



## Mason Conservation District

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Board of Supervisor Monthly Summary of Activities

September 2016

### Community Engagement

“By all these lovely tokens September days are here  
With summer’s best of weather  
And autumn’s best of cheer.”

Kevin has continued his outreach efforts throughout Mason County, recently presenting to Allyn Community Association, Mason County Parks Advisory Board, and Lilliwaup Community Club, and staffing a booth at the Harstine Island Farmers Market. Between these four events, we were able to reach approximately 90 different county residents and landowners, many of whom expressed a desire in working with Mason CD or at least having a site visit.

Kevin has also continued to work on getting participants for the Voluntary Stewardship Program (VSP) work group. There are now 3 agricultural producers who have signed the work group commitment form, with another 2 ag producers who have expressed strong interest but have not yet turned in their commitment forms (John and Kevin are working to get these forms turned in).

Jen and Kevin have been working with John on a significant update of the website as well as our overall messaging about

Mason CD. This is a work in progress but the initial focus is on improving our “About Us” messaging, which is used in several different online platforms, and creating a short (10 second) description of Mason CD, which currently does not exist other than on an individual basis. Kevin has begun drafting ideas for more effective and user-friendly layout and content of the website and will work with Jen and John on improving and implementing these ideas. With a more user-friendly interface, we believe that we will be able to convert more website visitors to Mason CD cooperators and will be more effective in promoting the sustainable use, conservation and restoration of natural resources.

Mason CD is collaborating with Shelton School District, Shelton High School Shop teacher Matt Gordon, the new wood shop teacher at CHOICE HS, and the HOPE Garden Project to install a school garden at Bordeaux Elementary. School District Maintenance staff installed the underground portion of an irrigation system for the garden over the summer. The shop students will be preparing raised bed garden kits for elementary students to construct and install on the site. Mr Gordon’s class is also excited about building a garden shed for the Bordeaux site. Our new Americorp volunteer, Sara Sedgwick, will help coordinate school garden efforts when she arrives in mid September.



## Shore Friendly Mason

A Shore Friendly Mason workshop is scheduled for September 17th at Jarrell Cove with Wendy Gerstel (Engineering Geologist) and Phil Dionne from WDFW covering Forage Fish Habitat, Geology, Hydrology, and Ecology specific to the shorelines of Case Inlet. Participants will learn about Stewardship Actions that landowners can take to protect their properties while enhancing nearshore marine habitat.

The District contracted with Christopher Dunagan, Environmental Reporter, to develop five landowner profiles is nearly complete and we will showcase these stories on our website and newsletters.

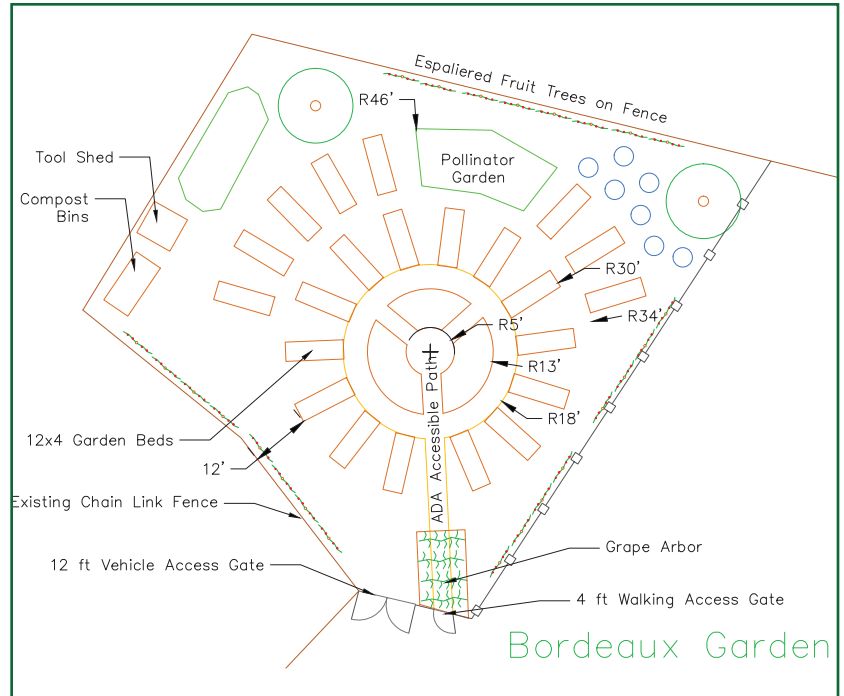
## Engineering Team Update

The South Fork Skokomish LWD Project has just been completed installing 15 log jams providing salmon habitat, source sediment, narrowing and deepening of the channel building gravel bars and scour pools.

The Koski Bridge Project is in construction and expected to be complete in October.

## Farm Planning

Amy has completed an NRCS-level Farm Conservation Plan for certification as a Conservation Planner Level III. She is also working with four additional landowners on completing farm plans, and four more new landowners are scheduled for site visits this month. The Manure Exchange Program has remained active since our Compost workshop and Amy has continued to field calls for manure regularly.



Bordeaux Elementary School Garden Design. Each class will have their own raised bed to provide hands-on experiential stewardship learning opportunities.