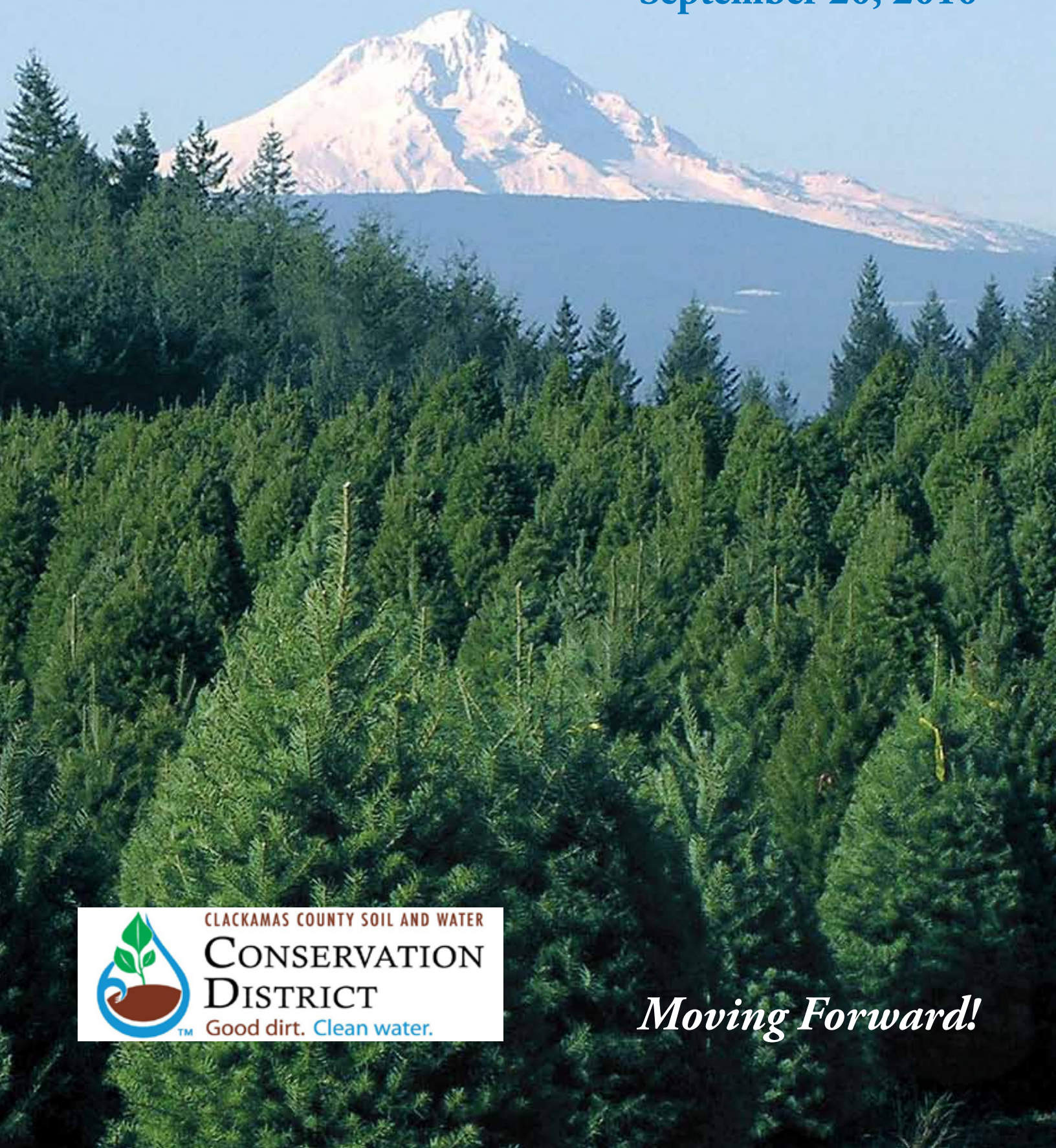


CLACKAMAS COUNTY SOIL AND WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT
2009-2010 Annual Report
September 20, 2010



Moving Forward!

**From the Chair
Jan Lee, Board of Directors**

Moving Forward in Conservation

The Clackamas County Soil and Water Conservation District is always moving forward. We bring the best conservation practices and assistance possible to the residents of Clackamas County. From the local feed store to your television set, you will find us reaching out with our expertise and assistance.

