Conservation Partnership Progress Report

Compiled by Tim Stieber, Executive Director

The core conservation partnership in Yamhill County consists of Yamhill Soil and Water Conservation District (YSWCD) led by seven elected directors, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), and the Yamhill Basin Council (YBC) led by stakeholder representatives from throughout the watershed. I have chosen to include these partners in my annual summary of progress this year, because we work closely with them throughout the year and our goals and mission are similar. The core partnership provided 9.25 FTE’s of staff toward conservation efforts within Yamhill county during FY 2008-2009. Approximately $500k in local funds leveraged $2.35 million in state and federal grants and programs during this period.

Conservation Programs

Thirty-six landowners are currently applying conservation practices using the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). Over 92 individual conservation practices are being applied over 3400 acres. This program is our workhorse for farm and forest lands. Senior Riparian Specialist Amie Loop-Frison is currently working with close to fifty landowners enrolled in the Conservation Reserve and Enhancement Program (CREP). They are planting riparian buffers along nearly 25 miles of stream throughout the county. Seventy-seven landowners are enrolled in the Conservation Security Program (CSP) and have agreed to continue applying good conservation practices on close to 27,112 acres. USDA staff continue to work with these landowners on compliance and eligibility. The Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP) was used by 25 landowners this past year to install raptor poles on 3000 acres of grass seed to reduce vole populations with pesticides.

Land Protection

The district currently holds four permanent land protection easements totaling 1,112 acres. In addition, USDA-NRCS has acquired nine permanent wetland and floodplain easements totaling 674 acres. Each of these easements was monitored throughout the year and several new landowners have shown interest developing easements. The district became a founding member of the Yamhill Partners For Land and Water – a group focused on protecting valuable resource lands throughout the county. We’ll hear more from this group as it develops further. A resource inventory was completed for Chegwyn Farm this past year. This 170 acre property recently acquired by YSWCD will be managed as a working farm with some educational venues developed over time. Miller Woods continues to be used by local schools for outdoor education. Yamhill Basin Council continued to conduct water quality monitoring using grant funds and partnering with DEQ to investigate E coli, pesticides, nutrients, and temperature in areas streams.

Landowner Assistance

This past year over 1100 landowners requested and received assistance from the partnership. Over 400 site visits were made to evaluate conditions, provide recommendations to landowners, and plan future work. In addition to the landowners enrolled in USDA programs, 18 landowner projects were active during the past fiscal year through funding from OWEB, DEQ, BLM, and others. Upland prairie restoration work to rebuild Fender’s blue butterfly populations and their host plant Kinkaid’s lupine was conducted on 23 sites throughout the county through support from USFW, ODFW, and The Nature Conservancy. YBC completed its technical design grant focused on improving Gooseneck Creek and has been awarded a grant from OWEB to begin construction of fish habitat and bank stabilization structures.

Education and Outreach Activities

Eight workshops were sponsored reaching 293, twenty presentations were made reaching 1526 adults with an additional six presentations
A Note from Chad

There is a new kid on the conservation program block, and its name is the Conservation Stewardship Program. Agricultural producers and operators of non-industrial private forests are urged to apply for the new Conservation Stewardship Program before September 30 to be considered for this year’s funding. Through this voluntary program, producers have the opportunity to receive conservation payments through the USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

NRCS is accepting applications on a continuous basis. Applicants will be evaluated and ranked for funding competitively within the state, based on the conservation they agree to install and maintain on their land. As more applications are accepted through the continuous signup in future years, competition for enrollment is likely to increase.

In Oregon, individuals, entities and tribes have the opportunity to enroll just over 200,000 acres of working cropland, grazing land, or non-industrial private forestland in Fiscal Year 2009. Payment rates have not been established; however national estimates for projected payment ranges have been released.

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<th>Natural Resource Type</th>
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<td>Establishment of Resource Conservation Crop Rotations</td>
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Final payment rates will be determined this fall, and pre-approved 2009 applicants will be notified of their payments, which cannot exceed $40,000 per year. Those who then decide to enter into a program contract will receive their first annual payment in October of 2010.

For participation in 2009, applicants must complete the following steps before September 30:
1. Complete a Self-Screening Checklist to determine if the program is a good fit.
2. Work with the local USDA Service Center to verify program eligibility.
3. Submit a program application form.
4. Submit an operation map, aerial photograph or overlay.

