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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

In 1968, the RC&D office distributed a map of the project area which listed a number of RC&D funded measures as well as major construction projects by some of the cooperating agencies. You will notice that the insert in this issue contains a selection of activities since 1970 illustrating the kinds of projects RC&D may fund, and the variety of projects agencies may undertake, as well as the coordinated effort involved.

GREENWAY

New legislation out of Salem has given the controversial Greenway development a new look as the Willamette River Greenway.

George Churchill, director of the project, reviewed the new law as guest speaker at the quarterly meeting of the Upper Willamette RC&D Project on September 26.

"The new policies recognize agricultural uses as compatible to the Greenway," Churchill said, "and the general policy will be to protect the natural environment and to preserve and restore historic sites along the Willamette."

It is expected that scenic easements will become the main method used for restoration and maintenance of the Greenway, and these easements will prohibit use or access by the public.

The four state parks and one recreation area in the new Willamette River Greenway project are: Dexter Park and Mt. Pisgah Recreation Area in Lane County; Bowers Rock, Linn; Lone Tree Bar, Marion and Yamhill; and Molalla in Clackamas County.

A plan for the development and management of the Greenway is to be completed within the first year--by October 5, 1974. It is being prepared in cooperation with local governments by the Oregon Transportation Commission and will be filed with county governments for public inspection.

According to George Churchill, the plan will be in sections corresponding to the four Council of Government units (COG's) extending from Lane to Multnomah Counties. Churchill urged citizens to attend public hearings planned for each COG area. Hearings with local people will improve the plan and allow for review before it is adopted.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Turner Bond, after serving as RC&D Community Development Specialist for less than a year, has returned to Bend, Oregon, to work at community development in Deschutes, Crook and Jefferson Counties. In addition to assisting communities, part of his duties there will include developing optimum use of high altitude photography as a tool for managing resources.

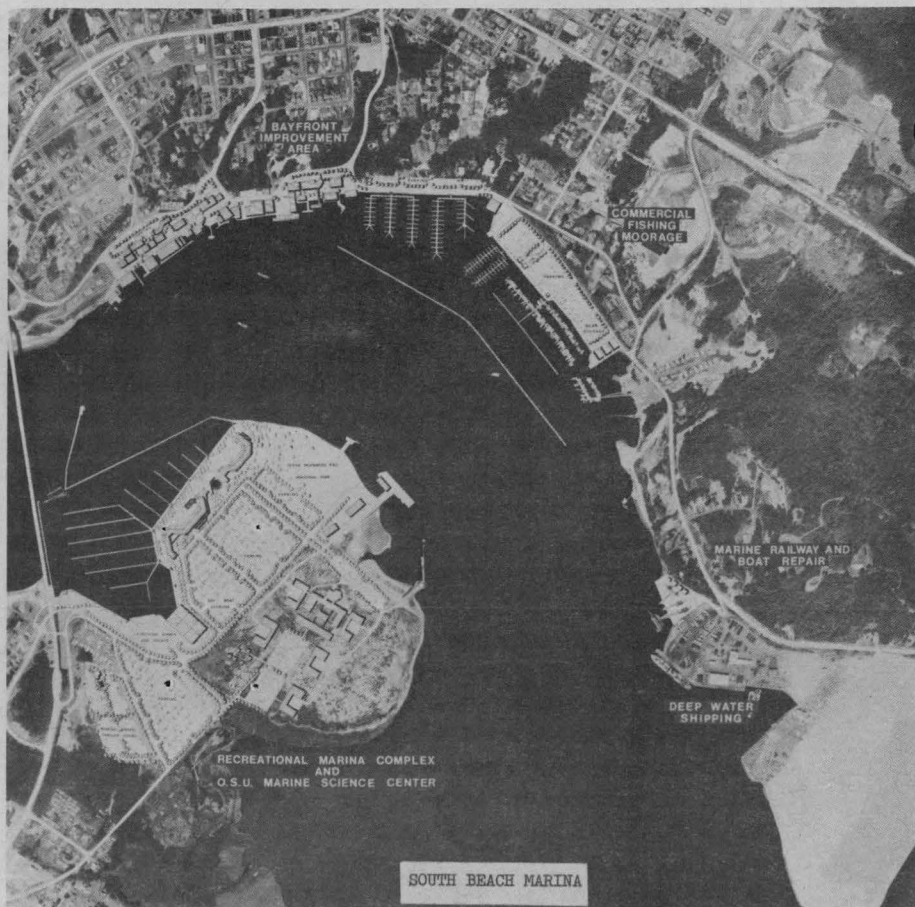
Central Oregon is a special study area for use of photography from the Earth Resources Technology Satellite, which pictures all of the earth's surface once every 18 days.

