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Clearwater Project Public Involvement Report Now Available Online

Clackamas County Service District No. 1, Tri-City Service District and Oak Lodge Sanitary District staff, along with Norton-Arnold & Associates, have recently completed a detailed report of the public involvement process for the Clearwater Project – wastewater treatment regionalization in North Clackamas County.

The purpose of the public involvement process, which began in September 2004, was to broaden awareness about wastewater in general, inform the public on the preferred alternative resulting from the wastewater treatment options study, and establish opportunities for constructive public dialogue and input.

The public involvement process consisted of seven wastewater futures forums, seven public meetings, email and written comments, and presentations to a variety of community and civic groups. Approximately 250 people either attended a meeting or submitted comments during this two-month effort. Those participants who attended the meetings and provided their contact information appear in the report.

The comments and input generated through this report will become part of the Draft Implementation Plan for the Clearwater Project. The report can be viewed by visiting www.co.clackamas.or.us/wes/wwtos/CWPIR_FINAL.pdf

Other elements of the Clearwater Project can be retrieved from the project website at www.co.clackamas.or.us/wes/wwtos.htm.



Calendar of Events

Naturescaping Basics Workshop

Saturday, May 7
9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Sunnybrook Service Center
9101 SE Sunnybrook Blvd, Suite 441
- Clackamas County
FREE - Pre-registration is required on or before May 5th by calling 503-797-1842 or e-mailing naturescaping@yahoo.com

Naturescaping Site Planning Workshop (Prerequisite: Naturescaping Basics)

Sunday, June 5
1:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Sunnybrook Service Center
9101 SE Sunnybrook Blvd, Suite 441
- Clackamas County
FREE - Pre-registration is required on or before June 2nd by calling 503-797-1842 or e-mailing naturescaping@yahoo.com

For more information on these and other events visit www.co.clackamas.or.us/WES/calendar.jsp

What is Naturescaping?

Naturescaping features native plants, natural landscapes and water-friendly gardening practices. The result is less water use, fewer, if any, chemicals and less maintenance - direct benefits to you, your garden and the environment. Also, naturescaping attracts interesting and beneficial wildlife. The Basics workshop includes a short outdoor field trip to a nearby home or community project to see naturescaping in action, while the Site Planning focuses on landscape design.





Surface Water Management Program Master Plan

Clackamas County Service District No. 1 (CCSD1) has embarked on a new project to rewrite its surface water management (SWM) program. While the current program has been in place for nearly a decade, CCSD1 has made a strong commitment to complete a thorough analysis of every element in its current program. The goal is to emerge with a new program that is based on sound scientific modeling, and that incorporates the best management practices available – not only in the North Clackamas region but throughout the United States.

The project is being led by staff from Clackamas County Water Environment Services (WES) and assisted by a consulting team managed by Shaun Pigott. The team includes scientific, public outreach, and financial expertise. The new program will include recommendations for surface water management in the current 12,260 acres under the jurisdiction of CCSD1, as well as 15,000 acres in the Damascus-Boring area that may be added to WES' jurisdictional responsibility.

A draft of the new master plan will be completed by Spring 2005 and the final plan is due to be adopted by Clackamas County Commissioners by December 2005. The public can be involved in the planning process through workshops, printed materials, a website, and other mechanisms. Surface water management cannot succeed in North Clackamas County without the strong support and buy-in from all of the region's ratepayers. Visit the project website at www.co.clackamas.or.us/wes/swm.htm for upcoming meetings, events, and the latest developments on this project.

Freeze the Grease, Save the Drain!

Did you know that residential grease accounts for 25% of the grease build-up in Clackamas County's sewers? Restaurant and food processor grease build-up account for 65% and 10%, respectively. Grease, fats, gravy, and oil will stick to the inside of sewer pipes and cause messy and expensive sewer backups.

How you can help:

In the Home

- Never pour grease down sinks, toilets, or garbage disposals
- Pour grease and oil into a can, freeze it and put it in the trash
- Catch food scraps with baskets or strainers in sink drains and throw scraps in the garbage

For Restaurant and Building Owners

- Recycle grease and oil
- Don't pour grease or oil into sinks, floor drains, or onto a parking lot or street
- Use a grease trap or interceptor that is designed, installed and maintained correctly
- Never put solids into grease traps or interceptors
- Check and maintain grease traps and interceptors regularly

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AS HEARD ON RADIO!!!

FREEZE THE GREASE, SAVE THE DRAIN!

Follow this simple procedure and prevent grease clogs forever.

Prevent messy sewer back ups in your home.
Pour all bacon, fried chicken and other cooking grease into a can, place can in freezer, wait, then toss into the trash.

Call now! Receive your own 'Freeze the Grease, Save the Drain Do-It-Yourself Kit' absolutely **FREE!** The kit includes a grease scraper, a plastic lid that fits metal cans and easy-to-follow instructions.

503-681-3678

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★★★★ SO EASY, ANYONE CAN DO IT! ★★★★★

Step 1: Pour grease into can
Step 2: Freeze the can
Step 3: Toss into trash

CALL NOW!
503-681-3678

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M-F 7:30 AM – 4:30 PM

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