

Coast Fork Willamette Watershed Council Ed/Outreach Committee Meeting 7-15-08 Minutes

Attendees: Donna Long, Dave Cunningham, Gail Hemsoth, Pam Reber (Coordinator)
Special Guest: Jason Blazar (Pres. Camas Educ'l Network & Friends of Buford Park and Mt. Pisgah – camasnet.org)

Round robin of activities:

Pam: In reference to STREAM Program & Public Meetings. How can we build our capacity for public awareness? How can we build motivation for involvement?

Jason Blazar, Guest Speaker: Purpose of Camas Educ'l Network – to create learning networks engaged in restoration with a South Valley focus. Two programs are:

- A. School restoration – Kennedy school is involved with this
 1. Education re: open space value in urban communities
 2. Advocate limited or comprehensive enhancement program
 3. Passed out: Site Plan for Kennedy Alternative School
 4. Showed: Creslane Eleme School site plan (wetland)
- B. Community stewardship – outreach to youth/community to restore Campuses and parks
 1. “My Footprint” multimedia 20-30 min presentation to middle and high schools. Goal: to instill sense of resources needed for our lifestyle and repercussions. E.g., dams, salmon, drinking H2O. Includes ways they can offset (biking)
 2. Current Project: involve 8 different school groups in
 - a. learning history of environmental laws
 - b. ecology walks to nearby areas for high school students. E.g., regional park. Includes what cottonwoods age there tell us about hydrology of area
 3. Subset of ecology walk students
 - a. Service learning for 100-120 students
 - b. Control invasive and plant native species
 - c. 4 sites: South Eugene HS along Amazon Cr., Creswell Creslane Campus, Churchill HS, Kennedy Alt School
 - d. students can blog and exchange experiences across schools. Then bring them together to do a project at Hendrix Park (remove ivy and Buford Pk (remove false broome
 4. Partners in this project inc: Woodard Foundation, NW Youth Corps, Walam Restoration
 5. Future: To work together with Camas Educ'l network to integrate our message in the community.

Upcoming Events/Plans:

- A. Creswell Event-Living on the Land Stewardship for Small Acreages - 4 Thursdays 7/24 – 8/14 6:00 – 8:00 Creswell Community Center
8/14 What to do About Weeds
- B. Oregon Invasive Species Council July 22nd Summit - The council joined and Pam is attending.
- C. We will be applying for an Education/Outreach Grant in October. This grant application will be coordinated with Walama Restoration's work with STREAM in CG so as to prevent duplication and accomplish more.

Invasive Species Discussion

Field Guide to Weeds of the Willamette Valley was passed around.

Epicenter for false brome is Fall Creek

Locally our council's priority is to get information out on invasive species. Getting an inventory of what species are where in our watershed.

Resources: The BLM has botanists who will identify invasives.

Mt. Pisgah's website has a white paper on why they're a threat

Invasive Species Documentation & Report Form from Nature Conservancy
(Pam passed around)

Executive summary on 18 dams and species titled, "Exe. Summ: 2008

Willamette Project Biological Opinion

High priority is containing Japanese Knotweed

Do: Create links from our website to information on common invasive species and priorities for removal.

Submitted By,
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