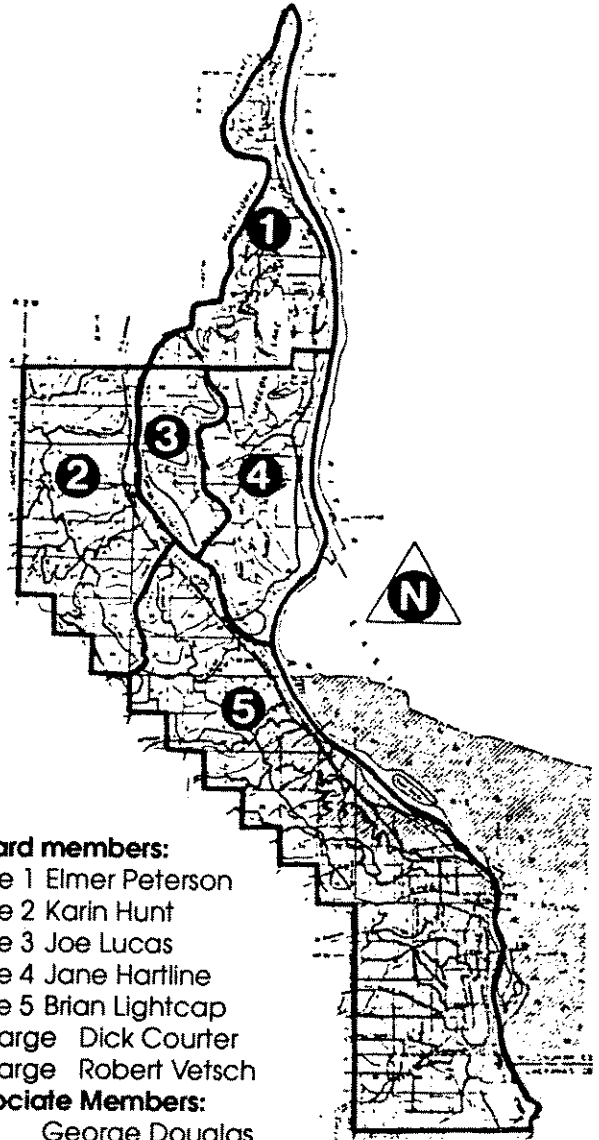


*West Multnomah
Soil and Water
Conservation District*
ANNUAL REPORT

Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District
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- George Douglas
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- Ivy Frances
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**July 1 - June 30
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DISTRICT HISTORY

In 1944 Sauvie Island (West Multnomah) Soil and Water Conservation District became the ninth District in Oregon. It was formed on the geographic basis of the Sauvie Island Drainage District.

The District needed drainage and associated cropping practices in the 13,636 acres of the area and entered into a working agreement with the Soil Conservation Service.

The first addition to the District was made in 1946 upon the application of 20 landowners managing 4,173 acres. This area included the Columbia Drainage District No. 1 which had been formed in 1921.

The second addition to the Sauvie Island District in 1957 covered 11,691 acres in Columbia County. It included overflow lands used a grazing and recreation land administered by the Oregon Game Commission.

In 1961 the third and largest addition was made to the District. It was also the most far-reaching, as it covered 54,000 acres and included portions of the City of Portland, as well as rural areas.

Except for about 3,000 acre of overflow land, the addition was composed of higher elevation lands than the rest of the Island. Now Sauvie Island (West Multnomah) Soil and Water Conservation District included all of Multnomah County west of the Willamette River and a small portion of Columbia County on Sauvie Island.

The last addition introduced a new group of complex problems to the District. It added the enterprises of the West Hills and a variety of soil and water problems related to urban areas as well as agriculture.

In May of 1974 the board expanded to seven directors. In November of that year directors were elected on the general ballot by the vote of the people. At the time the board of directors voted to change the name of the Sauvie Island District. The new name - West Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District - indicates the board's larger area of responsibility.

In 1989, Multnomah County recognized the effectiveness of the Board by increasing their funding. In cooperation with East Multnomah SWCD, the District hired two part-time staff. The County reaffirmed their commitment to the District in 1990 by again increasing funding. With this money the Districts were very active in obtaining grants for project in West Multnomah County.

The County has had to cut funding for 1991 due to Measure 5. The District is presently looking for other ways to raise funds to maintain their programs.

1991-92 ANNUAL WORK PLAN

Our goals for the coming year:

- * Continue forestry program which includes identifying privately owned woodlands, conduct woodland workshops, encourage forest conservation plans, encourage Oregon Association of Conservation Districts to participate in the State Tree Farm Committee and develop a forestry program database.
- * Develop land use information packet on conservation for Multnomah County landowners.
- * Sponsor informational workshops for land owners.
- * Participate with the City of Portland Parks in Oregon Youth Conservation Corp. working primarily on Balch Creek.
- * Continue facilitating the Balch Creek Corridor Committee.
- * Provide planning and technical assistance for conservation plan development and project implementation for West Multnomah S.W.C.D. cooperators.
- * Provide comments on permits for projects relating to land use issues.
- * Continue participation on the Sturgeon Lake Management Council for operation and maintenance of Sturgeon Lake Restoration Project, and project monitoring.
- * Facilitate revision of Sauvie Island Wildlife Management Area Coordinated Resource Management Plan.
- * Strive to implement provisions of Lower Columbia Goose Depredation Plan.
- * Work with Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife to develop projects for Oregon Youth Conservation Corp. on the Sauvie Island Wildlife Management Area.
- * Encourage County activity in controlling noxious weeds. Provide information to cooperators and landowners about weed control.
- * Facilitate the Tri-County Community Forestry Program which includes the Backyard Tree Farm Program and co-sponsor the Pacific Northwest Community Trees Conference February 28 and 29.

