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CURRENT PROJECTS

Northwest

Lower Columbia Solutions Group

The Lower Columbia Solutions Group (LCSG) is an on-going group of local, state and federal stakeholders interested in and affected by dredge material disposal activities in the Lower Columbia River area. The LCSG serves as the bi-state clearinghouse to coordinate dredged material management issues on the lower Columbia River, identifying and implementing sustainable dredge material disposal projects. This project has established a Declaration of Cooperation among Lower Columbia stakeholders from both the Oregon and Washington sides of the river, has recently received a re-commitment to the process from both Governors, and has taken on the role of conducting a regional sediment management plan for the lower Columbia.

Co-Conveners: Governor Chris Gregoire, State of Washington and Governor Ted Kulongoski, State of Oregon
OS Project Manager: Steve Greenwood

Near Shore—Beneficial Use of Dredged Material

This Lower Columbia Solutions Group project team explored the use of lower Columbia River maintenance dredge material for near shore ocean disposal. Phase I of the project was completed with the successful implementation of a 30,000 cubic yard demonstration of enhanced dumping methods, designed to minimize impacts on crab and other species. In 2007, additional modeling and studies were completed with the help of \$300,000 in federal funding. Currently the group is planning a much-enlarged (300,000 cubic yards) demonstration in summer 2008, which will test sediment movement in the area.

Convener: Jim Bergeron, Port of Astoria Commissioner
OS Project Manager: Steve Greenwood

Willamette Valley

Willamette Falls Locks, Phase II

This project will assist the local community with finding long term funding to keep the locks open. In Phase I of the project, the OS partners successfully raised \$424,000 to keep the locks operating in 2006-2007. At present an Engineering Study is being conducted to ascertain the structural integrity of the locks, and identify any major capital investments required in the next 20 years. A Declaration of Cooperation for long-term funding and operation commitments is anticipated by September 2007.



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Convener: Verne Duncan
OS Project Manager: Steve Greenwood

Eastern

Hands to Lands

The Hands on Lands Program is a partnership of federal, state, county and local groups to develop and implement a program that provides jobs and job training to local residents while working on federal timber lands. This OS Team has signed an agreement on the coordination, oversight, and management of the work program and will begin training six to eight unemployed people in March 2007 to work in Hells Canyon Recreation Area in summer 2007.

Convener: Commissioner Ben Boswell, Wallowa County
OS Project Manager: Ann Glaze

Central

Deschutes County Transportation

Public transportation is a problem facing most rural communities, affecting employers, individuals without the means to afford a vehicle, and elderly or disabled people that are unable to drive. This county-wide transportation coordination effort is modeled after the Oregon Solutions Jefferson County – Warm Springs Transportation Coordination project in 2004. The Deschutes County Transportation Team will finalize a Declaration of Cooperation in June 2007 that will provide the funding and organizational support for public transportation.

Convener: Commissioner Mike Daly, Deschutes County
OS Staff: Dan Vizzini

Southwest

Reedsport Wave Energy

The goal of this project is to facilitate and expedite the licensing process for the first commercial wave energy project in the U.S. The project team of federal, state, and local stakeholders as identified key issues and regulatory requirements. A Declaration of Cooperation is expected in June 2007, leading to placement of the first buoy in summer 2007, and first commercial array of buoys by summer 2008.

Co-Conveners: Senator Joanne Verger and Keith Tymchuk, Port of Umpqua
Commission
OS Project Managers: Therese Hampton and Steve Greenwood



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Statewide

Creating Value from Animal By-products

The goal of the Oregon Solution Animal By-Product Project is to bring together public and private sector stakeholders to find an acceptable means of increasing Oregon's capacity to process animal mortalities and waste materials in an economically sound, socially responsible and environmentally benign manner. This OS Team began meeting in December 2006 and is expected to sign a Declaration of Cooperation in March 2007 that will identify a specific location, operations, and financing for the facility .

