

Thank you for a great year

What a tremendous year we have had! Our board and staff devoted their time and energy toward helping people solve their conservation needs. The result? More on-the-ground conservation actions and more people assisted than ever before!

Our WeedWise program grew just in time to stop an Orange Hawkweed invasion. We expanded our treatment program for invasive species with the use of licensed contractors.

Our farm customers saw more of us this year. We worked to improve pastures, control mud and manure, and reduce runoff from rural lands. Manure composting is fast becoming a popular management tool.

Forget wildlife? Not a chance! From fish surveys to bird boxes and pollinator habitat, we continued to expand our efforts to improve wildlife habitat.

From pesticide roundups to finding new ways to make conservation more affordable, we were busy working “outside the box” to bring services and support to the landowners of Clackamas County.

On the business side, we began focusing revenue toward more on-the-ground actions. This trend will continue and expand in the next year. No problems were found in our annual audit.

On behalf of the entire Clackamas County Soil and Water Conservation District organization, thank you for your support throughout the year. Your help in conserving the natural resources that make this county such a wonderful place to live, work, and play is truly appreciated. We couldn’t do it without you!

Tom Salzer
 District Manager

Find out more about our activities and services at
www.conservationdistrict.org

Our Service Goals

- Hear our customers
- Deliver amazing service
- Get the most important work done

Water



Too much phosphorus!

A rural pond near Lone Elder was infested with Mosquito Fern. An alum treatment was part of the solution.



Mountain of manure? Compost it!

Aerated composting was the answer for a number of county landowners.



A water quality trifecta!

Rotational grazing, off-channel water access and heavy use areas all help protect water quality. Happy cows, happy fish!



Here fishy, fishy!

Streambank protection and habitat improvement on Milk Creek provide fish habitat and reduce erosion!



Natural function impaired.

Old weir dams keep spawning gravels and sediment from natural movement in streams. Fish habitat is impaired.



Sampling for pesticides.

Much preparation goes into sampling. Stream water in the Clackamas watershed was collected and tested for pesticides.

Weather



Rain or shine, follow the District weather station online. Check Weather Underground station KOROREGO14.



Weather can cause problems. Urban development as well as rural landuse may cause streams to flood quickly. Managing stormwater protects water quality.



Dragon boogers in Clackamas County!
Not an alien invasion, but a bryozoan growth reported by a concerned landowner.



Horse friendly county.
With one of the largest horse populations in the country, our challenge is assisting landowners with mud and manure management.

Weeds



Wanted dead!
Postcards alerting landowners to several target weed species kept our phones ringing all year long. Contract crews treated invasive weeds.



Orange Hawkweed explodes in Clackamas.
A visit to the Sandy River Expo resulted in the identification of this new invasive weed in Clackamas County.



Hogweed Rapid Response.
We identified and eradicated this occurrence within 48 hours of the report. Giant hogweed is a health hazard.

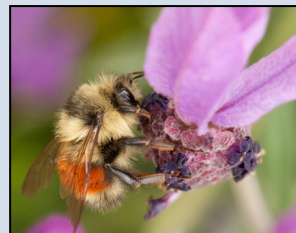


Cinnabar moth coming!
When tansy ragwort seems to take over the county, it takes the cinnabar moth time to reproduce in large enough numbers to control the tansy.

Wildlife



Crayfish indicator.
Intolerant of muddy or polluted waters, these crustaceans provide a vital clue to river health and changes in overall water quality.



Bee a Friend to Pollinators.
A local blueberry grower planted strips of pollinator attracting plants between fields to boost berry production.



Juvenile coho in Corral Creek!
Many fish species, including coho and migratory cutthroat use, Corral Creek for spawning and rearing.



Checking out the housing situation.
Nesting boxes to help wildlife survive loss of habitat is one way to lend a helping hand to our native wildlife.

Wildlands



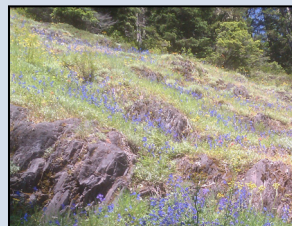
Oak prairie habitat.
Staff are working with local landowners to restore important oak habitat in the Willamette Valley.



