

KLICKITAT CONSERVATION NEWSLETTER

Winter 2016

Central & Eastern Klickitat Conservation Districts

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*The Little Klickitat River
in winter*



CKCD Receives Grant for Greenhouse, Partners with Goldendale Schools

CKCD has been awarded a \$50,000.00 grant from the Department of Ecology's Terry Husseman Account for the construction of a greenhouse (similar to the one pictured below) to help meet the need for high-quality plant materials to use in CKCD and EKCD's riparian restoration and education projects.

Riparian restoration is a high priority throughout Klickitat County, and is a recommended Best Management Practice (BMP) in the watershed plans for Rock Creek, the Little Klickitat River, Swale Creek, and their tributaries. Both districts have received multiples grants from a variety of funding sources to implement water quality BMPs and also to educate local citizens about the importance of healthy riparian areas. In addition to working with local landowners to perform streambank and riparian area restoration, we work with Goldendale, Centerville, and Bickleton schools to provide in-class instruction and planting field trips.

Due to the difficult growing conditions in our area, larger plants (at least gallon-size) generally have higher survival rates than smaller plants. However, the shipping costs of gallon-size plants make them cost-prohibitive. With a greenhouse, we can purchase small seedlings and grow them for a year or more before using them in our projects. We will also have the ability to propagate local, site-specific plants.

Survivability will increase and maintenance costs will decrease.

Perhaps the most exciting aspect of this new greenhouse is the fact that we will be partnering extensively with Goldendale School District. We anticipate that students will be involved in everything from learning to propagate native plants and grow vegetables, to building racks and learning about construction and maintenance. This greenhouse will provide hands-on educational opportunities for classes such as biology, natural resources, agriculture, wood shop, and family and consumer sciences. Kids will be able to pot a tree seedling, study it as it grows, learn about where it will be used and why, and then plant it in an actual restoration project.

Costs will include not only the structure, but also building permits, site preparation, utility hookups, construction, and fixtures. The purchase of plants and pots is being funded by a grant obtained by EKCD from the Verle Kaiser Foundation.

Today's youth are tomorrow's resource stewards, and we appreciate this opportunity to instill in them an understanding of and commitment to the conservation and wise use of our natural resources.



CKCD has hosted tree planting field trips for local 2nd- and 5th-graders for nearly 20 years. CKCD & EKCD have also worked with Centerville and Bickleton School on projects in which students designed and installed riparian restoration plantings.



If you would like to contribute to this project, please visit our web site at ckcd.org, click on the "DONATE" button, and indicate that your gift is for the greenhouse.

We also accept cash and checks. Donations are tax-deductible.

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2017 Annual Plant Sale

The 2017 Annual Plant Sale catalogs are now available. If you have ordered from us in the past, you should be receiving one soon. Catalogs are also available on-line (ckcd.org and ekcd.org), in the district office, at the Goldendale Farm Store, and at the Market Street Café in Bickleton. You can call or e-mail Mindy to request that catalog be sent directly to you.

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Pre-order for best selection (all sales are first-come, first-served).
Unreserved plants will be available for purchase on sale day.

Pre-Order Now
Sale Day is
Saturday, March 18
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
at the
Goldendale Grange Hall

2017 Board Member Elections and Appointments

In conjunction with their Annual Meetings, both CKCD and EKCD will hold elections for expiring positions on their respective Boards of Supervisors. In EKCD, Jason Blain (who was a mid-term appointment to fill a vacant elected position) is running for election. CKCD does not yet have a candidate for its open position. Each district also has one expiring appointed position.

District Supervisors are volunteers who serve three-year terms and set policy and direction for the conservation district. Candidates for election must be registered voters who reside within the district boundaries. State law requires that at least two of the elected board members and one of the appointed board members be landowners or operators of a farm or ranch.

The candidate filing deadline for Central Klickitat CD is Tuesday, January 24 by 4:00 p.m. The candidate filing deadline for Eastern Klickitat CD is Tuesday, January 31 by 4:00 p.m. Anyone interested in running for election or applying for appointment can contact Mindy at the district office: call (509) 773-5823 x 5 or send an email to cdoffice@ckcd.org to request more information.

Applications for appointment are made online directly to the Washington State Conservation Commission (<http://www.formstack.com/forms/?1918463-JfwJs6JKCL>) and are due by March 31, 2017.

2017 Annual Meetings

Central Klickitat CD

**Tuesday, February 21, 2017, 8:30 am—4:30 pm
at the Goldendale Grange Hall**

Visit ckcd.org for more information.

Lunch sponsor: **RJR Enterprises**

Eastern Klickitat CD

**Tuesday, February 28, 2017, 8:00 am—4:30 pm
at the Alder Creek Grange Hall, in Bickleton**

Visit ekcd.org for more information

Lunch sponsor: **Simplot**