Co-Conveners: Representative Deborah Boone, and Jim Males, OSU Dean of Animal Sciences

OS Project Manager: Peter Bloome

COMPLETED PROJECTS

Metro/Hood River

North Portland Diesel Emissions Reduction project

The North Portland neighborhood has documented a high level of respiratory ailments that significantly exceed national norms. Many of these ailments have been linked directly to diesel emissions that occur only near to where diesel is used. This Oregon Solutions project gathered all interested diesel users to transition to cleaner fuels and technology in advance of the national mandates.

Status: In implementing the Declaration of Cooperation, City of Portland is now requiring bio-diesel fuels for licensed waste haulers, many of whom are based in North Portland. Metro has begun a process to require low-emission retro-fitting of waste trucks. The City has also solicited grant proposals for new bio-fuels infrastructure and production in the city. Fourteen proposals have been received.

Co-Conveners: Dr. Algie Gatewood, President of Portland Community College – Cascade and Carl Talton, Portland Family of Funds

Project Manager: Josh Proudfoot



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City of Milwaukie Riverfront Park

The Riverfront Park project is very important to the revitalization of downtown Milwaukie, connecting the downtown to the river through the provision of green space for walking, watching the river, and special events. This Oregon Solutions collaborative project helped to identify resources for restoration activities and long-term park maintenance while helping to resolve the competing desires for green space and boat access/parking.

Status: Since signing the Declaration of Cooperation, the McLoughlin Boulevard improvements (including pedestrian access) have been completed, and the park design issues fully resolved. The City of Milwaukie expects to complete final construction plans in April 2007.

Conveners: Brian Newman, Metro Councilor and Dave Green, Milwaukie's Riverfront Board Chair
OS Project Manager: Dick Townsend

Zenger Farm

Zenger Farm is a unique urban resource in outer Southeast Portland, encompassing both farm and wetland. The Friends of Zenger farm is proposing to integrate many existing efforts around food and the environment. The Center will serve as the state's only "eco-agricultural park" where visitors can learn about ways for agriculture and natural areas to co-exist. Oregon Solutions helped bring public and private partners to the table to join this effort, and assist the project in moving forward.

Status: The Grand Opening of the Agricultural Park is planned for spring 2007.

Convener: Bob Wise, City of Portland/Multnomah County Sustainable Development Commission
OS Project Manager: Rosemarie Cordello

Division Street Revitalization

Oregon Solutions assisted a neighborhood coalition of businesses, residents, and community based organizations and the City of Portland to reach agreement on the scope of a transportation and land use plan for Division Street in Southeast Portland. The long-term vision for the project is to merge environmental needs, cultural needs, business needs, and community needs into one, for this "green street" meets "main street" initiative. Partners include: DivisionVision (the neighborhood coalition), the Transportation Growth Management program, Metro, Mirador/7 Corners Localization Initiative, Southeast Uplift, the Portland Department of Transportation, and the Portland Bureau of Planning.



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Status: A Transportation and Growth Management (TGM) grant was obtained during the 2003 legislature. During that grant cycle, TGM funded the "Division Green Street/Main Street" project (\$183,000) that the team developed.

Convener: Rex Burkholder, Metro Councilor
OS Project Manager: Anna Russo, Oregon Dispute Resolution Commission

Metro Carbon Offsets

This project provides an opportunity for individual motorists and businesses in the Portland area to voluntarily contribute to a fund that would purchase transportation related carbon offsets in amounts sufficient to offset the CO₂ emissions from the vehicles they own or operate. These funds will be used to reduce congestion as well as emissions and encourage the use of lower emission vehicles. The Oregon Solutions process brought together a dynamic team of business leaders, environmental groups, and government agencies.

Status: Nike and Jiffy Lube offered the option for its employees to purchase transportation-related carbon offsets in amounts sufficient to offset the CO₂ emissions from the vehicles they own or operate. The offset project funds were invested in was a transportation project that reduced carbon emissions through permanent changes in intermodal freight handling. The OS team received grants from the Bullitt Foundation and the Surdna Foundation to continue their work.

Convener: Bill Blosser
OS Project Manager: Lang Marsh

Farmer's Irrigation District Fish Screening Project, Hood River

This project involved developing, prototyping, and utilizing fish-friendly screens for the irrigation district to provide long-term sustainability for the orchard industry in Hood River. The OS Team agreed to do field testing of the screen, work on development and implementation of a business strategy to generate revenue from screen production, and enhance sustainable agricultural practices in the Hood River Valley.