Bond's former position with the RC&D Project is now being handled by Jack Wood, Albany Extension agent in Community Development for Linn and Benton Counties, who will assume additional duties in Lane and Lincoln. The combination assignment was caused by reduction in funding for the RC&D post, which resulted in its being less than a full time position.

SOUTH BEACH MARINA

The inadequacy of Newport marine recreational facilities was brought to the attention of the RC&D Sponsors at their May quarterly meeting and a study was made to determine the feasibility of utilizing RC&D funding to accomplish a portion of the overall Yaquina Bay Marine Development Plan. Then at the September 26th quarterly meeting the sponsors accepted the South Beach Marina measure for RC&D technical and financial assistance.

This proposed new marina on the south shore of Yaquina Bay gained another step, according to Don Swift, chairman of the Port Commission at Newport, in his review of the project at the recent Upper Willamette RC&D meeting. Approval of the marina as a feasible Corps project is now pending in Washington, D.C. and is expected to provide half the cost of dredging and sea-wall construction, according to Ken Johnson and Lowell Alford reporting for the Corps.



Total cost for the marina project is estimated at \$10.6 million. The basic recreational facilities of the marina eligible for RC&D assistance plus the dredging and sea-wall work under the Corps of Engineers would cost an estimated \$2.2 million. Half of this could be provided through the respective agencies, with half expected from local sources. The larger portion of \$8.4 million would come from private, associated development of motel and food establishments, shops and marine services.

The marina is to be located west of the Marine Science Center, next to the new Oregon Aqua Foods fish rearing and marketing facilities, and just inland of the Yaquina Bay bridge. This location poses a minimum of influence on the estuary and is part of an acceptable plan for port and recreational growth. The Upper Yaquina Bay at Newport is now the first Oregon estuary to be zoned and protected from further unnatural disturbance and to do this the Port of Newport relinquished ownership of some 500 acres above the present deep-water dock area on the north side of the bay.

One of the first steps in the development plan for the area is the extension of sewer and water trunk lines from the present Newport systems to the South Shore, including the OSU Marine Science Center.

At the September meeting, the RC&D Sponsors voted unanimously to support this marina project, including the necessary search for funds--such as encouraging Congress to lift the \$250,000 limitation on Farmers Home Administration loans for RC&D projects.

THE A-B-C's

Though most everyone learned the A-B-C's, not all have yet put together the learning-by-doing and turned-on level of community improvement being demonstrated by participants of the Area Beautification Contest.

Archie Root, Veneta, Chairman of the RC&D Area Beautification Committee that sponsors the contest, reported at the October 3 quarterly RC&D meeting that the ABC would soon become a state-wide effort under the sponsorship of the Governor's Committee for a Livable Oregon.

Based on results of a September 8 meeting at Prineville with supporters of a state-wide contest, Archie pointed out that the state will be divided into 11 regions, each with a citizen committee needed to encourage and guide regional efforts. The present ABC would end with the November 3 awards banquet and become the Area Beautification Challenge under the Governor's Committee for a Livable Oregon. Also, Archie Root has been asked by the Governor to head up the new state program.

Important, too, in the timing of this state-wide beautification "Challenge" is the American Revolution Bicentennial program for July 1976, which seeks support of all communities and Americans in the nation's 200th anniversary.

Communities in this year's ABC included Lincoln City, Sweet Home, Oakridge, and Florence as cities of over 2,500 population; and Veneta, Brownsville, Coburg and Lyons as cities of less than 2,500 population.

