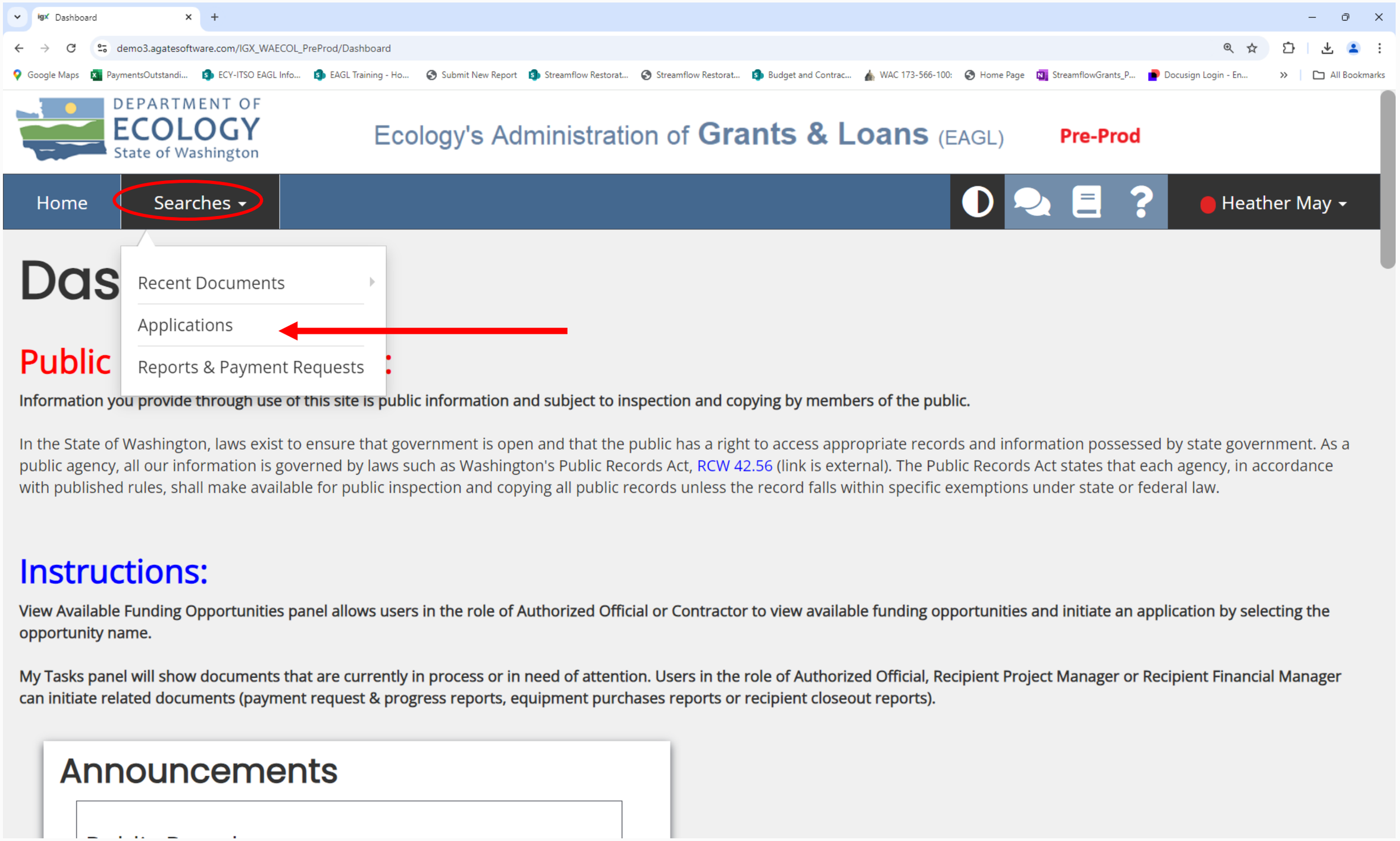