Status: The technology was patented by Farmers Irrigation District (FID) of Hood River, Oregon, and has since been turned over to Farmers Conservation Alliance (FCA), a non-profit entity.

Convener: Holly Coccoli, Hood River Watershed Group
OS Project Manager: Abby White

University Park Community Technology Center

This project convened private, public, and non-profit stakeholders to develop learning programs and outreach strategies that will connect low-income residents of North



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Portland to the opportunities of the Information Age. In 1998 Intel contributed tens of thousands of dollars in equipment and software to establish a technology center at the University Park Community Center. During 2003, Intel contributed again to upgrade the facility. Oregon Solutions brought together a team of participants to increase the surrounding residents' productive use of the technology center to enhance academic performance and career development, to access online resources for family management, and to increase community interaction and vitality.

Status: UPCC Technology Center offers computer classes for youth, teens and seniors and also has an open lab that residents are able to utilize.

Convener: Perry Gruber, Intel Community Affairs Manager
OS Project Manager: Sharon Fritsch

Ross Island

This project is part of a larger effort of the Lower Columbia Solutions Group to explore sustainable uses of dredge material from the Lower Columbia River. The objective of this project was to transport sand from the Lower Columbia either on barge or rail to Ross Island as part of the reclamation plan. Some initial team members include: Ross Island Sand and Gravel, the Division of State Lands and the Department of Environmental Quality.

Status: The OS Team evaluated several options for transporting sand from the lower Willamette River where sand is being dredged. This work will be integrated with on-going reclamation activities that Ross Island Sand and Gravel is completing under a permit with the Division of State Lands.

Convener: Gene Derfler, Former Senate President
OS Project Manager: Pam Wiley

Northwest

Fort Clatsop-To-the-Sea Trail

The objective of this project was to construct a trail from the Fort Clatsop Memorial to Sunset Beach as part of the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial to commemorate the historic trail Lewis and Clark took to reach the ocean from their shelter at Fort Clatsop. In order to complete the project, the Oregon Solutions Team reached initial agreement on trail location and construction, transportation solutions (as the trail crosses Hwy 101), and other economic and community implications. Members of the team include: Clatsop County, The National Parks Service, Weyerhaeuser, Camp Rilea, and The Trust for Public Lands.

Status: The trail is complete.



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Conveners: Representative Betsy Johnson, and June Spence
OS Project Manager: Pete Dalke

Near Shore—Beneficial Use of Dredged Material

This Lower Columbia Solutions Group project team explored the use of lower Columbia River maintenance dredge material for near shore ocean disposal. The project identified and described planning and regulatory processes including a "regulatory roadmap" to establish near shore disposal; and outlined the parameters for experimental testing of various methods of near shore disposal and developing a Declaration of Cooperation for team action.

Status: The OS team successfully completed the first demonstration project and is working on Phase II of the project.

Convener: Jim Bergeron, Port of Astoria Commissioner
OS Project Manager: Steve Greenwood

Rice Island

Rice Island is the largest in-water dredge disposal site in the Lower Columbia, and it is quickly approaching capacity. A diverse group of stakeholders continue to collaborate to prepare Rice Island for the marketing of its sand to commercial markets while continuing to use Rice Island as a dredge disposal site. The ultimate goal of this project is to minimize the footprint of dredge disposal sites in the Lower Columbia and to protect habitat for fish and birds. They are working closely with the Division of State Lands and the Lower Columbia Solutions Group, a diverse group of local, state and federal stakeholders interested in dredge material disposal activities in the Lower Columbia River area.

Status: The Declaration of Cooperation outlined Rice Island Management Team to implement the agreement. An Intergovernmental Agreement between the Ports of Astoria and Portland was signed to take the lead in marketing the sand and obtaining the necessary permits.