Our staff continues training in new techniques for composting, manure and organic waste digestion into alternative energy sources, and advances in rainwater harvesting. The incorporation of urban conservation strategies is allowing us to provide more help to our urban customers. And our ability to partner with other conservation groups and agencies have positioned us to be a key partner for developing a statewide weed database to track and control invasive species.

As a board member and chair of the Clackamas County Soil and Water Conservation District, and as president-elect of the Oregon Association of Conservation Districts, I will be carrying conservation and natural resource issues to the legislature and engaging our federal partners in conversations to bring more conservation funding and assistance home to Oregon.

**District Manager's Report
Tom Salzer, District Manager**

I may be a relative newcomer to the District, but I'm an old hand in the conservation district world. You have great folks working for you, and it is easy to be enthusiastic about our future despite the difficult economic conditions so many of us face.

I am delighted to report how effective your District has been this past year, and I'm excited about the vibrant programs we will be advancing in the coming year. We have some

new financial programs to help you, and we remain focused on finding ways to help you achieve your goals while conserving our natural resources.

The bedrock of our work is providing you with professional conservation assistance. We're very flexible, but we are unbending when it comes to the quality of our service to you.

And without you, we cannot succeed in conserving natural resources. We place great value in your trust and confidence, and we strive to provide professional, friendly service at all times. You are vitally important to us!

Caring, committed, capable conservationists - that's what you'll find at the Clackamas County Soil and Water Conservation District. We look forward to helping you with your conservation needs. Give us a call today at 503-655-3144!

Good dirt. Clean water.

**The Benefit of Your "Five Cents per
Thousand" for Conservation**

Using the tax assessment funds, we were able to bring in almost \$100,000 in state and local grant funds for projects and events in Clackamas County. This does not include the more than \$160,000 in federal funding commitments that the district staff, working with our partners, have secured for local producers and landowners.

We have provided direct financial assistance to landowners installing conservation practices and support to our watershed councils and farmer market partners.

As many folks have had to tighten their belts, we have worked hard to lower our costs without reducing services available to you. This coming year we are reducing the Conservation District's tax levy by 20%. We appreciate your support and look forward to providing conservation services to you.

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Clackamas SWCD Proudly Presents... Our 2010 Conservation Partner of the Year

Water has always been an interest for Jason Garvey. Even as a young boy growing up in Phoenix, he dreamed about moving somewhere cold so that when he opened the faucet, cold water would come flowing out.

Eventually Jason's interest grew from the consumption to the conservation of water. He migrated to the Portland area and began working with a local company who installed roof gutter systems. It was while staffing a roof gutter display at the Clackamas County Fair that Clair Klock of the Conservation District met Jason. Clair and Jason's discussion of gutters morphed into rainwater harvesting and that was the beginning of a very productive relationship for both!

The local gutter system company unfortunately closed down, but Jason decided to strike off on his own and started Portland Purple Water LLC. Jason knew he had the tools, or was willing to get them, to consolidate everything the homeowner would need to navigate the process of installing and successfully using a rainwater catchment system.

"It just makes so much sense," Jason exclaims as his eyes light up and he begins to discuss rainwater harvesting. It is obvious that his passion for water has continued long into adulthood and is passed along to the homeowners and commercial businesses that employ his services.

This passion for water conservation spilled over into volunteer work with the Conservation District. Even though much of his time is spent with his wife and two young sons, Jason is very generous with his and his employee's time to build rain barrels for the District's rain barrel sale. On sale day, they assisted the District in instructing the customers on how to connect and use the barrels. Jason also supports the District outreach efforts by speaking at our workshops. He provided rain barrel building instructions and constructed a rainwater harvesting display to promote the idea of water conservation and urban stormwater mitigation.

When asked to choose his most exciting project, Jason smiled and without hesitation said the Rainwater Harvesting and Rain Garden demonstration project at the Hollydale Elementary School in Gresham. Incorporated into this project is a bicycle pump that teaches the students that there is an energy component to receiving water from the faucet or hose bib. Eager kids line up to pedal the bicycle creating enough energy to run the pump and see water spray out of the hose. This is a lesson those tired children will not soon forget!

