

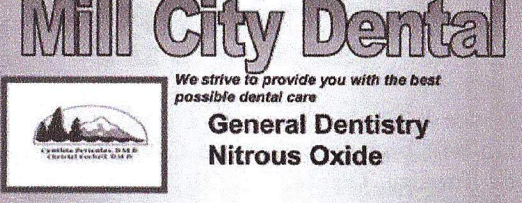


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## Watershed Council helps to improve water quality and fish habitat

*Local land owners learn first hand the benefits of a healthy riparian system*

On Friday, September 27 the North Santiam Watershed Council and the Marion Soil and Water Conservation District hosted a tour of riparian restoration sites in Stayton, Mill City, and Sublimity. The tour provided an opportunity for local residents, natural resource practitioners, and stakeholders to visit with landowners who volunteered to have their land restored and see how the restoration process works on the ground.

This tour highlighted the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP), which seeks to improve streamside habitat and water quality by planting and maintaining native vegetation in such a way that it stabilizes streambanks. This vegetation also reduces water temperature, erosion, and nutrient enrichment, and also controls the spread of noxious weeds.

Landowners participating in CREP view the program as a win-win arrangement. They receive incentive payments for acreage enrolled in the program, and it protects valuable cropland and pastures.

The North Santiam Watershed Council has been able to combine CREP service programs with other grants to enhance CREP projects, providing planting and maintenance services beyond what is offered by the program.

“CREP has been a great tool to enhance streamside vegetation for

landowners who have croplands or pastures adjacent to streams,” said Rebecca McCoun-Tavers, Coordinator of the North Santiam Watershed Council.

The eleven people that attended the tour began at a restoration site on Stout Creek, where 17,000 bareroot plants and 2,500 live willow stakes were planted in 2011. The next stop was a 5.5 acre property on Snake-Deford Creek in Mill City, where the landowner shared his experiences with CREP. This restoration site also included a large wood placement project which was used to create in-stream habitat for various fish and wildlife species, including Chinook and Steelhead.

These first two stops were project sites that were implemented and managed by the North Santiam Watershed Council. The final tour stop was on the Pudding River where a local grass seed farmer enrolled acreage under the CREP program and is doing all of the implementation and maintenance. Tour participants learned what is involved in planting and maintaining CREP projects from the landowner’s perspective.

To learn more about CREP or other restoration programs in the North Santiam River basin, please contact the North Santiam Watershed Council at 503-930-8202 or [council@nordsantiam.org](mailto:council@nordsantiam.org).

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The group hosted a meeting on October 5 to talk about the final stages of the project.

Detroit resident Yvonne Messmer has been one of the main organizers since the start of the project nearly 2 years ago. She gave a presentation to a group of area business owners, homeowners and city government officials, and described the goal of increasing tourism for both Detroit and Estacada, as well as increasing awareness about an area that is full of scenic beauty.

Members of the Detroit community seem to fully support the efforts. Two public bike racks have already been installed, and business owners have been approached about offering items specific to cyclists. City Councilor Sandy Franz offered her help to get a few parking spaces designated for the


riders starting on this side of the route.

And the project isn’t just being tackled from the Detroit side. Officials in Estacada have been working with Detroit organizers to get the project going. They believe it would help their area fill more campgrounds, as well as promote a healthy lifestyle.

The Cascading Rivers Bikeway would be the sixth promoted bike trail in Clackamas County, where Estacada is located - and it would help both cities take advantage of the nearly \$250,000,000 spent on bike tourism in Oregon each year.

Clackamas County is also dedicating a mobile webpage to the project, said Yvonne Messmer. It will be hosted on [www.mthoodterritory.com](http://www.mthoodterritory.com).

Ride updates will also be posted on [www.rideoregonride.com](http://www.rideoregonride.com), as well as on the DL-RABA website at [www.detroitlakeoregon.org](http://www.detroitlakeoregon.org). Facebook users can find them at <https://www.facebook.com/TwoRiversPedal>.



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