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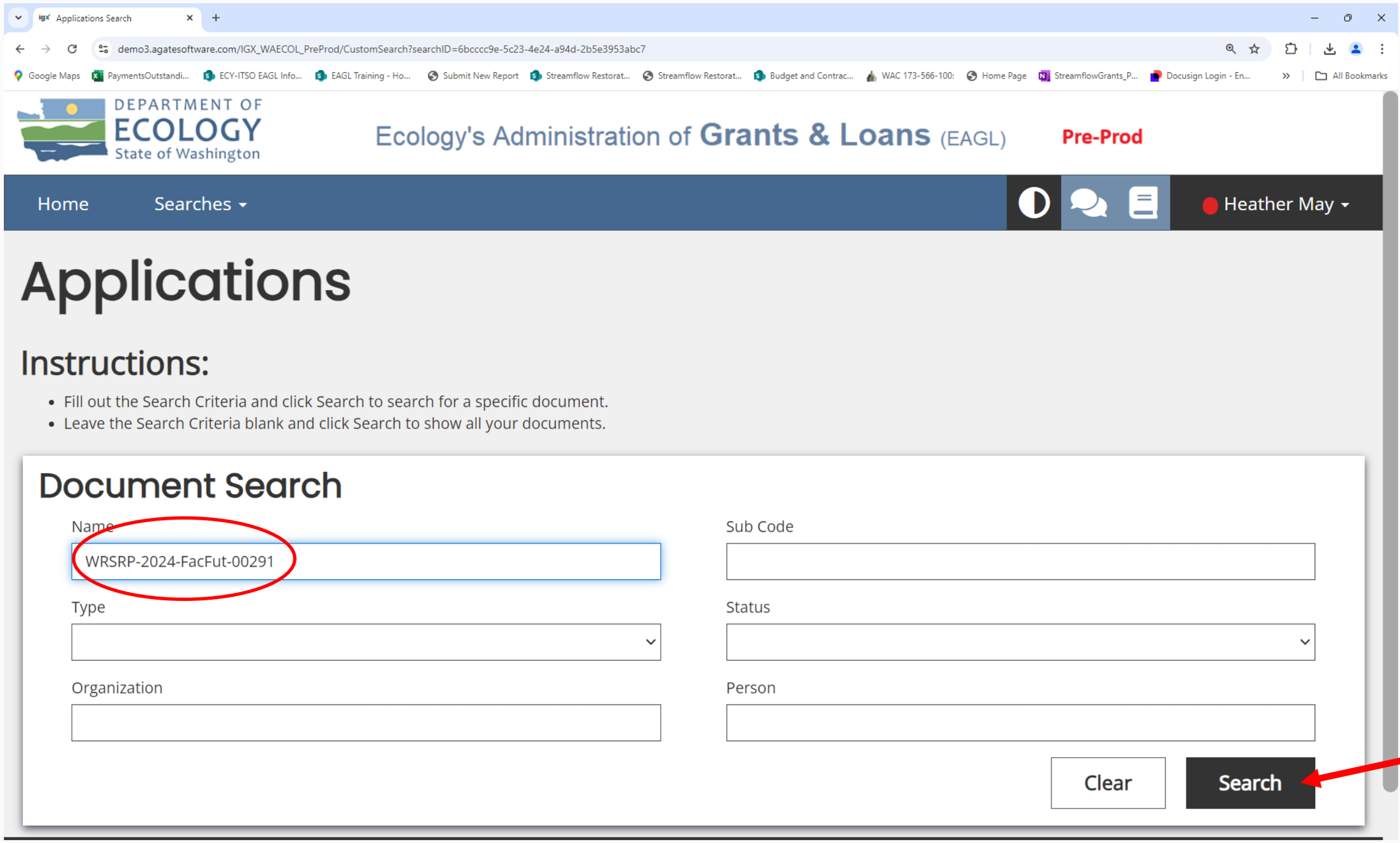