On the flip side, the most gratifying project of his career was his involvement in Haiti House. Jason is part of a team to design a home that is constructed out of materials that are readily available to victims of the 2010 earthquake in Haiti. Jason's role was to design gutters and a rain harvesting system. A prototype of the home is on display near the round in Beaverton. The end goal is to bring what he knows to as many people as possible ...Congratulations Jason!



Jason Garvey and Christine Hollenbeck with Clackamas River Water Providers at April 2010 Barrel Sale.

Conservation Investments Program Eann Rains, Program Coordinator

The Conservation Investments Program supports the District's mission and service delivery primarily through financial investments in natural resource conservation and leveraging of District funds. This program interfaces with the District's programs and supports the work of the District as a whole. District dollars have an even greater impact on the landscape when we partner with public entities, nonprofit organizations, and landowners to promote conservation and carry out projects.

Investment tools include:

The Dollars on the Ground Program,

affectionately known as "DOG", provides cost-share funding to landowners who are working with District or NRCS conservation technical staff to install recommended conservation practices, typically as part of an approved conservation plan. To date, funded projects include:

- Solar panels for a pump to water livestock and keep them out of a riparian area, in conjunction with Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) funding (farm DOG).
- Start-up funding for a restoration project on the grounds of a church (town DOG). Because District funding was used to get the project going, the church has since been able to acquire several thousand dollars of Metro and other grant funds to continue the project.
- Demonstration project to assess the benefits of utilizing sterile grass carp to reduce aquatic pond weeds (weed DOG).
- Invasive species/brush removal and site preparation for tree planting to supplement CREP funding on a riparian project (forest DOG).
- Fencing and livestock panels in a riparian area, in conjunction with Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) funds (farm DOG).
- Demonstration heavy-use area at a local horse stable (farm DOG).

Conservation Lending Program We are evaluating whether to start a program to provide low-interest loans for water quality and water conservation practices, which may include purchasing conservation-related equipment. Eann would welcome your suggestions: call 503-655-3144.

Local Partner Support The District provides assistance to partner organizations in a number of ways, including technical expertise for on-the-ground conservation projects and financial support to watershed councils and farmers markets. Support from the District has assisted partners in carrying out their core work and positioning themselves to secure grants and other funding.

Grants and Other Funds We assist landowners and project partners in applying for funding to implement on the ground conservation. Funding sources include the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB) small grants for restoration projects and USDA Farm Bill cost-share assistance (such as CREP and EQIP). The District also writes grant proposals to federal and state agencies and other potential funders. We often collaborate with our partners to enhance project design and implementation, and to produce more successful funding applications.

Land Conservation Building upon our history of service to landowners, the District is part of the Farmland Protection Coalition, a working group of public agencies and land trusts. Members share technical expertise, and potentially share financial resources, to ensure the long-term viability of working farmland and forestland.



Triploid Asian Grass Carp
Used for biocontrol of aquatic weeds, released in local pond. Project funded by the Clackamas SWCD DOG program.

WeedWise Sam Leininger, Program Manager

Invasive species are one of the most significant resource concerns to residents of Clackamas County. In the 2009-2010 fiscal year weed management and invasive species concerns comprised more than 27% of the requests from local residents for technical assistance. We provided technical assistance to 113 landowners to improve invasive species management on more than 1,200 acres of Clackamas County.

In addition to landowner technical assistance, the WeedWise program has continued to work with regional partners to enhance and coordinate weed control efforts. The WeedWise Program is an active participant in the Four County Cooperative Weed Management Area, the Northwest Weed Management Partnership and the Sandy Basin Vegetation Restoration Coalition. These collaborative efforts greatly increase the capacity, effectiveness, and efficiency of invasive species management activities across the District.

In the past year the WeedWise Program has also initiated a number of key program initiatives and projects. Successful projects completed in 2009-2010 include:

- Continued development of the Clackamas Weed Database which includes collaboration with the Oregon Invasive Species Council to develop a statewide website database. The project is currently slated for statewide implementation in 2010-2011.
- Development of the Clackamas Early Detection and Reporting System (CEDARS) which provides cost effective management strategy to combat new invaders in Clackamas County and is integrated with the Oregon Invasives Hotline (www.oregoninvasiveshotline.org).
- Working with a number of regional partners to initiate biological control methods, including the use of insects, fish, and grazing animals to control invasive species, thereby minimizing the need for chemical control methods.
- Planning and implementation of several priority weed control restoration projects within

the District totaling nearly 300 acres on both public and private lands.