Convener: Matt Van Ess, Director of the Columbia River Estuary Study Taskforce
OS Project Manager: Steve Greenwood

Bradwood

Bradwood is an upland dredge disposal site on private property about 10 miles east of Astoria. An Oregon Solutions team worked with the property owner, government agencies, and other stakeholders to reach an agreement on marketing and transporting of existing dredge materials from the site and future use of the site as a depot for marketing of dredged sands, once market conditions are more favorable.



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Status: It was determined that the current market for dredged sand, of the quality available at Bradwood, did not warrant further development of the site for that purpose.

Convener: Representative Betsy Johnson
OS Project Manager: Steve Greenwood

Willamette Valley

Willamette Falls Locks

The Willamette Falls Locks, operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, connect the upper and lower sections of the Willamette River, providing the only safe passage for boats around the 40-foot high Willamette Falls. The locks are in danger of being closed, as the Corps' budget does not allocate adequate funding for their operation and maintenance. Closure of the locks would divide the river in half at a time when communities and businesses are focused on reconnecting to the river.

Status: This OS Team raised funds to keep the Locks open for two more years while a long term funding strategy is being developed by the team.

Convener: Verne Duncan
OS Project Manager: Steve Greenwood

Upper Marys River Regional Conservation Project

This project is a cooperative, voluntary approach to landscape-scale restoration and management that works across the ownership boundaries of many participating landowners. The project helps to restore habitat and water resources in the region and can serve as a replicable model for identifying areas of high biodiversity value throughout Benton County where private landowners can work voluntarily to preserve and enhance these features without prescriptive measures by regulatory authorities. Developed by the Marys River Watershed Council, the project brought the Council and the County together with private and public landowners on a coordinated, landscape-scale conservation plan.

Status: This project is complete. Benton County is now working on the first county-wide Habitat Conservation Plan in the state. Approximately 30 landowners in Cardwell Hill will have their property assessed for Endangered, Threatened, and Rare species associated with the Benton County Habitat Conservation Plan.

Convener: Annabelle Jaramillo
OS Project Manager: Josh Cerra



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Oregon Sustainable Agriculture Resource Center

This project created an opportunity for growers to voluntarily make changes in their practices for greater stewardship. Of the many benefits to increased stewardship, these efforts will have an impact on the health of the Willamette River. By collaborating with public and private partners using the Oregon Solutions process, the Sustainability Resource Center will become a comprehensive and practical tool for growers to take action.

Status: The Institute for Natural Resources at Oregon State University was designated as the implementation partner by the OS Team. There is a .5 FTE Director working to implement the agreements outlined in the Declaration of Cooperation.

Convener: Thayne Dutson, Dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences at Oregon State University
OS Project Manager: Peter Bloome

Reduced Idling at Truck stops

This project created the first emission-free truck stop in support of Oregon's role with the 3-state climate change strategy. A major component of the climate change strategy is to lower diesel emissions in part by creating a system of emission-free truck stops along the Interstate 5 corridor that stretches from Mexico to Canada. The Oregon Solutions project brought together trucking interests, truck stop owners, businesses, state agencies, local air districts, the Climate Trusts and civic groups to reduce idling by electrifying truck stops along I-5. As a result of this project, 600 truck parking installations will be made.

Status: The grand opening of the first Oregon location, along I-5 at the Aurora exit, will be held in March 2007. Construction for two other emission-free truckstops will begin in February 2007 and will be located in Coburg and North Portland.

Convener: Gail Achterman, Director of the Institute for Natural Resources, OSU
OS Project Manager: Pete Dalke

Lane Clean Diesel

The Oregon Solutions project team focused on an effort in Lane County to identify sufficient demand for low sulfur diesel fuel and clean diesel technology prior to the federal requirement in 2006. The Lane Regional Air Pollution Authority is the local sponsor of the project and works closely with similar efforts the state of Oregon is undertaking as part of its Clean Diesel Initiative.

Status: Bulk Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel is now available in Eugene from two bulk distributors at a combined cost of more than \$160,000 in private funds. A station in



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Oakridge has also included Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel and biodiesel at its new card lock refueling station.

Convener: Jack Roberts, Executive Director of Lane Metro Partnership
OS Project Manager: Joshua Proudfoot, Scott Dybvad

Delta Ponds/City of Eugene

This project focused on watershed and habitat restoration of the Willamette River floodplain in Delta Ponds, and developing the pond area as a regional center for passive recreation and environmental education.