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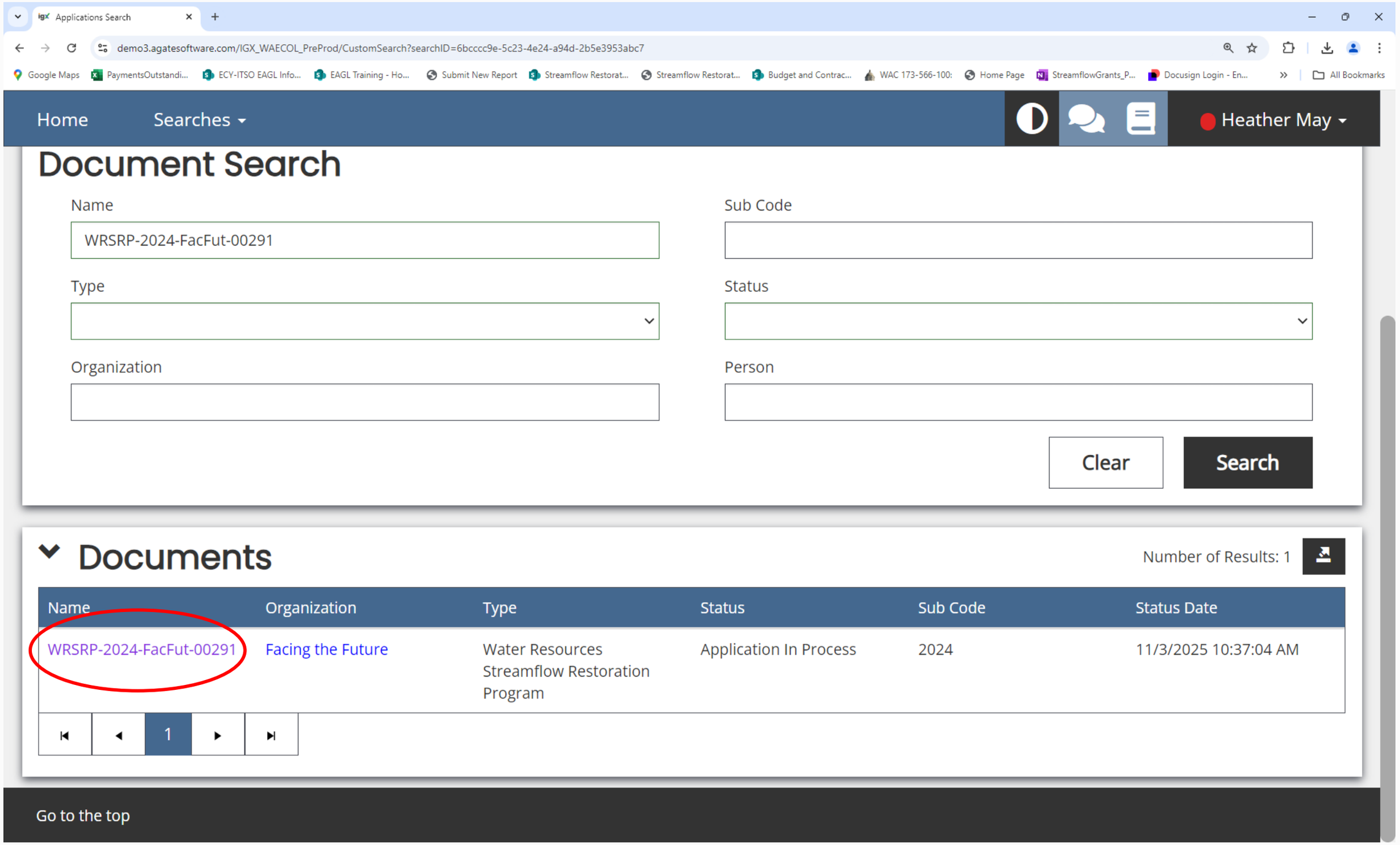

