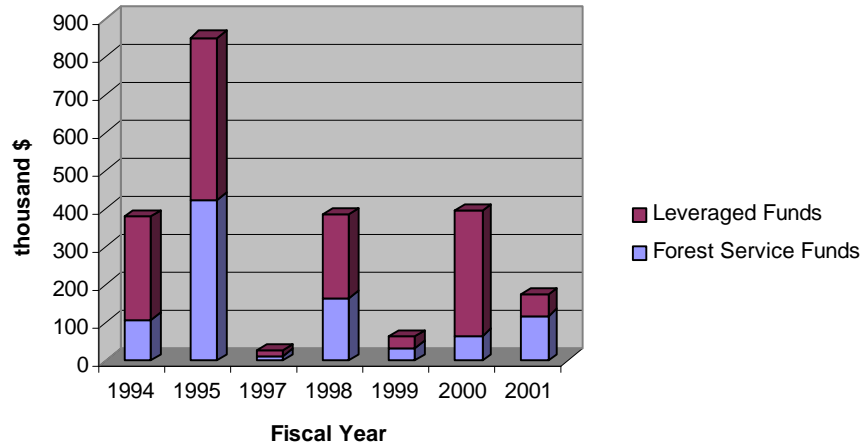
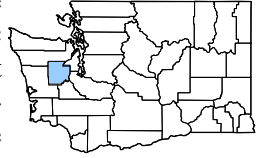




Economic Action Programs Mason County, Washington

Mason County is a nonmetropolitan county on the southwest side of Puget Sound. The northwestern corner of the county is covered by the Olympic National Forest and Olympic National Park. Ten industries and the federal government generate over 77% of the direct export income. Sawmills, planing mills, veneer and plywood mills are the leading income-generating export industries. Non-federal timberlands are significant and total 60% of the county's land base. Lands administered by the Forest Service account for an additional 21%.



Recipient	Project Name	Federal ID	Funds		
			USFS	Leveraged	Total
Planning and Technical Assistance					
EDC of Mason County	Shelton Area Infrastructure Plan	WANW-00-028	\$17,540	\$17,540	\$35,080
Mason County	Wastewater Facilities Assessmt	WANW-95-003	\$22,697	\$959	\$23,656
Mason County	Belfair Sewer Feasibility	WANW-99-009	\$29,645	\$10,000	\$39,645
Mason County P.U.D. #1	Finch Creek Feasibility/Engin.	WANW-98-028	\$50,000	\$14,000	\$64,000
Skokomish Tribe	Strategic Action Plan	WANW-97-037	\$15,000	\$11,420	\$26,420
Skokomish Tribe	Skokomish Hydrogeological Stdy	WANW-99-002	\$6,560	\$18,570	\$25,130
Squaxin Island Tribe	Health Care Center Design	WAEC-94-007	\$8,000	\$2,000	\$10,000
Natural Resource Related					
Exceptional Foresters, Inc.	Plastics Recovery Equipment	WAEC-94-025	\$100,000	\$270,409	\$370,409
Mason Conservation District	Mason Conservation District	WNFP-01-019	\$119,516	\$56,193	\$175,709
Facility Construction/Environmental Improvement					
City of Shelton	Wastewater System Eng/Design	WANW-98-026	\$95,000	\$141,168	\$236,168
Mason County	Lilliwaup Watershed Improve.	WANW-98-025	\$21,254	\$63,761	\$85,015
Mason County PUD #1	Hoodsport Water System Repairs	WANW-95-031	\$154,000	\$250,000	\$404,000
Port of Shelton	Hardwood Mill Infrastructure	WANW-95-032	\$247,800	\$174,500	\$422,300
Skokomish Tribe	Skokomish Farm Market	WANW-00-002	\$49,874	\$308,648	\$358,522





Economic Action Programs

One success story from Mason County, Washington



Port of Shelton Hardwood Mill Infrastructure

In the early 1990's, Mason County lost nearly 30% of its manufacturing jobs primarily due to the closing of Certified Aerospace, the County's second largest employer. Replacement of these high wage jobs became a priority for the Mason County Economic Development Council (EDC). In 1995, the EDC approached the Forest Service for assistance in the start-up of an old hardwood mill that had been closed since 1987.

Hardwoods, previously an underused species, provide the greatest opportunity for value added

manufacturing. To assist in the utilization of this added value, the FS provided a grant to the Port for construction of stormwater drainage, paving, upgrade of electrical service, sewer system, and natural gas line for kiln operations.

Today North Star Hardwood Mill employs up to sixty full time workers. The mill was so successful that the owners decided to expand and recently completed a small log stud mill which employs an additional 15 workers.



Applicant: Port of Shelton

Grant No: WANW-95-032

**USDA Forest Service
Funding: \$247,800**

Total Project Cost: \$422,300