Once these steps are completed, NRCS will work with applicants to gather further information about the land, select additional conservation activities, conduct field visits, and develop a stewardship plan. For additional information about the Conservation Stewardship Program, please go online to: [http://www.or.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/csp/index.html](http://www.or.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/csp/index.html) or visit the McMinnville NRCS office on 2200 SW 2nd St, McMinnville. Or you may contact me at the number below.

Chad Chereiko, District Conservationist
503-472-1474 ext.101

“NRCS is an Equal Opportunity Employer and Provider”
reaching 150 students. The annual Woodland Tour brought 443 fifth graders to Cruickshank’s forest for a two hour program. Over 1200 students received outdoor science instruction at Miller Woods. A joint newsletter with SWCD, YBC, and USDA provided information to 3400 in hardcopy and many more online. The district web site received over 185,000 hits from 10,410 unique visitors during the fiscal year. In addition to standard news releases, YSWCD and YBC were mentioned in 37 newspaper articles during the year. Volunteering is an effective way to connect people to natural resources. Over 5200 volunteer hours were registered from 252 people during the year on SWCD and YBC projects and activities.

Financial Contribution of Conservation Partnership

Total investment by the core conservation partnership during the period July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009 was $2.86 million (Table 1). Funds from local (17.7%) state (10.4%) and federal (71.2%) were all important to the overall effort. Close to $500k was spent to support 9.25 Full Time Equivalents (FTE’s) staff with the three organizations. These staff utilized USDA programs and state and federal grants to apply conservation practices with over $2.0 million spent on practices over a one year period. Each dollar invested in staff brought about at least four dollars in conservation practices on the ground. Staff time also included organizational management, fiscal management, outreach to the public, and oversight for programs and projects with landowners. Especially favorable is the return on investment for the local tax payers from Yamhill County. The $210,767 provided YSWD from its local tax base returned 1.7X in grant funds and 8.5X in federal funds from outside the county.

Table 1. Local, State, and Federal Funds related to the conservation partnership. FY 2008-2009.

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Sid Friedman Receives Conservation Award  Sid Friedman was nominated to receive the 2009 Conservation Landowner Award from Yamhill SWCD for conservation practices he has implemented on his 169 acre property and for his extensive work to support resource lands in Yamhill county. The nomination was forwarded by Director Sam Sweeney at the August SWCD Board meeting and the vote to select Sid for the award was unanimous.

Sid has lived in Oregon for over 30 years arriving in Yamhill County in 1983. He operated a small landscaping firm, working hard to build the company with a boots on the ground approach. As part of his business, he had an opportunity to travel throughout the County and became very knowledgeable about Yamhill County natural resources. The landscaping business was very successful and it expanded, and he later sold it to his employees. While living in Newberg, Sid served on the Planning Commission for the city and through study and review of land issues became recognized as one who understood Oregon land use laws and could also explain them to the general public. He also served several terms as a member of the Yamhill County Planning
New Art to Support the YBC
Purchase a limited edition "Kingfishers Courtship" print (right), painted by local artist Terry Peasley, and support the YBC. See the YBC website (www.co.yamhill.or.us/ybc) for prices and ordering information.

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Fundraising News
The Yamhill Basin Council is proud to announce that the Yamhill Watershed Stewardship Fund, the non-profit 501-c-3 group that the YBC created in 2005, has now become an independent organization. We wish them well with their own programs for open space, education, and environmental advocacy.

Since the YWSF is now independent from us, they are no longer the fundraising entity for the Yamhill Basin Council. Donations can be made directly to the YBC. Please make checks payable to the Yamhill Basin Council at PO Box 1517, McMinnville, OR 97128-1517.

As you know, state funding is down this biennium, so we rely on your financial support to fund some of our programs. Please watch your mail/email and our website for information about our fall fundraising and volunteer appreciation event. Until then, the first 20 people who donate $30 or more to the YBC will receive a free African violet house plant. Thank you for your past and continued support of the Yamhill Basin Council!

Restoration Project Updates
Goose Creek: Construction is finally underway for this long-awaited project to restore a section of the creek! Reopening a historic side channel will help slow high water flows. Log and boulder structures will help decrease erosion, and will provide pool-riffle habitat for salmon. Root wad logs will provide habitat for native fish, western pond turtles, red-legged frogs, and Pacific lamprey. Watch our website for photos as the project progresses.

