



# Upper Willamette

## Resource Conservation & Development Project Newsletter

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### DID YOU KNOW?

The Resource Conservation and Development program (RC&D) began with the National Food and Agriculture Act of 1962. It provided a means for Soil and Water Conservation Districts, local units of government and individuals to improve resource use within their counties or multi-county areas. The Act assures the help and cooperation of USDA agencies in carrying out RC&D planning and projects.

The Upper Willamette RC&D started in 1966. Sponsors from local governments and Soil and Water Districts held 77 meetings attended by some 1500 people to develop the initial program--now including Benton, Lane, Lincoln and Linn Counties.

Approximately 40 federal, state, county and local agencies have designated representatives to assist in the coordination, technical assistance, cost sharing, grants and loans necessary for the completion of RC&D measures. The Soil Conservation Service was assigned departmental leadership by USDA to administer the program.

Communities, districts and individuals can submit project ideas. There are six committees dealing in agricultural, woodland, wildlife, water, recreational and community resources. Service on any of these committees is encouraged. Give us a call!

### PLANNING FOR PHILOMATH

"Dear Philomath Citizens," began the letter from Mayor Martin Hoffman of Philomath. "This survey has been prepared by Philomath High School seniors, as a Modern Problems project. Its purpose is to incorporate your opinions into a Philomath general plan..."

That was in January and now surveys are in and being summarized by students in the social studies classes of Lyle Carter and Don Byers.

The District 4 Council of Governments has contracted to develop the Philomath plan. Marvin Gloege, COG director, believes the information from the survey will identify community goals for the comprehensive plan.

Student involvement was aided by OSU Extension Service specialist Dr. George Wyatt, responsible for developing new or additional projects involving youth with community development.

With citizen participation increasing in comprehensive planning, it is likely more and more high school students will be helping to "turn their towns on!" (The RC&D Community Planning and Development Committee goals for 1974 include helping schools with land-use information.)



Steve South, Corvallis planning staff, and John Wiegant, District 4 COG, are shown presenting land-use concepts and issues to Philomath High School students.

AGRICULTURE, HOME ECONOMICS, AND 4-H CLUB WORK

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RC&D committee goals were developed by 80 people attending the January 21st Planning meeting in Albany. Chairman Buck Nash is shown above getting the session off to a good start. With him (left to right) Otto Leever, treasurer and Slim Kasner, secretary.

#### NEW OFFICERS FOR 1974

On February 20, the Upper Willamette RC&D Project's annual meeting was held at the Country Kitchen, Corvallis. The day's program included a regular quarterly business meeting, approval of committee goals for 1974 and election of the Executive Board.

Officers of the Upper Willamette RC&D Project for 1974 are: W. G. (Buck) Nash, president; Don Fisher, vice pres.; H. J. (Slim) Kasner, secretary; and Otto Leever, treasurer. Executive Board members elected at large from the sponsoring county governments or SWCD's include Floyd Mullen, representing Linn County; Richard Parks, Benton SWCD; and A. L. Strand, Lincoln County.

New faces on the committees include Osburn (Ozzie) Shaw from Sweet Home, new chairman of the Recreation Committee, and his new executive secretary David Reed, OSU professor of the Recreation and Resource Management Department.

Merle Cook, Harrisburg, is now the chairman of the RC&D Water Development Committee, following the resignation of the long-serving and water-knowledgeable Paul Blazer of Eugene.

One important need is to locate and appoint a chairman for the Community Planning and Development Committee. Acting Chairman Tom Kerr, Lowell, will continue to assist but is not able to accept the full responsibility. Suggestions are surely welcome.

The 1974 "Program of Action" publication for the Upper Willamette RC&D, covering details of committee goals and long-range objectives, is being prepared. Individuals and agencies are encouraged to look over goal statements and assist with projects in their areas of interest.

While the planning session and annual meeting are still vivid, Chairman Nash encouraged the committees to zero in on their goals by holding spring meetings.

Springfield's millrace became a new measure to be sponsored by RC&D. Mike Kelly, city engineer, reported at the meeting on plans for development and received the support he requested. At present, the city is working with Georgia Pacific to acquire control of the millrace.

#### NATIONAL FOREST PLANS

The Willamette National Forest is engaged in a continuing long term comprehensive land use planning program for managing its 1,666,000 acres stretching some 110 miles along the western slopes of the Oregon Cascade Mountains.

In the initial phase, the objective is to prepare a land-use plan for the entire forest. This plan will provide general objectives and direction for the subsequent development of detailed land use plans for each of the planning units on the Forest. A planning unit is a geographic area of land characterized by a particular pattern of topography, climate or land use. The Willamette National Forest has been tentatively divided into eight planning units.