Although the WeedWise Program has had a number of noteworthy accomplishments in 2009-2010, we are continuing to expand our efforts in 2010-2011. Planned activities for the coming year include expansion of the WeedWise Program technical assistance initiative, improvements to the WeedWise program webpage, development of a weed management calendar, expansion of our early detection and rapid response efforts, additional opportunities to train landowners how to identify and report new invasive species in Clackamas County and the implementation of several priority weed control restoration projects.

Please contact the WeedWise Program at clackamas.swcd@oacd.org or call 503-655-3144 if you would like additional information on any of our activities or if you have questions about a specific weed issue on your property.



Early Detection and Rapid Response.

The WeedWise Program began implementation of its rapid response program in 2009-2010. This small patch of Garlic Mustard (*Alliaria petiolata*) reported in Oregon City was removed to prevent setting seed. Additional expansion of the Early Detection and Rapid Response program is planned for the coming year.



Urban & Community Conservation Nikki Cerra, Conservation Specialist

Traditionally, Soil and Water Conservation Districts have focused on rural areas, leading many people to associate conservation districts only with rural conservation issues. To widen the association and make known that there is a program to assist Clackamas urban residents interested in conservation, much of the urban program effort in the past year and a half has focused on outreach.

Collaboration with Water Environment Services and Clackamas River Water Providers resulted in many successful rainwater harvesting and rain garden workshops. A rain garden is a vegetated, shallow depression that collects, absorbs, and filters stormwater runoff from impervious surfaces such as roofs, driveways, and sidewalks. Rain gardens reduce the amount of stormwater leaving your property and increase the amount of infiltration to groundwater. They help reduce the amount of stormwater and pollutants leaving urban properties and entering our waterways.

To accompany the workshops we created rain garden handouts and an article for several county newsletters and websites.

A new addition to our urban workshop series was a nativescaping class, developed to help urban residents interested in landscaping with native plants for themselves and for resident wildlife. In

conjunction with the workshops, display boards and brochures focusing on this topic were created to help convey the central messages at workshops and other outreach events. To further reach our urban dwellers, a birdscaping presentation was created as well as a soils presentation that will be incorporated into the nativescaping workshops in the future.

Our outreach efforts were successful this last year as the urban program is receiving many calls for assistance with rain gardens and nativescaping. Technical assistance for designing rain gardens was given to a number of private residents and groups, including a Montessori school in West Linn. Many other residents received "on the ground" help with nativescaping, including two projects specifically designed to help control erosion by using native plants.

Other areas of technical assistance this year included:

- consultation for the Juneberry Lane project, a new development of affordable Leader in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certified homes in Oregon City led by Clackamas Community Land Trust;
- consultation for new development at Clackamas Heights;
- a hedgerow design for Luscher Farms in Lake Oswego; and
- development of many tools for landowners such as bloom chart for native plants, plant lists for wet areas and erosion control and native bird handouts.

The urban program continued to develop and strengthen partnerships by:

- building relationships with key county staff for future opportunities and collaboration;
- serving on the water conservation campaign steering committee (with KOIN6 and other agency partners)
- serving on the Milwaukie Natural Resource Overlay Advisory Committee; and
- attending Oak Lodge Sanitary District Surface Water Strategy meetings

The groundwork laid over the past year will promote urban conservation in Clackamas County for years to come.



Nativescaping Display board to promote native plant use.

Riparian Restoration Jenne Reische, Program Specialist

This year the District expanded the Riparian Program beyond the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)! Riparian Specialist Jenne Reische is now planning and assisting landowners with funding riparian projects through the District's Dollars on the Ground (DOG) program, Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB) small grants program, and our newest addition - the CreekCare program.



Riparian Tree Planting

The CreekCare program is a combined effort between the District and Johnson Creek Watershed Council (JCWC). This is a pilot project limited to high-priority areas in the Upper Johnson Creek Watershed. CreekCare works with willing streamside property owners to restore riparian habitat and function. Landowners enrolled in the CreekCare program receive the services of the District, JCWC staff, and contracted crews, who restore degraded riparian areas by removing invasive weeds and planting native trees and shrubs. This project is funded in part by an OWEB grant awarded to JCWC.

The Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) has been actively applied in Clackamas County with five new contracts approved this year! Tree and shrub site preparation, invasive weed removal, and riparian

forest buffer practices were installed on those five sites and our veteran CREP participants were busy implementing their existing conservation plans. Wildlife structures incorporated into the CREP projects that were installed this year include bird boxes for swallow, western bluebird, chickadee, flicker and kestrel and bat boxes. In addition to our new CREP sign-ups we have three additional applicants who will be signing their contracts this fall.

In order to better serve riparian landowners in the county, our Riparian Specialist has completed several new certifications. Jenne received a Conservation Planner certification through the US Department of Agriculture Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS), a Public Pesticide certification through the Oregon Department of Agriculture and "Counting on the Environment: Credit and Verification" accreditation through the Willamette Partnership. The Counting on the Environment Credit is a pilot ecosystem credit accounting system that is funded by an NRCS Conservation Innovation Grant.

A national publication, John Deere's Homestead Magazine, printed an article on riparian restoration entitled "Go with the Flow" in the spring (March 2010) edition. This article featured an interview with our riparian specialist and our NRCS district conservationist. The photos highlight one of our previous CREP projects. Additional outreach targeting riparian management included an article on preventing streambank erosion that was published in a local e-newsletter this spring, and presenting information in a class at the Oregon State University Extension Tree School.



A Healthy Riparian Area

Information & Outreach Lisa Bucy, Coordinator

The delivery of information, transfer of knowledge and outreach are important tasks performed by every staff member at the Clackamas Soil and Water Conservation District. Tracking expenditures, writing and submitting press releases and sending calendar information to our ever-growing list of e-mail conservationists are just a few of activities that occur behind the scenes. These activities create opportunities for our conservation specialists and program coordinators to deliver their knowledge and assistance to you.

This year our Outreach program has focused on increasing the number of District's display events. We updated and created new handouts and kept our website current with activities and information. Twice this year we offered rain barrels for sale, taught landowners to identify new weeds, demonstrated how to string fence wire and collect soil samples.

Outreach to the future landowners of Clackamas County consisted of assisting a high school team to compete at a state-level natural resources competition called Envirothon. Our team brought home a sixth-place showing, a remarkable achievement for a first-year team!

Meeting and getting to know the many workshop participants, visitors at the fair booths, people at farmers markets and feed stores, and folks who call our office are constant reminders of why we make the effort every day to share our passion for conservation. Without you, we cannot be successful in helping people conserve natural resources!



Fall 2009 Board Tour of Projects



Samples of the District's new or updated publications in 2009-2010.

Given that 2009 was a challenging financial year for so many the Oregon City Farmers Market fared well by providing a complimentary mix of quality local products and actively educating customers through demonstrations, workshops and events!



This year the summer Saturday market was joined by a Wednesday afternoon/evening market and a winter market during the holiday season.

Regular editions of the Market Beet, a clever and well done newsletter, kept interest high and provided advertisement for the OSU Master Gardener and Family Food Educators food-growing workshops, chicken-keeping workshops, chef's demonstrations, "taste of the market" tables, Red Tractor Days, music groups, CCSWCD bird-scaping and rainwater harvesting workshops, to name a few highlights of this year's market season.

Rural Conservation

Clair Klock, Senior Conservationist; Jeremy Baker, Conservation Planner;
Jason Faucera, Conservation Planner; Jenne Reische, Riparian Specialist

The foundation of our service is providing technical assistance to individual landowners to achieve natural resource goals. The Clackamas Soil and Water Conservation District works with landowners around the county to provide this helpful, valued service. To ensure that landowners receive quality assistance, we have two certified conservation planners, a Journey Level conservation planner and an accredited rainwater harvesting professional on staff.

The issues our clients bring to us are highly varied and cover all aspects of natural resources. This year we produced thirteen full conservation plans dealing with irrigation systems and water management, pasture management and rotational grazing, integrated pest management, riparian buffers and weed management. We have an additional fifteen plans in various stages of development. We visited 114 landowners and provided direct conservation assistance to more than 200 residents. Many more folks have been assisted at our frequent presentations, workshops, display events, and by visiting our web site at <http://www.conservationdistrict.org>.

Our mission to provide quality technical assistance also revolves around an effective outreach program. Highlights of recent outreach work include pasture management workshops, an agricultural composting workshop and sustainability certification, as described below.