Deer Creek Prairie: We have eradicated many invasive plants from the site, and will soon be using a no-till drill to plant native seeds. We hope to have many native wildflowers blooming next spring, hosting native pollinators and birds. We will continue to remove invasive plants as they re-emerge.

Muddy Creek: A riparian site on Muddy Creek has fewer invasive plants now thanks to the tireless work of a landowner and a contractor. We will plant native trees and shrubs in the spring to restore the natural landscape.

Site Tour: We will be hosting a site tour in the spring. Watch the next newsletter for more details.
It’s “No Bull” When it Comes to the Bullfrog
By: Annette Frank, YBC Council Member

What is in a name? If your name is Rana catesbeiana, commonly known as the bullfrog, there is a lot in the name, and that is no bull. In fact, the bullfrog is not native to the Northwest. They are native in North America only east of the Rocky Mountains, and were brought here in the 1920’s to be raised for food. It was an accepted practice in those days to introduce non-native species thought to provide auxiliary value. The bullfrog has thrived here in Oregon, and was classified as a game fish requiring a fishing license up until 2000.

Bullfrogs love warm water such as in year-round still-water ponds, and lakes with many water plants. This typifies the farm pond, backyard water feature, or backwater slough. Are you unknowingly enabling this silent invasion? Why should you be concerned?

As these glutinous bullfrogs move into an area they eat anything and everything they can catch, causing some local populations of native frogs and snakes to the brink of extinction, resulting in altered local habitats. The altered habitat, often already in a weakened state, becomes weaker making it difficult for ecosystems to return to their healthiest state. This can have devastating effects on sport fishing, economics, and aesthetics. Because the bullfrogs prey on native fish, amphibians, reptiles, mammals, and birds, and there are no natural predators of the bullfrogs here in the Northwest, there is nothing to control their population. In short, they are more than just a nuisance; they are a threat to the health of the entire northwest ecosystem.

What can you do to help eradicate this threat? Take time to educate yourself and others. If you have a backyard pond, farm pond, or backwater slough near you, take the necessary steps to make these waters less inviting to the bullfrog.

For more information about the bullfrog, please see the on-line resources:

Oregon Field Guide: Bullfrog Research at OSU

Alien Species in Cahoots

OPB: The Silent Invasion

Invading Bullfrogs Appear Nearly Unstoppable

Identification Guide

Mailing List Update:

We are in the process of updating our mail/email/volunteer list. Right now it’s all one big list. We want to make a database that will allow you to receive only the information from us that you are interested in. If you want this newsletter or other information only by mail, or only by email, we can do that. If you only want notices of volunteer opportunities, we can do that, too. Well, it will be possible as soon as we get a volunteer to help me fix our current database. So, if you are a database wizard and you would like to help the YBC, please call Jean at the YBC Office. Thank you!
The Green Builder's Guild of McMinnville is an organization made up of building professionals dedicated to promoting healthier, resource-efficient homes and buildings. They strive to advance the craft of green building; support our members' environmentally-responsible efforts; and to be the focal point for communication on green building. Their vision is to empower people to build healthy, resource-efficient communities. The Green Builders Guild recently sponsored a “Green Zone” booth at the Who's on Third event this past July which educated many residents about green building techniques and also raised much needed funding for Miller Woods.

Members of the Green Builder’s Guild Steering Committee including Iain Harrison with New Energy Timberworks, Shan Stassens with Winsome Homes LLC, Gary Johnson with Sage Valley Homes, Wendy Stassens with Bella Casa Real Estate Group, Frank Barns with Rocky Ridge Construction and Jay Jaeger with Amvic Block made up the committee in charge of the anchor booth in the Green Zone. The booth included solar panels, high efficiency heating systems, an ICF block display, a sample wall of different insulation options and reclaimed wood flooring among other examples of green technologies. In addition, the Guild distributed 800 tree seedlings and Iain Harrison and his team at New Energy Timberwork donated a custom built pergola. The pergola formed the booth framework and was raffled off to benefit Miller Woods, raising almost $700. The winner of the pergola was Ed Lee of McMinnville and Sue Ammiro also of McMinnville was second place winner of 8 bottles of local wine.