Maintenance is the key!
Crews spray out weeds that compete with this riparian forest planting. Once trees are larger they shade out weeds.



Tax incentives for conservation.
We help landowners apply for riparian and wildlife habitat conservation programs that also reduce property taxes.



Protect the best.
Once treated, it is important to maintain habitat. This is an example of good habitat that is protected here in Clackamas County.

Workshops, Outreach and Education



Plant a dot!
Native plant coasters are embedded with seeds of native plants that attract native pollinators.



Getting wise to weeds.
Three workshops on weed identification, reporting and control were offered at several venues.



Weeds, camera, action!
Clair Klock explains damage caused by invasive species in a video shot by Clackamas County Cable. Find our videos at www.vimeo.com/ccswcd



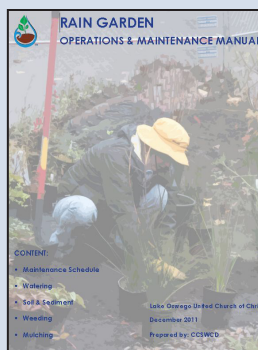
Pretty but Deadly!
Hundreds of calls resulted in lots of education. No county weed enforcement authority means control of tansy ragwort must be done by landowners.

Clackamas County Soil and Water Conservation District

Serving rural and urban Clackamas County landowners with natural resources issues since 1958.

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Upgraded displays.
New display equipment meant new banners and displays for public events. Our "Build a Habitat" banner and felt board earned the District a second place ribbon for our booth at the Clackamas County Fair!



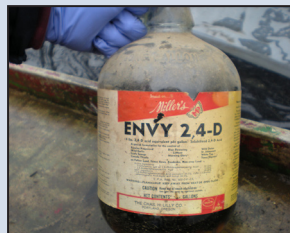
Owners Manual.
An operation and maintenance manual was developed for those installing rain gardens.

Working Together



Working with our future landowners!

Implementing urban conservation practices in schools with the participation of students has been a big hit.



Round 'em up, and move 'em out!

Free pesticide collection and disposal events were held spring and summer for county producers.



Depave it!

The Depave group, The District, and a local church partnered to remove pavement for a rain garden to capture stormwater.



Have native plants, will travel!

The District partnered with many groups in the County to rejuvenate this native plant garden.

Working Lands



Make way for the goats!

Goats are becoming more numerous in Clackamas County. Every day we are learning how to tailor our conservation practices to fit their needs.



What's in that soil?

Conservation planners work from the ground up. Soil testing is the first step in improving pasture condition and forage.



Lavender with a view!

Specialized crops such as lavender and cut flowers make this one of the most agriculturally diverse counties in Oregon.



There's a stream in there!

Exclusion fencing and a buffer with native trees and shrubs will provide filtration of runoff water and keep the stream cool.

Clackamas County Soil and Water Conservation District Audited Financial Report - Summarized July 1, 2011 - June 30, 2012

General Fund Summary - Beginning Balance as of 07/01/11	\$	2,069,509.47	*
General Fund Revenue			
Property Taxes	\$	1,592,696.09	
Income from Grants	\$	84,693.44	
Interest Income	\$	9,945.92	
Other Income	\$	20.10	
Total General Fund Revenues	\$	1,687,355.55	
General Fund Expenses			
Personal Services	\$	977,029.41	
Materials & Services	\$	240,203.17	
Partner Support	\$	137,512.83	
Operations/Programs	\$	152,893.14	
Training	\$	37,682.41	
Capital Outlay: Office & Field Equip	\$	26,685.59	
General Fund Expenses	\$	1,572,006.55	
General Fund Summary - Ending Balance as of 06/30/2012	\$	2,184,858.47	*
Restricted Funds - Beginning Balance as of 07/01/2011	\$	257,596.55	*
LGIP - Building Reserve Fund Transfers In	\$	120,000.00	
LGIP - Building Reserve Fund Interested Income	\$	1,546.06	
Restricted Funds - Ending Balance as of 06/30/2012	\$	379,142.61	*

*Restricted Fund balance is included in the General Funds Summary balance.

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