"Citizen input is very important to this plan, too," according to Sam Frear, Information Officer at WNF, Eugene. Some 140 responses on issues and concerns of National Forest management have been returned by citizens and summarized. In March a brochure and questionnaire will be distributed, including a request for comments on several assumptions about future use of these forest resources.

By July a draft of an environmental impact statement for multiple-use management alternatives for the Willamette National Forest should be ready for public review.





SWEET HOME SWEET with smiles! (Standing left to right) Mayor Ed Buhn, Chamber Secretary Mona Waibel, Chamber President Richard Meyers, (seated) Marie Nork and Faye Farrier; as the group received a first-place award in the 1973 Area Beautification Contest.

Other first-place winners were Florence and Coburg; Merit Awards were presented the communities of Lincoln City, Oakridge, Brownsville, Veneta and Lyons. The awards were a wooden plaque and flowering plum tree. The 1973 Awards Banquet on November 3rd officially ended the RC&D sponsorship of the Area Beautification Contest. Furthermore, at the February 20th meeting in Corvallis, the RC&D Area Beautification Committee was dissolved.

Archie Root, Veneta, former chairman of the RC&D Committee is now head of the Oregon Beautification Council sponsored by the Governor's Livable Oregon Committee. Archie's group met March 4th in Portland and made plans for an October "kick-off" of state-wide beautification projects.

The 1974 and 1975 efforts of the Oregon Beautification Council will be well-timed and coordinated with the 1976 Bicentennial celebration of our country's independence. It is our hope that communities in the RC&D area will continue their local beautification efforts and participate in the state-wide effort.

#### NEED A PROGRAM?

Chambers of Commerce, Service Clubs, civic groups, schools and SWCD's--one or all--might consider obtaining any of the following shows for viewing by their group:

If the audience will be 100 or more in number, Willamette Valley---Choices for the

Future is still very popular. It is a fast-moving, narrated, 25-minute slide show of Willamette Valley as it could become by 2001 with the help of planning, and how it could look if we continue on an unplanned basis. Contact Nancy Laney, schedule secretary, Local Government Relations Dept., Capitol Bldg., Salem (378-3732). A person from the Salem office brings the equipment and puts on the show.

Nancy Laney also schedules a new slide show called The Oregon Way. This program includes a speaker. It shows Oregon's governmental system and its response to citizen participation. It can be scheduled for less than 100 viewers.

Another program more specific to Lane County is Sea to Ski. This movie shows the general function of the departments of Lane County government, including planning, waste disposal, law and order, etc. It is an excellent view of the why and how of local government. Two copies are in use--one through Lane IED (342-5576) and one through the Lane Administrative Office (687-4207).

Timely, too is the work of the Oregon Coastal Conservation and Development Commission charged with presenting a plan to the 1975 Oregon Legislature, including methods for implementation, for the conservation and use of Oregon's coastal resources. An excellent slide show by OCC&DC tells the story of Oregon coast's development problems and opportunities. Contact Clarence Parker, OCC&DC, Box N, Florence (997-8248).



1974 Committee Chairmen: (left to right) seated--Tom Kerr, Community Planning & Development; Paul Blazer (former W.D.chm.); Mike Atkinson, Woodland. Back row--Merle Cook, Water Development; Clayton Wood, Agriculture; Osburn Shaw, Recreation; and Dave Shelgren, Wildlife.

## FOREST MANAGEMENT

Charles Sutherland, OSU forestry department encourages more small woodland owners to consider use of forestry management consultants, particularly if in doubt about marketing. "Oregon Forest Consultants and Services," is the title of the timely publication made available by the RC&D Woodland Committee last fall. According to Chairman Mike Atkinson, it is now available from the RC&D office in Eugene.

Use of this list and possibly consultant services seems particularly important with present high prices for logs.

According to Jim Prochnau of Jackson & Prochnau, Inc., consulting engineers in Albany, timber values have increased so rapidly that small forest owners cannot afford to haphazardly dispose of what may be a major asset.

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Consultants can help small woodland owners with cruising, logging methods, best markets for different sizes, shapes and species, reforestation after logging and compliance with the 1972 Oregon Forest Practices Act.

Forester Sutherland had another important and timely reminder for woodland owners--use long term capital gain for state and federal income taxes where possible. For ownership or cutting contracts over six months old, taxes could be half as much as when paying on a straight income basis.

Christmas tree producers or log sellers may qualify and checking with tax authorities could mean worthwhile savings.

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