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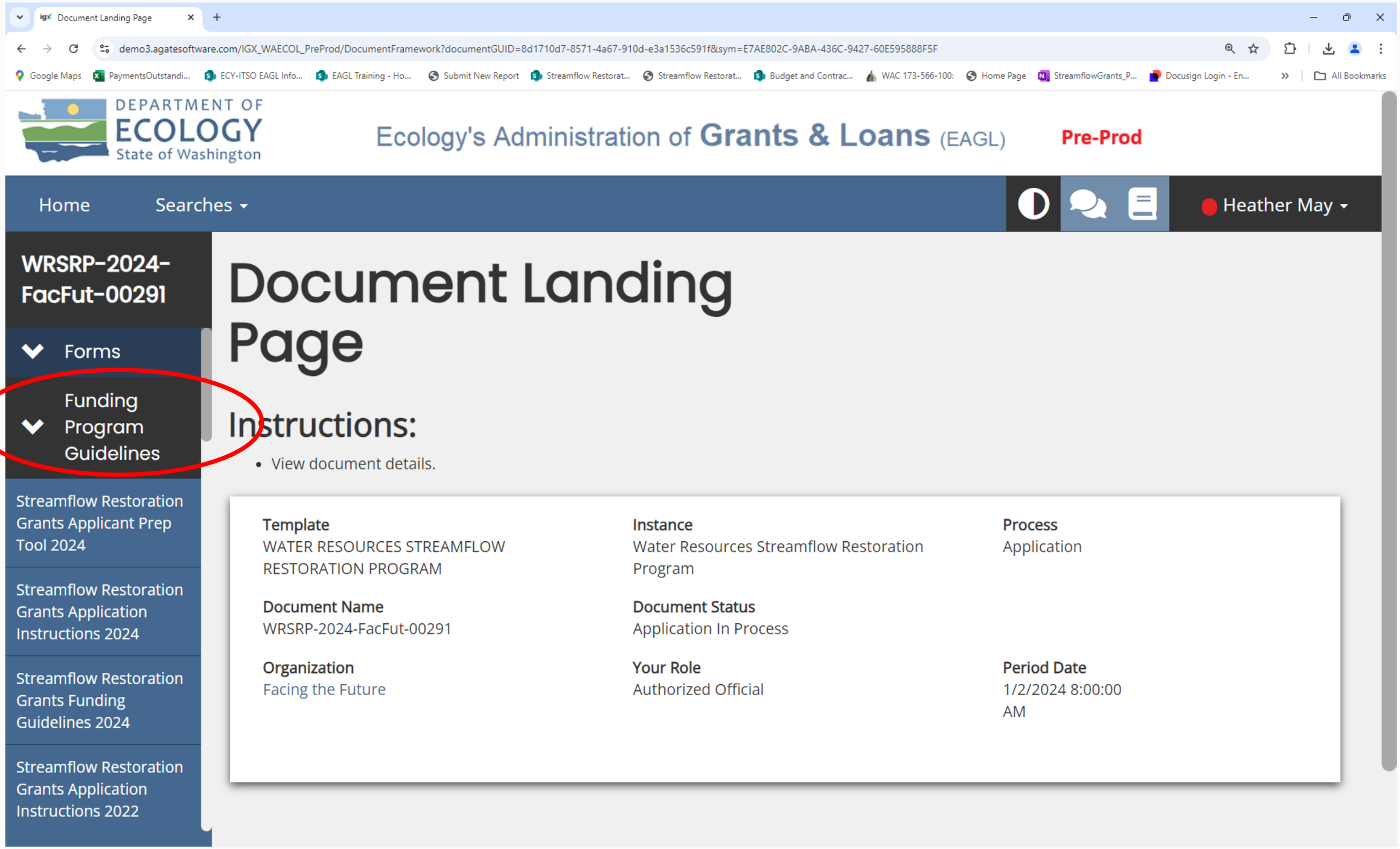