Healthy Pastures, Healthy Horses was a five-part workshop series that presented a personalized and detailed pathway for learning how to manage pastures and improve animal health. Hands-on activities included soil sampling techniques, interpreting soil nutrient results, calculating nutrient needs to maximize pasture, calibrating sprayers and building effective fences.

Agricultural Composting Resources & Education Series (ACRES) was a two-day Agricultural Composting Workshop to transfer composting knowledge for use by agricultural producers. Our co-sponsors were Oregon State University Extension and the Western Sustainable

Agriculture Research and Education Program. This class focused on different composting methods, facility design and location, environmental and regulatory concerns, equipment for agricultural composting, developing compost recipes and how to use the compost produced. Participants are expected to impart this knowledge on a much broader scale throughout the agricultural industry.

Sustainable & Environmentally Responsible Farming (SERF) Certification was developed with a group of natural resource professionals to achieve value-added eco-labeling for Christmas tree growers. The development team included the Pacific Northwest Christmas Tree Association, OSU Extension Service, Clackamas River Basin Council, Oregon Department of Agriculture and several local growers. The SERF certification outline and process have been completed and is now being trialed on several properties.

The *Equipment Rental for Conservation* program was just unveiling about this time last year. This rental program helps provide a means by which landowners can help themselves improve natural resources.

Managed by a local business (Fischer Mill Supply), the rental program is fully operational. Our 3-foot and 6-foot no-till drills have been rented out several times for reseeding of pastures and grass seed fields.

Equipment rental was slow this spring as we had one of the wettest springs on record which kept landowners out of the fields.

The majority of rentals are expected to occur in the fall.

We continue efforts to "get the word out" about our program, so keep an eye out for our red tractor on display at many local events!



USDA-NRCS
“On-the-Ground” Practices
Kris Homma, District Conservationist
Lee Ko, Water Quality Specialist

From October 1, 2009 to September 15, 2010, the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service in Clackamas County helped landowners to install 85 conservation practices with \$123,026 worth of federal cost-share money. In many cases, landowners leveraged their hard work to install the practices and used the cost-share dollars to pay for material and equipment costs. This year, we signed up 21 landowners who will be putting in \$232,987 dollars worth of projects in the future. Clackamas SWCD employees Jeremy Baker and Jenne Reische assisted with this year's planning and installation of conservation practices.

2010 Summary of Accomplishments

- New Conservation Plans on 1,456 acres
- Cropland with improved soil quality - 500 acres
- Land with improved water quality - 897 acres
- Land with improved irrigation efficiency - 126 acres
- Pastureland with conservation improvements - 297 acres
- Wildlife land with improved fish and wildlife habitat - 25 acres
- Forestland with protected and improved timber - 69 acres



Grower Christiane Preston installed a drip irrigation system that conserves water and reduces weeds and insects.



The Jack Perrin Family installed an evapotranspiration gauge and soil moisture sensors to fine tune irrigation practices on pasture and hayland.



Drizzlewood Farm installed a pasture fence to exclude cattle from an alder wetland in winter when soils are and “flash graze” weeds in summer when soils are dry.



The Schmid Family Farm planted a grass and clover cover crop between Marionberry rows to control weeds and add nitrogen.

Water Quality Projects

The Clackamas Water Quality Monitoring Program is an initiative undertaken through a partnership between the Clackamas County Soil and Water Conservation District and the Oregon Department of Agriculture. These agencies have a long standing commitment to promote the economic viability of our rural and agricultural communities while preserving the integrity of our natural resources. This water quality monitoring program was established to examine the effects that our land use practices have on water quality and ecological health.

Initiated in 2009, the Clackamas Water Quality Monitoring Program seeks to assess the relative impacts of urban and agricultural land use practices on water quality. Ten sites within the Deep Creek sub-basin of the Clackamas River were identified and sampled monthly. These sites were selected based on their accessibility, and relative distribution throughout the Deep Creek sub-basin.

The desired result of the Clackamas Water Quality Monitoring Program is a better understanding of the effects of various land use practices on water quality. These findings will allow us to offer more informed management choices to protect our natural resources without harming the economic viability of our urban and rural communities.



Jeremy Baker placing temperature probes in Dolan Creek.