Status: With project oversight by the City of Eugene, a 1.3 mile trail is now completed with the help of Rotary volunteers, a parking area constructed, invasive vegetation removed, and the first direct hydraulic connection made to the river. Corps of Engineers funding for the project was initially delayed, but the work is now expected to be completed by October 2007.

Convener: Jim Torrey, Mayor of Eugene
OS Project Manager: Steve Greenwood

Oregon Gardens Sustainable Plant Research Center (SPROUT)

Oregon Solutions worked with the Oregon Garden Foundation through a grant from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), to establish a Sustainable Plant Research and Outreach Center (SPROUT), a partnership between the Oregon Garden Foundation, The Institute for Natural Resources, Oregon State University, the Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA), and a number of other public and private institutions. The Oregon Solutions team identified additional partners and developed an initial strategic plan for the Research Council and the Sustainable Plant Research Center.

Status: SPROUT is operating, with additional staff support from OSU, and recently received a Conservation Innovation Grant (CIG) from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to monitor existing riparian restoration sites in the Willamette Basin.

Convener: Thayne Dutson, Dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences at Oregon State University
OS Project Manager: Steve Greenwood and Jackie Dingfelder

Springfield Downtown Revitalization

The City of Springfield, civic leaders, community organizations, regional service districts, and the Governor's Community Solutions Team worked cooperatively to catalyze the redevelopment of downtown Springfield. The vision they hold is of a vibrant, "branded" downtown. There are more than a dozen projects underway, including



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restoration of the millrace, renovation of two historic buildings, and development of a transit center. The City partnered with Oregon Solutions to move forward with three initiatives: a St. Vincent de Paul mixed-use housing project, a writers' retreat, and a farmers market.

Status: A Declaration of Cooperation was signed, and although the farmers' market was not implemented, the arts center opened in 2005, and a 5-story mixed-use housing project is now under construction.

Convener: Sid Leiken, Mayor of Springfield
OS Project Manager: Jennifer Pratt

Central

Lakeview Biomass Project

This project supports forest health with a management plan for ecological restoration of the forest while also creating an opportunity for economic growth in the area. Key partners include Collins, USFS, Friends of the Winema/Fremont, and Defenders of Wildlife. By collaborating with public and private partners using the Oregon Solutions process, the Lakeview Biomass Project has become a model for other communities across the state.

Status: On January 10, 2007 Governor Ted Kulongoski announced that DG Energy will build a biomass power plant in Lakeview, Oregon — marking the first new biomass facility in Oregon since 1992. An agreement by the federal land managers to provide a sustained supply of small-diameter timber/biomass is currently in the draft stage.

Convener: Hal Salwasser, Dean of Forestry, OSU
OS Project Managers: Cylvia Hayes and Scott Aycock

Wildfire Risk Reduction/Coordinated Resource Offering Protocol

The Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council created the Central Oregon Partnerships for Wildfire Risk Reduction (COPWRR), an advisory council of 22 stakeholders to build partnerships to restore and sustain Central Oregon forests and communities. COPWRR identified the lack of coordinated, sustainable supply of small diameter timber as the primary barrier to investments in small diameter-utilizing technology and employment in the region. Such investments will achieve multiple benefits for Central Oregon communities, including the reduction of catastrophic wildfire risks, healthier forests and wildlife habitats, and jobs and income. COPWRR has been working to develop a "coordinated resource offering protocol" (CROP) pilot to attract investors to the area.

Status: This project recently won an award from the White House for Cooperative Conservation and is instrumental in finalizing a MOU between The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, the USDA Forest Service, and the Bureau of Land Management.



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Conveners: Martin Goebel, President of Sustainable Northwest, and Tom Moore, Executive Director of the Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council
OS Project Manager: Scott Aycock

Jefferson County – Warm Spring Transportation Coordination

Public transportation is a problem facing most rural communities; and Jefferson County is no exception. The lack of transit options affects employers, those individuals without the means to afford a vehicle, and elderly or disabled people that are unable to drive. This Oregon Solutions project team has collaborated to implement a transit plan. The transit plan focuses on commute patterns of employees of local businesses, as well as access to critical services for residents of lower income neighborhoods.