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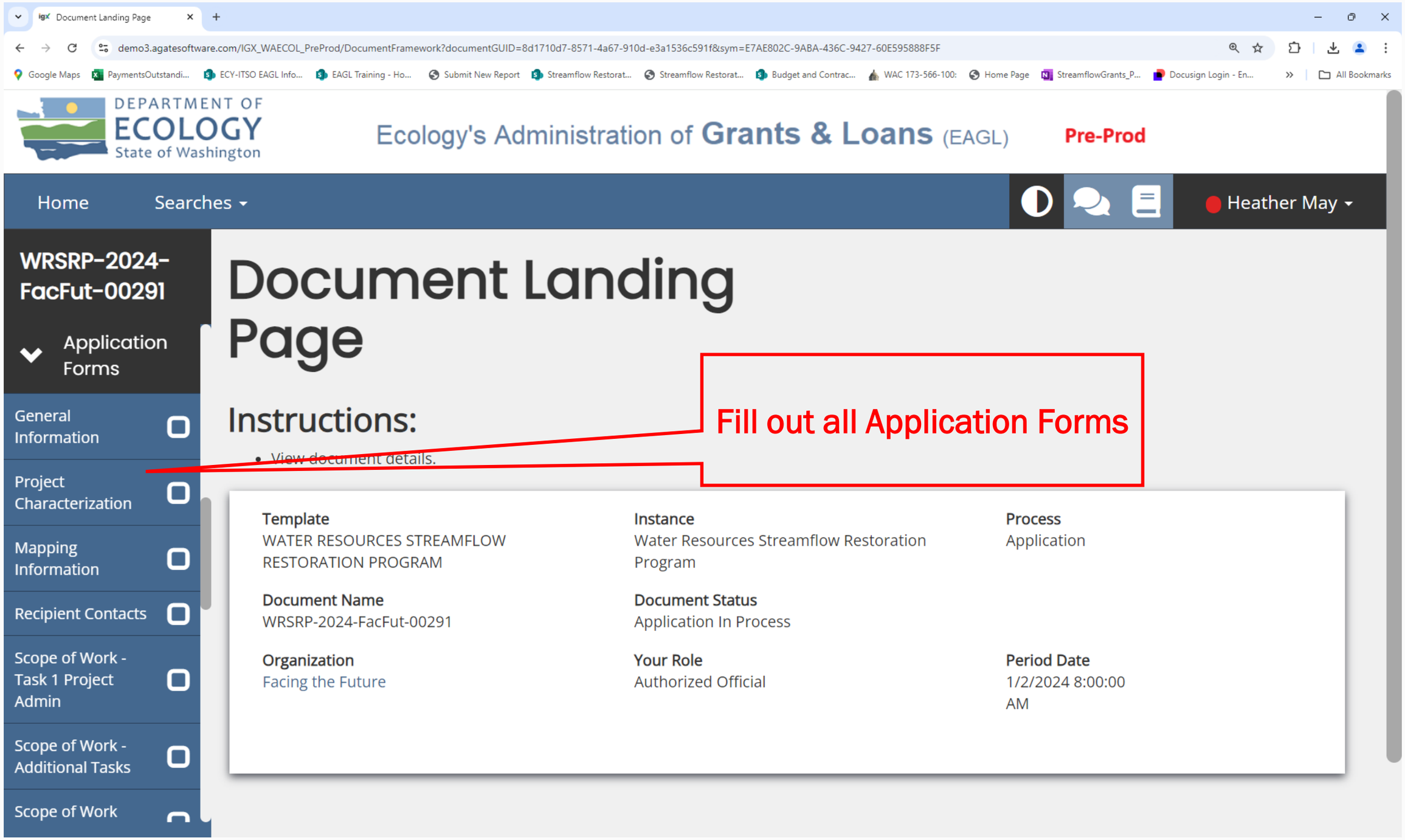