Conservation on the Ground

Practices Implemented	Landowners participating	Total Units
Aquatic Weed Removal	1	2 acres
Invasive Species Removal	9	508 acres
Fencing	2	2575 feet
Grazing/Pasture Management	1	3 acres
Irrigation Water Management	3	33.4 acres
Micro-Irrigation	3	33.4 acres
Off Channel Watering Facility	1	1 ea
Riparian Forest Buffer, site prep	6	31.3 acres
Pipeline	1	1,100 feet
Upland Wildlife Habitat (Bird/Bat Boxes)	3	72.7 acres
Wetland Management	1	2 acres



Wildlife habitat bird boxes incorporated into this conservation project



Equipment Rental Program for Conservation displayed at county fair

Highlights of Outreach Activities

Workshops:

- Agricultural Composting Resources and Education Series with OSU Extension
- Birdscaping – Oregon City Farmers Market
- Board of Director's Tour of Projects
- Clackamas Early Detection And Reporting System (CEDARS) training (Canby, Happy Valley)
- Edible Landscapes (Welches)
- Golf Course Quality Lawns (Oregon City)
- Healthy Pastures, Healthy Horses – 5 part series (Clackamas)
- Nativescaping (Gladstone, West Linn)
- Rain Garden Design Class (West Linn)
- Rainwater Harvesting Class (Sandy, Molalla)
- Rainwater Harvesting and Rain Gardens (Oregon City, Damascus, Milwaukie, Estacada)
- Rainwater Harvesting System Design for Large (>550 gallon) Systems (Oregon City)
- Rainwater Harvesting Tour (fall)
- Rainwater Harvesting – Oregon City Farmers Market

Presentations:

- Invasive Weed presentation at Molalla Prairie Hamlet meeting
- Invasive weed training to City of Canby Public Works
- OSU Extension Tree School

Events:

- Catch Your Rain Barrel Sales (Fall and Spring)
- Clackamas County Fair
- Clackamas Lavender Festival
- Display at Spring Garden Fair (Canby)
- Farmers Markets – Milwaukie, Oregon City (2x), West Linn, Estacada, Sunnyside)
- Northwest Ag. Show
- North Willamette Horticultural Society Meeting
- Provided Free bus transportation to the OSU Small Farm Conference
- Springwater Grange Breakfast
- Springwater Grange Strawberry Festival
- Wilsonville Goat Appreciation Day

Feed Store Displays

- Ask Your Conservation Specialist! (Mulino, Borning, Molalla, Eagle Creek)

Display Boards:

- Equipment Rental Program for Conservation
- Nativescaping
- Rain Garden Design

Publications:

- An Introduction to Invasive Species - article
- Do You Have Stream Bank Erosion? Planting Native Trees May Help! - article
- Got Mud? - article
- Invasive Plants Banned In Oregon - article
- Save Money, Control Invasive Weeds - article
- The Garden Path to Rainwater Management - article
- Equipment Rental Program for Conservation factsheet
- Nativescaping Handout
- Rainwater harvesting Factsheet Update
- Rural Lifestyles and Pocket Guide (printing)
- Urban Weed Handout

Videos:

- Farm Fresh
- Waterlogged



Jason Faucera assisting visitors to the County Fair booth



Farm Fresh Video taping at West Linn Farmers Market

Clackamas County SWCD Mission Statement

To provide technical and practical services designed to conserve and use resources sustainably today and for future generations.

CLACKAMAS COUNTY SOIL AND WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT

A Look Back...

Last year, we honored Art Bridge with our 2009 Cooperator of the Year award for his conservation activities. This year, we followed up with Art and discovered the award had actually served another purpose.

According to Art, the award was more of an inspiration to continue doing what we, the stewards of the land, are supposed to be doing! The award encouraged Art to do more.

Since last fall, Art accomplished many additional projects on his property. He built an outdoor arena, composted manure, and thinned a wooded area to allow better growth. The products of composting and thinning were incorporated into plantings and trails to nourish his soil.

Art's great-grandfather passed on a deep appreciation for the beauty and renewal of the earth. At Timberline Meadow Ranch that legacy is alive and well!

The Clackamas County Soil and Water Conservation District (CCSWCD) prohibits discrimination in all of its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, sex, marital status, familial status, religion, sexual orientation, genetic information and political beliefs. CCSWCD is an equal opportunity provider and employer.