

District Board of Directors

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Bob Pedersen-District Conservation Volunteer

PARTNERS

Bureau of Land Management - Coast 105 Radio
Department of Environmental Quality
Economic Development Council of Tillamook County
Environmental Protection Agency - Division of State Lands
Farm Bureau - Farm Credit Service - Farm Service Agency
KTIL/KMBD Radio - Headlight Herald Newspaper
Lower Nehalem Watershed Council
Natural Resources Conservation Service
Nestucca/Neskowin Watershed Council
Oregon Association of Conservation Districts
Oregon Department of Agriculture
Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife
Oregon Department of Forestry - Port of Tillamook Bay
Oregon State University Extension Service
Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board
Tillamook Bay Watershed Council
Tillamook County Creamery Association
Tillamook County Board of Commissioners
Tillamook County Community Development
Tillamook County Flood Control Group
Tillamook County Public Works
Tillamook Estuary Partnership - National Estuary Program
Tillamook County Planning Department
US Army Corps of Engineers — US Forest Service

Thank You for Donating This Year

Gypo Farms	Leo Kuntz
Bub Boquist	Dale Buck
Andersons Florist	Nehalem Community Trust
Coast Wide Ready Mix	Rudy & Ruth Fenk
Grazing West Dairy	YMCA
Ron Steiger	Tillamook Pharmacy
TCCA Farm Store	Fairview Acres
Gary Albright	Larry & Pam Zweifel
Marwyn & Marcella Naegeli	Aguiar Dairy
Gary & Shannon Abbott	Tillamook Co Pioneer Museum
David Yamamoto	Kent Perkins
Tillamook Farmer's Co-op	Sea Q Fish
Fairmont Olympic Hotel	Diamond Art Jewelers
Twist Wine Company	Portland Trailblazers
Blue Heron	Roby's Furniture
Fat Freddy's	Senator Betsy Johnson
Eric & Lorretta Peterson	Denis Schmitz



Tillamook County Soil & Water Conservation District

2014-2015 Annual Report



Riparian Enhancement and Restoration continues to be a priority for the District as well as our partners.

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Tillamook County Soil & Water Conservation District MISSION STATEMENT

**TO PROVIDE LEADERSHIP IN COORDINATED RESOURCE MANAGEMENT
PLANNING IN ORDER TO ENSURE AND PROMOTE THE CONSERVATION AND WISE
USE OF OUR NATURAL RESOURCES.**

HISTORY AND CURRENT OBJECTIVES

The Tillamook County Soil & Water Conservation District, established in 1940, is the oldest of the 45 Soil & Water Conservation Districts in Oregon. The district has operated under the premise that locally led conservation fosters land and resource stewardship for all users of the natural resources in Tillamook County. Actively involved as conservation leaders in the community for the past **Seventy-Five** years, the Tillamook County Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Directors has sponsored activities that repair, restore, maintain, and enhance the natural environment within Tillamook County. The focus on resource management issues has evolved to provide information, education, technical and financial assistance to all stakeholders within the county. We continue that focus daily.

The District's accomplishments are remarkable when you take into consideration the unique funding that supports its efforts. Tillamook County voters approved a tax rate for the District in November of 2012 that supports operation and program expenses. Each program offered by the District is supported with grant dollars sponsored by a variety of sources. The Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) and the Department of Environment Quality (DEQ) provide the anchor stone that allows the District to leverage additional funding sources. Without ODA's support, many of the programs offered to landowners would not be possible. The District staff is constantly working to find grant programs and sources that address the conservation needs identified across the county. By understanding and recognizing the unique features of our natural resource landscape, the District has had an opportunity to provide essential elements in the delivery of the conservation message across Tillamook County.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
Rudy Fenk



The Directors of the Tillamook County Soil & Water Conservation District present our annual report. This report reflects the amount of conservation work accomplished with the cooperation of all the natural resource users of Tillamook County.

We, the District Board of Directors, want to thank the many organizations that assisted us during the year. We appreciate the support given by the Oregon Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Farm Service Agency, and the Tillamook County Extension Service.

We also would like to thank the Tillamook County Commissioners, and of course the landowners of Tillamook County for your financial support and volunteer time. We hope our cooperative working relationships continue as we work to protect our natural resources.

This report conveys that Tillamook County landowners have been responsible caretakers of our natural resources. They know conservation is the right thing to do for their land, for their neighbors, and for future generations. We have an impressive record of protecting our natural resources and it is our responsibility to improve on that record.