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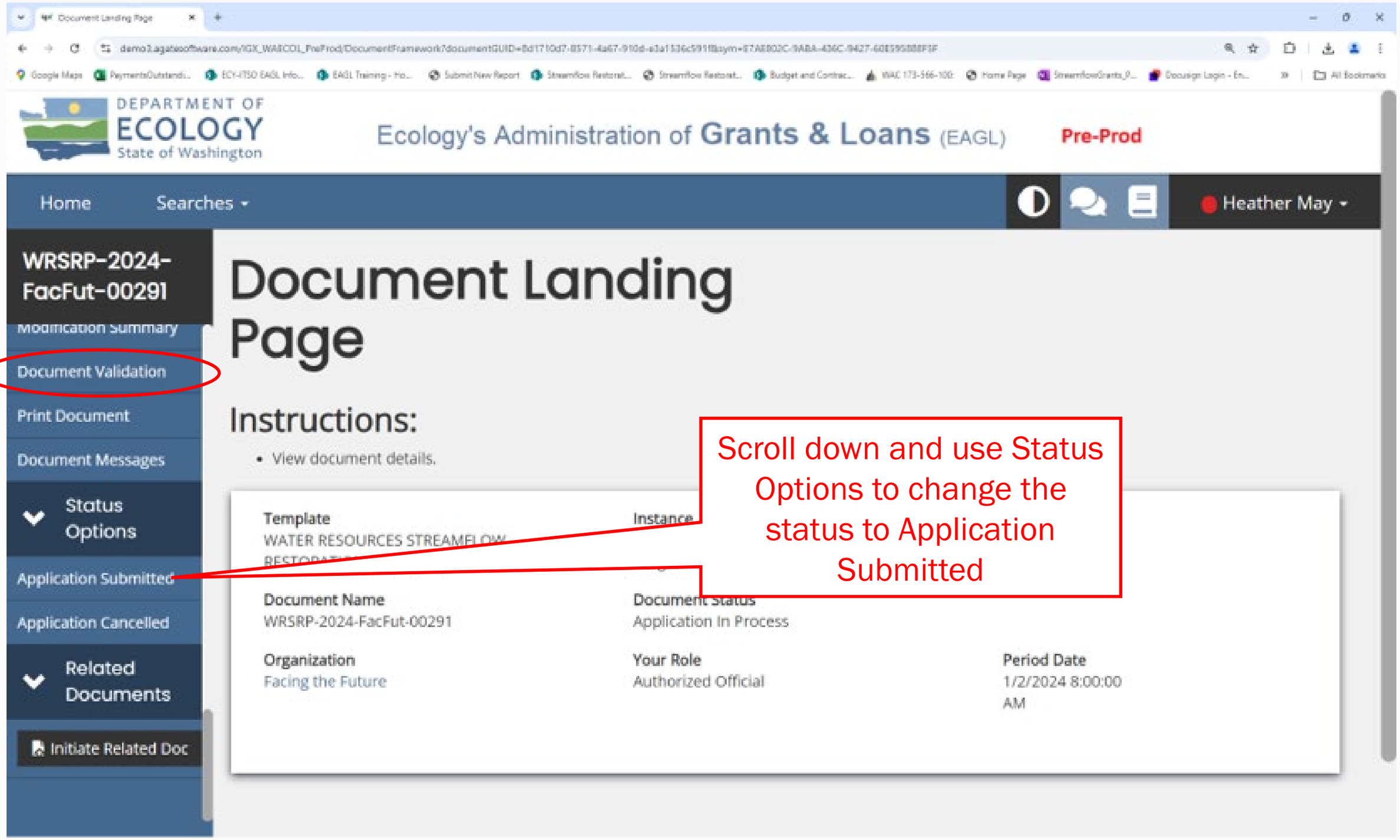

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- Email Maggie and Dawn at EAGL@ecy.wa.gov with EAGL registration or system questions.