One of the desired results of building green is to preserve natural spaces like Miller Woods. Making this conservation area available for educational opportunities for all generations but particularly for our children is essential to create a sustainable future for our community. Yamhill SWCD is proud to add the Green Builder’s Guild of McMinnville to our list of community supporters working to make Miller Woods a success.

Thank you for your support!

**Farmers Market Outreach**

District Staff have been using the McMinnville Farmers Market (Thursdays 1:30-6pm) to conduct Natural Resources education. Booth Displays have been developed for each month from May through September. Topics Education and Outreach include: Native Plants & Forestry, Soil, Water, Noxious Weeds and Wildlife.

Each booth has items for sale such as shirts, posters, books and many FREE items and informational materials. (Sale items available at our districts office and at our booth are listed on pg 10 of this newsletter)
These are highlights of the financial activities and financial position of Yamhill Soil and Water Conservation District (YSWCD) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009. Yamhill SWCD is classified as a Special District by the State of Oregon and is officially a sub-division of state government. The district obtains funding through a district-wide tax base, grants, contracts, fundraisers, and donations. District funds are audited annually by an independent auditor. Questions related to district funds can be directed to Yamhill SWCD’s Executive Director (tim.stieber@or.nacdnet.net).

The beginning fund balance on July 1, 2008 was $422,207.60 and ending fund balance on June 30, 2009 $656,873.72. All district funds ended the 2008-2009 fiscal year with positive ending fund balances (Table 1). A 75 year land lease with the City of McMinnville to build a park near Grandhaven School brought in $200,000 which was applied to the Education Projects Fund and the Building reserve Fund.

Total annual revenues were $1,389,624.67 including carry forward funds (30%) grants (26%) and tax base income (15%). Grant funds were obtained from the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB), the Oregon Department of Agriculture, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, and other funding agencies. Expenditures for the year totaled $732,750.95 with 47% expensed for personnel costs, 18% for contract services, and 8.5% for project supplies. Capitol acquisitions during the year included a Kubota tractor with implements and computing equipment.

Property acquisition during this fiscal year included the 170 acre Chegwyn Farm which will be maintained as a working farm property with some educational programs developed over time.

Table 1. Revenue and expenditures for Yamhill SWCD, 2008 – 2009 fiscal year.

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Miller Woods Update

The OYCC is a state granting agency that sponsors individual and local programs in every county in Oregon, often utilizing federal funds. Working for a summer at OYCC is more than just a job. The program was established by the Oregon Legislature in 1987 to increase educational training and employment for youth; to improve work skills; instill a strong work ethic and increase employability; and to increase social skills such as tolerance, diversity, team work, social responsibility, and appreciation of the environment. Two different OYCC youth crews provided assistance to Yamhill SWCD this summer. Youth crew members were from the surrounding area.

Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde - Natural Resource Department OYCC Crew

Becca West, Youth Crew Supervisor, Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde

Youth Conservation Corps (OYCC) and the Natural Resources Division of The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde have partnered for 19 years to run a Summer Youth program. The number of youth interested in the program has grown dramatically in the last couple of years, as has the number of requests for crew assistance for a variety of work projects. This year was one of the largest and most active programs to date. This OYCC team started work on July 6th and finished August 21st. Their main work project is restoring and building new trail for the Tillamook Trail on reservation land. In order to diversify their work for the summer they participate in serving with organizations and doing community service. Yamhill Soil and Water Conservation District utilized 30 youth and three crew leaders to control competing weeds in its nectar plantings for butterfly habitat and to water trees at its Miller Woods property.

Yamhill County Juvenile Department OYCC Crew Dawn Miller, Crew Leader

This crew (one leader and five youth) has primarily been working on the trail network at Miller Woods all summer. They completed the outer loop trail and other trail segments that will provide over five miles of hiking through a variety of interesting forests and meadows. Building trail has involved constructing trails to an even and gentle grade, removing vegetation, grubbing out roots, and occasionally building log cribs and bridges to cross rough areas. The crew has contended with dirt, dust, the summer heat wave, occasional hornet attacks, and other obstacles. Their sacrifice and hard work is greatly appreciated and will provide a fine trail system for future generations to use and enjoy.
The City of McMinnville Parks and Recreation Department offered an outdoor science exploration class at Miller Woods this past June and July. Laura McMasters of Nature’s Ways was the professional nature guide for this offering. She escorted students around Miller Woods collecting samples which were then brought back to headquarters to be examined under microscopes. Snakes and other interesting critters were also brought in by the instructor to keep things lively. This class was popular and will be offered in the future. Watch McMinnville Parks and Recreation publications for dates and times.