Status: Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council is the implementing partner for this project. Currently they are utilizing the plan developed by the OS team to comply with a new federal requirement for coordinated human services public transportation.

Convener: Bob Sjoland, Madras City Councilor
OS Project Manager: Pam Curtis

The Paleo Project (Oregon Paleo Lands Institute)

A number of organizations, local officials, and state and federal agencies are working together to explore opportunities with the significant fossil beds near Fossil. The specific projects associated with this effort include: the conversion of the Fossil High School into a paleontological visitor's center; educational programming around sustainable ranching and stream restoration on the Pine Creek Ranch – lands acquired by the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs; and the development of a \$8.3 million National Park Service interpretive center near John Day. These projects would develop a market for educational tourism in the area, create jobs, and reinforce community partnerships.

Status: The Paleo Project now has an Executive Director to conduct workshops and outreach to the local community. They are planning their next board meeting in the spring of 2007 and will discuss holding a celebration with Governor Kulongoski and the OS Team.

Convener: Wheeler County Judge Jeanne Burch
OS Project Manager: Peter Dobert

Prairie City Sustainable School Project

The Oregon Sustainability Board has designated seven Sustainable Schools projects, including the Prairie City Sustainable School project. Prairie City School, a K-12 facility located in rural Grant County is undertaking a sustainable beautification effort in combination with a larger community revitalization effort in Prairie City. The school will



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landscape its grounds using sustainable practices to help conserve water and save money. The school also plans to repaint its facility using environmentally safe products. The Oregon Solutions Team integrated community resources to accomplish the project.

Status: Landscaping has begun, and they are in the process of installing a drip watering system around the perimeter of the school. This project has received a major grant from Meyer Memorial Trust to complete the track.

Convener: Sandy Murray
OS Project Manager: Sharon Fritsch

Sherman County Wind Farm

This project was accomplished in partnership between several farmers in Sherman County, Northwest Wind, several state and federal agencies, the Audubon Society and BPA. This project demonstrated the ability of the Oregon Solutions process to expedite permitting requirements by addressing possible opposition early on. Key concerns about raptor mortality were resolved through open communication with the Audubon Society and early ODFW and USFW involvement. The project has had a positive impact on the economy in providing benefits to local and regional businesses, farmers and the tax base – important for a county that is experiencing economic decline. In the first year of operations, the project increased tax revenues in the county by 10%.

Status: The project was constructed. A third phase of the Klondike wind farm in Sherman County is planned, which would bring the capacity to 370 megawatts. The company, Portland-based PPM Energy, is one of the country's largest wind-power developers.

Convener: Judge Mike McArthur, Sherman County
OS Project Manager: Merrisue Carlson

Rufus Community Center

This project focused on transforming an underutilized school building into an economic and community asset for the City of Rufus. The team explored green building techniques in its renovation and connecting the project to other sustainability efforts in the Lower John Day region.

Status: The Rufus Community Center currently hosts a thrift shop, a sign making shop, and hosts many activities such as bingo.

Convener: Sandy Macnab, OSU Extension Agent for Sherman County
OS Project Manager: Stu Watson



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Bridge to Hope – Partnerships for Inmate Aftercare

Oregon Solutions worked with Bridge to Hope Ministries, an organization in Deschutes County that helps incarcerated women make healthy and productive transitions from jail back to their communities. This project convened public and private stakeholders working with female inmates and ex-inmates in Central Oregon, to enhance and expand aftercare for these vulnerable women. The outcome of the effort is an integrated and community-based network of services and supports for women leaving incarceration to re-integrate into their communities as productive citizens.

Status: Currently the Bridge to Hope program offers transitional housing, transportation, care packages including donated clothing, employment training and life skills classes, and Breaking Barriers, a drug rehabilitation program based, among other services for transitional women.

