



**WEST MULTNOMAH**  
Soil & Water Conservation District

West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District Annual Meeting Minutes 10/29/2016

The Annual Meeting was held in Suite 460 of the Montgomery Park building from 1:00pm-3:15pm.

Board Members Present: Directors Preeg Riggsby, Lightcap, Looney, Miller, Peterson, Sowder; Board members absent (excused): Hartline; Associate Directors Present: Anderson, Hamer, Weedall, Wiley; District Manager (DM): Cathcart; Staff: Ahr, Delepine, Gall, Kern-Korot, Levis, Lindberg, Logalbo, Razalenti, Taylor; NRCS Staff: Galland; Guests: Approximately 70 guests

DM Cathcart presented the District's 2015-16 Annual Report and noted that the financial report was not available in time for printing in the Annual Report but was made available as part of the District's Open House that followed the Annual Meeting.

District staff and board recognized three groups for outstanding contributions in conservation. A group of landowners around NW Riverview Drive, in an area known as Hummingbird Hill, received the Rural Cooperator of the Year award for their work on a restoration project funded in part by a Metro Nature in Neighborhoods grant. Fourteen landowners, led by Carol Canning and Tom Dee, have already spent over 120 hours removing 21 acres of blackberry and ivy in the area.

The Linnton Neighborhood Association received the Urban Cooperator of the Year award for exceptional work restoring land along Hwy. 30, volunteering to remove ivy and other invasive species in and around Forest Park, and getting engaged in the Portland Harbor Superfund clean-up plan.

The Conservation District also gave its Green Award to Greenworks, LLC, a Portland landscape architecture and urban design firm which provided countless hours to ensure that the District publication, *The Meadowsaping Handbook*, was beautifully designed and formatted.

In addition to these awards, the District recognized the incredible contributions of:

- Corrina Chase, former Coordinator of the Tryon Creek Watershed Council
- Gaylen Beatty, former Executive Director of the Backyard Habitat Certification Program
- Dick Springer, former District Manager of West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District
- Kim Peterson, long-time board member of West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District

Jackson Voelkel, a geospatial research analyst at Portland State University's Sustaining Urban Places Research Lab, was the Keynote Speaker for the event. Voelkel's presentation, *Canopy Analytics - An Interactive Resource for Tree Discovery in the Portland Metro Area*, connected the audience with the wonders of Portland's urban tree canopy using lidar images of individual trees. Lidar – which stands for Light Detection and Ranging—is an airborne remote sensing method that uses laser technology to examine the surface of the Earth.

The Annual meeting adjourned for the District's Open House and staff presentations.