The enthusiasm and accomplishment of many people, organizations and communities involved in the beautification program is also typified by the spirited and devoted judging committee--Mrs. Charles Bowles and Mr. and Mrs. John Chamberlain of Salem, and Earl Britton and Mrs. Craig Olson of Eugene.

As announced by general chairman Archie Root, the 1973 awards banquet for the eight participating communities will be held November 3, 6:30 p.m. at the Village Inn, in Springfield.

JUNK CAR DISPOSAL

Along with area or community beautification, progress with removal of junk cars is being made by city and county solid waste programs as well as through the efforts of the wrecking and salvage operators. Salvage metal prices as well as greatly improved smashing and shredding machinery have increased the number of old cars making a last trip.

Removal of car hulks from rural properties becomes proportional to their accessibility from all-weather roads and the value for parts and salvage metal. Some hulks, often the most unsightly, have so little value that property owners have to pay for them to be removed. County authorities, in addition to acting on increased numbers of complaints about unsightly cars, are in general accord that further removal in the more remote areas would depend on local and county efforts to provide a collecting point where hulks could be accumulated to 30 or more before salvage firms could afford to dispose of them expediently.

More and continued cooperation of rural landowners and tenants is also needed to request the removal of useless and unsightly derelicts. There is growing support, too, for adding a comparatively small fee to the initial purchase price so that the \$25 or so cost of ultimate disposal is paid from accumulated funds. This would be similar to the returnable bottle and can system that in the first year of operation is reported to have reduced this type litter along Oregon highways by 81 percent!

At any rate, old car and junk disposal, continues to be among the top projects identified for community beautification.

RC&D FORESTRY

There are fewer men and dollars to carry out the RC&D Woodland Committee goals. The State Farm Foresters will have as their number one priority the administration of the Forest Practices Act. Doug Cruickshank, Utilization and Marketing Forester, is still funded through RC&D and will be working half time on U&M in the project area and half time on farm forestry assignments in Lane County.

DEVELOPMENT IN FLOOD-PRONE AREAS

Jean Randall, Project Planner with the Lincoln County Resource Council reports that Lincoln County's revised Zoning Ordinance contains special standards for development in the flood plain. It requires that the elevation of the first floor of any new structure be a minimum of one foot above the flood elevation and that flood-proofing techniques be utilized.

This program has qualified Lincoln County residents for the National Flood Insurance Program which provides insurance coverage for damage resulting from flooding at subsidized rates, and has established development standards in order that damage to new structures will be alleviated.

WE WILL MISS

The familiar face of Clifford Soderstrom is no longer with us at our quarterly meetings. Dr. Fred C. Cleaver, Program Director for the National Marine Fisheries Service announced that the Eugene office has been closed and Clif is working out of Portland. He was agency representative for the Department since the RC&D Steering Committee days in 1965.

Retirement is the reason Warren Pressentin is not representing Willamette National Forest at the area meetings. We will miss this 1965 "veteran" too, and hope he can be persuaded to help the Woodland Committee achieve their annual goals.

Spencer T. "Tenny" Moore, supervisor of the Siuslaw National Forest since 1962 has begun new duties as supervisor of the Gifford Pinchot National Forest with headquarters at Vancouver, Washington.

Tom Kerr has resigned as senior planner for Lane County Planning Department. However, he hasn't left the area and is still acting chairman for our Community Planning and Development Committee. His replacement, Mike Copley, has been appointed by the Lane Board of Commissioners as their representative to the RC&D meetings.

Our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Glenn Scott. As chairman of the Siuslaw SWCD, he initiated coastal interest in extending the RC&D boundaries to include the western portion of Lane County.

Sympathy is also expressed for the loss of Fred D. Gustafson, Director of the State Water Resources Board who died Sept. 9.

This newsletter is a quarterly publication edited by the Community Development Specialist assigned to the Upper Willamette RC&D Project by Oregon State University Cooperative Extension Service. The Project is designed to accelerate resource development in the 4-county area of Lane, Lincoln, Linn and Benton Counties.

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