Convener: Judge Alta Brady
OS Project Manager: Jeremy Hays

Southwest

North Bend Airport Terminal (now called the Southwest Oregon Regional Airport)

The purpose of this Oregon Solutions project was to reach agreement on a plan of action for constructing a new airport terminal facility at the North Bend Municipal Airport. The terminal project meets sustainable economic, environmental, and community objectives in a number of ways. It will provide infrastructure that improves transportation linkages for the whole Coos Bay-South Coast region. It will improve the economic potential of the region by assisting existing businesses and attracting new ones and while incorporating sustainable design practices.

Status: The Oregon Legislature passed the 10-Million dollar New Terminal Funding Bill at the end of the last session. Members of the OS team will be holding a ground breaking celebration March 2007 for the new terminal and hope to have the terminal completed in 2008.

Convener: Nikki Whitty, Coos County Commissioner
OS Project Manager: Dick Townsend

Eastern

Wallowa County Sustainable Forestry

Wallowa Resources, a nonprofit in Enterprise, has been assisting local mills in Wallowa County to process timber from small diameter trees as part of an effort to improve forest health in the region. One mill in Joseph has obtained chain of custody certification under the Forest Stewardship Council's guidelines to take advantage of the market niche for



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certified forest products. The project attempts to achieve a balance of natural resources, family wage jobs, and community vitality. A number of partners assembled to sign a declaration of cooperation to support the project. These partners included state and federal agencies, non-profit organizations, and local businesses.

Status: Wallowa Resources continues to assist private landowners in learning about forest certification under the FSC standards and connects forest products with the urban marketplace.

Convener: Diane Snyder, Wallowa Resources
OS Project Manager: Martin Goebel, Sustainable Northwest

Libraries of Eastern Oregon (LEO)

LEO is a non-profit organization with a mission to serve as a catalyst for the development of gold-medal library service in Eastern Oregon. Thirteen counties in Eastern Oregon are partners in this project to update and link the resources of the libraries. The purpose is to make libraries more accessible to the greater community and utilize their resources to address economic, community, and environmental challenges. LEO staff and board members provide technical assistance to libraries on fundraising and facilities development, as well as create training and networking opportunities for librarians. In collaboration with OMSI and the Frontier Learning Network, LEO is engaged in a project to “Light up Eastern Oregon” – to develop advanced telecommunications infrastructure for high-speed internet access to serve 40 communities, 10 public school districts and 40 public libraries in Eastern Oregon well into the 21st century.

Status: LEO continues to operate and work on behalf of libraries in Eastern Oregon.

Conveners: Judge Mike McArthur, Sherman County and Aletha Bonebrake of Baker County Public Library
OS Project Manager: Stu Watson

La Grande/ODS downtown development

The City of La Grande and ODS Health Systems partnered to redevelop a downtown city block to accommodate a new 20,000 square foot library and 15,000+ square foot office complex. The Oregon Employment Department planned to co-locate in the office building and potentially share resources with the new library. The City explored green building techniques to save on infrastructure investments and natural resources. Oregon Solutions helped the partners reach agreement on what they will contribute to the project, along with bringing green building experts to the team and identifying sources of funds to complete the project.

Status: The new F. Maxine and Thomas W. Cook Memorial Library opened on September 19, 2006.



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Convener: Wes Hare, La Grande City Manager
OS Project Manager: Jennifer Pratt

Statewide

Oregon Sustainability Board, Sustainable Schools Project

The Oregon Sustainability Board wants to provide support and guidance for schools and districts as they endeavor to improve ecological performance and save money. Governor Ted Kulongoski asked Secretary of State Bill Bradbury to convene a team of key representatives from public, private, and non-profit entities to collaborate on the production of a compendium of practices and resources to be distributed to school districts via the Sustainability Board and to identify pilot projects for the initiative. The statewide team was comprised of 26 educators, administrators, agency representatives and community members.

Status: Zero Waste Alliance was designated by the OS Team as the implementing partner for the Declaration of Cooperation. This project provides the opportunity for school districts and schools to successfully meet current needs while ensuring a thriving future by incorporating sustainable practices into their operations and classrooms. It creates a voluntary program that covers key topic areas. Zero Waste Alliance has generated financial and technical resources to host events and produce educational materials.

Convener: Bill Bradbury, Oregon Secretary of State



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