Incentives for local measures and the role of catchment officers

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20 pilot areas with catchment officers

» Create local engagement

» Support land owners to perform more local voluntary measures

» Share experiences and knowledge as well as incentives and impediments for local action

» Financed 2019-2021

» LEVA- Local engagement for water
Chain of incentives for local voluntary measures in the agricultural landscape

Visible need for measures
- Planning on river basin level
- Local basic data
- Local coordination of measures

Acceptance to perform measures
- Responsibility for implementation
- Highlighting other benefits
- Local coordination of measures

Available and sufficient funding
- Long-term financing
- Local coordination of measures

Help with cost-effective planning of measures
- Local coordination of measures

Help with administration and physical measures
- Consultants
- Local coordination of measures

Visible results and appreciation
- Local basic data
- Local coordination of measures
The effects of coordination

» The catchment officers have been part of applying for 150 million SEK in grants/funding for local measures during 2019-2020

» This is a increased exchange of four times compared to the state funding of the catchment officers

» Local measures so far performed are for example wetlands, meandering, ponds, environmental ditch maintenance, spring processing and liming to improve soil structure
Summary

» Landowners want to perform voluntary measures, but lack of time, knowledge and economy can be a hindrance

» Catchment officers are a catalyst on a basin scale and for the individual farmer, creating incentives for implementing measures and increasing participation

» Continued improvement of the process of planning local measures is needed, from the national to the local scale

» SwAM proposes a long-term government initiative for catchment officers as well regional and national support for voluntary local action
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