For opportunities to Volunteer at Miller Woods helping with classes, tours or maintenance please contact Josie at 503-472-6403 or email her at josiereid@yamhillswcd.org. To become a Member visit www.millerwoods.org.

Sid at Easement signing in 2007 with SWCD Chair Jim LeTourneux
**Posters for Sale**

- Garden Herbs: $5.00
- Rain Garden: $5.00
- Giant Sequoia: $6.00
- Pacific Ninebark: $6.00
- Oregon Grape: $6.00
- Pacific Yew: $6.00

**T-Shirts for SALE**

- "Dirty Shirt": $10.00
- Pacific Ninebark: $10.00
- Oregon Grape: $10.00
- Pacific Yew: $5.00

**Books for SALE**

- Plants of the Pacific Northwest Coast: $10.00
- Field Guide to Weeds of the Willamette Valley: $20.00
- Field Guide to Weeds of the Willamette Valley (revised): $5.00

**Bird Boxes for SALE**

- $1: $15.00
Red or White... Is My Wine Green?
“Five questions to ask your favorite local winery”
By Michael Crabtree

The wine industry in Yamhill County is a vital industry that provides a huge economic boost to local businesses. Local wineries support many philanthropic events in the county by making generous donations. Over the years, wineries and vineyards have worked hard to make their operations friendly to the environment as well as the community. But, not all vineyards are as green as others. This is a list of questions that can be asked to find out just how green your favorite winery is.

Are you LIVE certified?
LIVE (Low Input Viticulture and Enology) is a third party certifier of vineyards that want to uphold the high standards of sustainability and environmental consideration. If you see the LIVE logo on your wine bottle, you can be sure that your wine is “Green”. Learn more about live at www.liveinc.org.

Do you use permanent cover between your rows?
Permanent cover between rows limits the amount of erosion and runoff of soil on vineyard ground. Most vineyards are located on steep south facing slope. Those slopes are usually considered highly erodible land (HEL). Agriculture operations on HEL ground need to be very proactive with their erosion control practices in order to limit erosion.

Do you use a renewable energy source to offset some of the energy demands of the operation?
Many wineries and vineyards are now using wind, solar and biodiesel for the energy and fuel on the property.

How do you promote wildlife habitat on the property?
Vineyards can do many things for wildlife. They can boost pollinator populations by planting nectar plants. They can install bird boxes and raptor poles. Wildlife corridors can be created when fencing vineyards to give deer pathways from one wildlife area to another without disturbing the grapes. Native oak savannah areas can be left undeveloped to promote wildlife habitat. These are just a few things.

What types of fertilizers and pesticides are used on the property and what is being done to ensure that chemicals are being applied only when necessary?
Vineyards are now using data from soil tests and leaf tissue analysis to develop a nutrient management plan. These plans help them to know when to apply products to the plants. They also use mildew detectors to tell the vineyard managers when to spray fungicides. These practices result the healthy grape vines that have had the least amount of applications possible.

Questions? Contact Michael Crabtree at 503-472-1474 x 118

Native Pollinator Information

The Yamhill Soil and Water Conservation District has CDs available with information on native pollinators. There are a number of articles on the CD that focus on the benefits of native pollinators and the type of things landowners can do to create and / or enhance pollinator habitat on their properties.

If you are interested, contact Michael Crabtree at 503-472-1474 x 118. He will make a copy for you to come in and pick up.
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**YOU'RE INVITED TO**

Yamhill SWCD’s 56th Annual Celebration
Thursday, October 15, 2009, 5:30-8:00pm
At The Grand Ballroom
325 NE Third St
McMinnville, Oregon 97128
Speaker: Dr. Brenda Bateman of Oregon Water Resources Department
Catering by: Fresh Palate Café
Dinner cost $10 per person
to be paid at the door
Please **RSVP** by Wednesday, October 14th, 2009
**Email:** JosieReid@yamhillswcd.org
Or call 503-472-1474 x 102

**Join us!**

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Annual Native Plant Sale to Benefit Miller Woods
is Scheduled for February 11 – 13, 2010.
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