FINANCIAL REPORT

JULY 1, 1990 - JUNE 30, 1991

1990-91 DISTRICT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

INCOME

Beginning Balance \$21,507.19

District Income

ODA Regular Administrative Grant 1990-91
\$1,888.00
Multnomah County 1990-91 budget \$1,9055.50
Interest \$1,379.30
Affiliate members \$1,085.00
Backyard Tree Farm \$25.00
subtotal - District Income \$23,432.80

Grant Income

Balch Creek (GWEB) \$2,000.00
Administrative Grant (ODA) \$1,750.00
Stream Inventory Grant (ODA) \$1,000.00
subtotal - Grant Income \$4,750.00

Total Income 1990-91 \$28,182.80

Total \$49,689.99

EXPENSES

Director Expenses \$33.50
Annual Meeting \$219.84
Awards \$50.00
Conferences / Conventions \$534.00
Dues \$1,510.00
Office Equipment \$37.48
Education Training \$32.00
Legal / Auditing \$25.00
Mileage \$45.88
Payroll / District Business \$11,213.90
Postage \$433.30
Printing / Advertising \$893.35
OYCC \$231.72
Backyard Tree Farm \$130.26
Supplies \$343.39

subtotal - District Expense \$15,733.62

Grant Expenses

Administrative Grant (ODA) \$3,087.38
Balch Creek (GWEB) \$2,000.00
Stream Inventory Grant (ODA) \$8,175.00
Landowners Packet (GWEB) \$23.40
subtotal - Grant Expense \$13,285.78.00

Total 1990-91 Expenses \$29,019.40

Ending Balance \$20,670.59

Technical assistance to cooperators:

- * 84 received technical assistance
- * 370+ acres conservation plans
- * 45 government agencies assisted

Sturgeon Lake: The Board, working with the Sturgeon Lake Management Council, completed channel excavation in Dairy Creek. Water flow between the Lake and the Columbia River has been re-established through an Environmental Protection Agency's Clean Lakes Program Grant.

Goose Depredation CRMP: The Board has actively participated in several follow-up meetings addressing goose damage in our region. The Board recommended to the Coordinated Resource Management Plan group an Agriculture Conservation Program proposal to provide cost sharing for annual planting of wildlife food costs on private lands.

Balch Creek: We have developed a planning group for the Balch Creek Watershed consisting of the City of Portland, the District, Portland Audubon, Metropolitan Learning Center, Multnomah County, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, and area residents. The group is working on long range plans for the Creek, summer youth projects, and developing a communication base for those involved with activities related to the Creek. The District received a \$2,000 grant to fund a stream inventory completed by Portland Metropolitan Learning Center's High School science class. The class will continue to monitor the Creek in the 1991-92 school year.

Earth Day: The District participated with others in Earth Day, handing out a total of 3,000 trees.

Stream Corridor Inventory: The final report on the condition of the riparian areas of five west side stream systems in Multnomah County was completed by the District's contractor, Joe Poracsky of Portland State University. The report is available from the District Office. The District will now use this information to develop youth conservation and natural resource management projects.

Oregon Youth Conservation Corp: The District, in cooperation with the City of Portland Parks, sponsored two summer crews. Extensive work was done on Balch Creek. The District also sponsored with ODF&W an OYCC crew to revegetate approximately 2000 feet of streambank along Dairy Creek.

Soil Stewardship Week: The District distributed soil stewardship materials to local churches.

Sauvie Island Wildlife Management Area: The District is working with Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to begin the revision of the Management Area Plan through coordinated resource management planning.

NEED ASSISTANCE?

The following Organizations maybe able to help:

Your Board of Directors works with many agencies to provide you with assistance. Here are a few that provide services

EXTENSION SERVICE

211 S.E. 80th
Portland, Or. 97215
Phone: 254-1500
Paul Sunderland, Chairman

The Extension Service assists in education programs, and crop specialist help to the public. Soil testing kits are available through this office.

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

319 S.W. Pine
Portland, Or. 97205

The Corps of Engineers regulates the waterways and issues permits and can provide assistance for authorized projects.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

811 S.W. 6th Ave.
Portland, Ore. 97204
Phone: 229-5696
Fred Hansen, Director

DEQ works to minimize pollution of air, water, and land resources.

OREGON DEPARTMENT OF FISH & WILDLIFE

2501 S.W. First
Portland, Or. 97201
Phone: 229-5403
Randy Fisher, Director

The Department of Fish & Wildlife assists with the enhancement of fish and wildlife resources.

SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE

2115 S.E. Morrison
Portland, Or. 97214
Phone: 231-2770
Peggy A. Olds, District Conservationist

The SCS provides planning, agronomy, engineering, and soil erosion control assistance to District cooperators.

AGRICULTURAL STABILIZATION & CONSERVATION SERVICE

Clackamas-Multnomah Counties
256 Warner Milne Road
Oregon City, Or. 97045
Phone: 655-3144
Paul Maggard, County Executive Director

The ASCS County Committee and Office staff help in carrying out soil and water conservation practices by providing cost-sharing and other financial assistance to landowners.

OREGON STATE BOARD OF FORESTRY

Rt. 1, Box 595
Molla, Or. 97038
Phone: 829-2216
Chan Bunke, District Forester

State Forestry helps those applying forestry practices under federal cost sharing programs, administers the Forest Practices Act and helps landowners develop management plans.