Annual Plan of Work 2014-2015
Program Commitments

- Stream Restoration and Enhancement
- Technical Support/Assistance Program
- Implement North Coast Basin Agricultural Water Quality Management Area Plan
 - Noxious Weed Control
- SWCD/MEAD Agricultural Water Quality Revolving Loan Fund Program
- Educational outreach & implementation of on-the-ground projects with local schools, OYCC, REC and Camp Tillamook
- Native Plant Nursery Cooperative

Diamond Pioneer Award

Bub Boquist has been selected as a member of the Diamond Pioneer Agriculture Achievement Registry



The Registry was established in March of 1983 as part of the 75th anniversary of the OSU College of Agriculture Sciences. The Registry recognizes and highlights the significant contributions of persons who have served agriculture and/or related areas throughout a portion of their career. Bub will be honored during a luncheon at Oregon State University on October 6, 2015.



Our Stream Restoration and Enhancement Crew, whose main focus continues to be noxious weed control and riparian enhancement restoration projects, is the key to the District's success. The Crew installed over **6,000** feet of Livestock Exclusion fencing this year.

The Crew continues to participate in educational and community outreach projects involving the Watershed Councils and local landowner groups to improve water quality and watershed health for all streams. The District partnered with the Veterans of Foreign Wars to provide informational materials at the Tillamook County Fair booth.

The Crew is funded through state and federal grants and receives materials from the Tillamook County Creamery Association. The District also receives money from a tax rate, passed by the voters of Tillamook County, that supports operations and programs.



In the spring of 2015, the District sponsored a booth at the **Clean Water Festival**. Over 300 students from around the county participated in the event. The students were informed of the importance of riparian zones in preventing soil erosion, protecting water quality, and providing habitat for wildlife.



Garden Invaders: Giant Hogweed

By Brad Mead, SWCD staff



A plant becomes invasive when it is introduced to an area it is well suited to, but where it did not previously grow. Invasive plants typically have an advantage over native plants due to a lack of herbivores (deer, slugs and bugs avoid unfamiliar plants) and pathogens (bacteria, fungi and viruses) which reduce their ability to compete for space, light and nutrients. These plants pose a problem by altering our local nutrient and water cycles and reducing the number of different plants in areas they infest. This can lead to erosion, a lack of food for fish and wildlife and reduction of habitat for our already dwindling bee populations.

Many of our most pervasive plant pests came from our gardens. Knotweed, bindweed, yellow archangel, yellow flag iris and giant hogweed are all garden escapees. Figuring out which plants could become invasive is difficult, but there is an easy solution, use native plants whenever possible. Once they are established they require little care. For other plants, avoid anything described as a ground cover or says it spreads as these are prime characteristics of invaders.

Partnering with the Oregon Department of Agriculture, we performed a survey throughout Tillamook County looking for giant hogweed (pictured above). There is currently only one known giant hogweed site in the county where treatment is ongoing. It is highly invasive in other areas and would likely take off if it were allowed to become established here. It is closely related to our native cow parsnip, but much larger.

Giant hogweed was originally grown as an ornamental plant due to its massive size. Giant hogweed grows from 10-14ft. tall while cow parsnip grows 6-8ft. The leaves on hogweed can be 5 ft. across, cow parsnip maxes out around 2 ft. Both plants have sap which can burn the skin when it is exposed to sunlight. If you are working with these plants wear long sleeves, pants and gloves. Shower and launder your clothes when you are done. 🌿

Financial Summary - July 2014 thru June 2015

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REVENUES		
Tax Revenue	\$ 299,455	71.6 %
Grants	96,576	23.1
Contributions	1,240	0.3
Miscellaneous	17,763	4.2
Loan Interest	3,273	0.8
	418,307	100.0
EXPENSES		
Personnel Services	237,113	56.7
Contracted Services	17,974	4.3
Utilities	1,191	0.3
Fuel, mileage, repairs	5,676	1.4
Insurance	3,358	0.8
Office Expense	6,203	1.5
Program Supplies	20,649	4.9
Advertising and Marketing	1,937	0.5
Meeting Expense	2,029	0.5
Rent	7,600	1.8
Storage	2,280	0.5
County weed program	10,000	2.4
Capital Outlay	10,200	2.4
	326,210	78.0
NET INCOME (LOSS)	\$ 92,097	22.0 %
BEGINNING CASH		
	\$ 235,319	
MEAD principal received	17,273	
Revenues	418,307	
Expenses	(326,210)	
ENDING CASH	\$ 344,689	