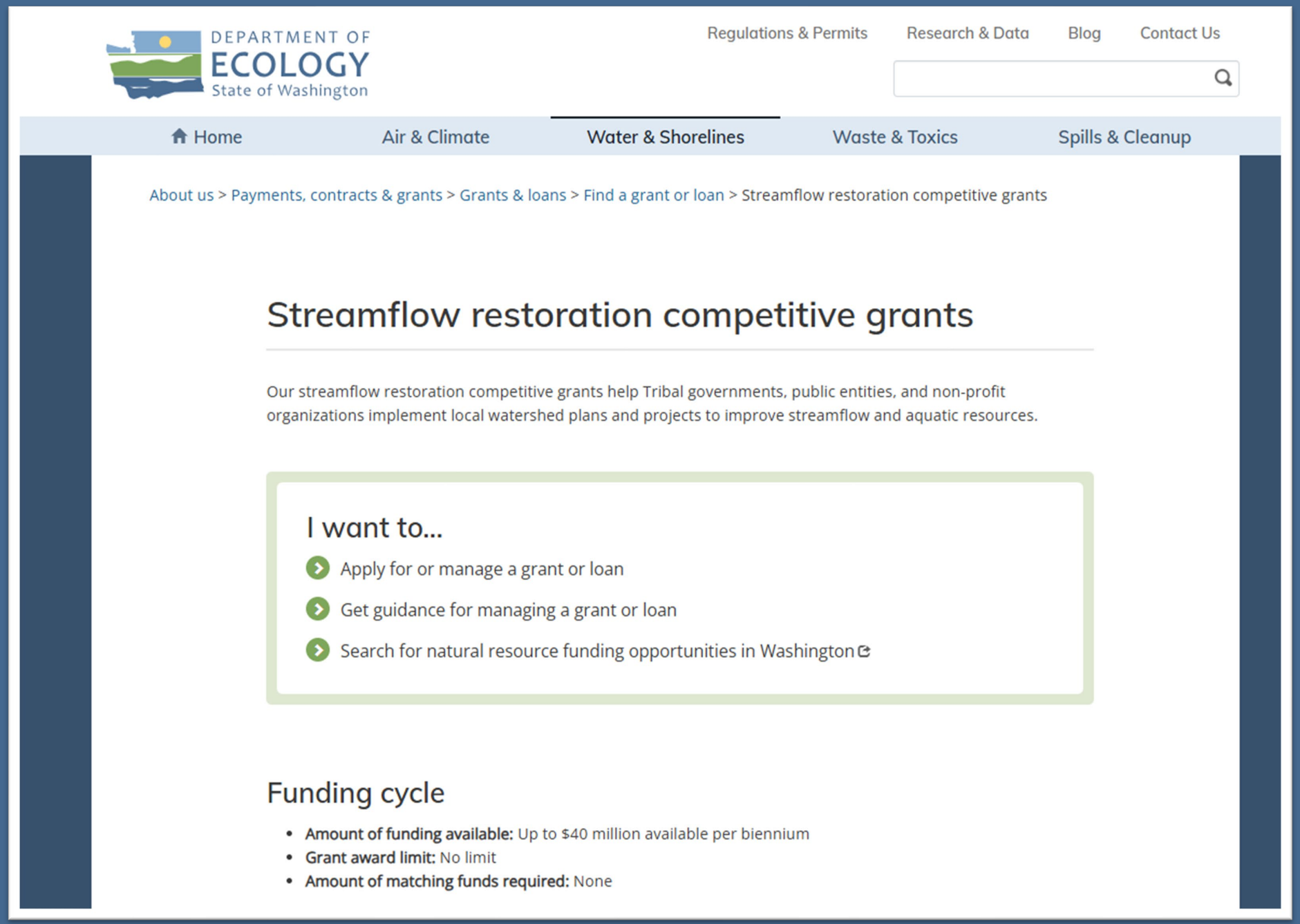
- Submit a Support Request inside of EAGL IGX using the link found under Contact Info on the Dashboard Homepage to report system-related issues.

Tips for Working in EAGL

- ✓ Use Edge, Chrome, Firefox, or Safari browsers.
- ✓ Start early.
- ✓ Submit early.
- ✓ Pay attention to character limits.
- ✓ Use uploads - 200 mb max file size.
- ✓ Read and refer to Funding Program Guidelines.
- ✓ Use Applicant Prep Tool.

Visit our webpage for additional resources!

ecology.wa.gov/streamflowgrants



Resources

Publications: (Also found at ecology.wa.gov/pubs)

- Grant Funding Guidance: 25-11-021
- "Yellow Book": 23-01-002
- Landowner Acknowledgment Form*: ECY 070-614
- Water Resources Program QAPP: 18-11-018
- Applicant Prep Tool

EAGL IGX User Manual: Located under "My Training Materials" in EAGL.

We are accepting pre-app meeting requests through March 3rd.
To schedule a pre-application meeting* and general inquires:
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*Required for water right acquisition projects. See grant funding guidance.

Questions?

Help us improve!

Please contact sfrprjgrants@ecy.wa.gov with ideas to improve the grant guidance for our next grant round.