

SEQUIM LID PROJECT UNVEILING JUNE 20

The official unveiling of the Sequim Low Impact Development Demonstration Site will be June 20 at 5:00pm. Come help us recognize the local businesses, organizations, and volunteers that generously donated time and materials to make this project possible (see the list on the following page).

The site, located adjacent to the Albert Haller Playfields was a piece of dusty ground adjacent to a gravel parking lot last fall. Now it is fully landscaped with drought-tolerant plants, a demonstration rain garden, and a porous asphalt driving lane down the middle of the parking lot.



Low Water-Use Landscaping Site in October 2012.



Low Water-Use Landscaping Site in May 2013.

HUBER RETIRES, HEINS APPOINTED

After serving 12 years (four three-year terms) on the Clallam Conservation District Board of Supervisors, Nash Huber (photo at right) decided not to seek re-appointment for another term. We will miss Nash and his insightful perspective and vision on agriculture but are glad he will have more time to pursue traveling and bike riding.

Matt Heins was appointed by the Washington State Conservation Commission to take Nash's place on the Board. Matt has previous experience on our Board, serving two terms from 1999 through 2005. Welcome back, Matt!!!

Five positions comprise the board of supervisors. Three are elected and two are appointed by the Washington State Conservation Commission. Each serves a three-year term of office without compensation.



SOIL TESTING DATE CHANGE. Our office will be closed from June 17 - 19. We will accept soil samples on Thursday, June 20 rather than Wednesday, June 19. For more information on our soil testing program please visit our website or give us a call.

ARE YOU IRRIGATING MORE THAN YOU NEED TO?

We are wrapping up a landscape irrigation system evaluation pilot project. And boy, have we learned a thing or two.

We modeled our project after a successful program developed by the Cascade Water Alliance. We contracted with Sanford Irrigation, Inc. to evaluate the efficiency of a few automated landscape irrigation systems in the Sunland community.

Preliminary results indicate huge water savings could be realized with a few system adjustments, such as capping unnecessary spray heads or installing rain sensors. **Water savings of up to 90 percent could be achieved by converting from sprinklers to drip irrigation!**

Once established, some plants, especially natives, can get by without any supplemental irrigation water; once established, that is. And, many landscape plants do just fine with only a couple good applications of water during the summer.

Water deeply and infrequently to encourage deep root systems and healthier plants. But be careful if you have sandy or gravelly soils. The tree and shrub root zone in a sandy or gravelly soil might be able to hold only a couple inches of water, so any more than that likely pass through the root zone, taking valuable nutrients with it.

A clay or silt loam soil, on the other hand, can hold six inches of water in the root zone. So if you have clay or silt loam soil you can put on much more irrigation water per application and go several weeks before you'll need to irrigate again. However, clay soils absorb water slowly, so applying at too fast a rate may result in ponding or runoff.

Regardless of your soil type, be sure to **add a thick layer of mulch.** It will help retain water on well drained soils and improve water absorption on clay soils. In addition to conserving soil moisture and inhibits weed growth, mulch adds valuable nutrients as it decomposes.

Consider having your irrigation system evaluated. You might be wasting water. And, your plants might be suffering too.

Funding for this pilot project was provided by the Washington Department of Ecology. Mike Brent of the Cascade Water Alliance provided technical assistance.

You can measure the amount of water you're sprinklers are putting out by placing small containers, like tuna cans around the yard. Measure the water depth after 15 minutes of irrigating. Multiply by four to get the inches per hour applied.



Lakeside Industries installing porous asphalt.

The Sequim LID Demonstration Project was made possible through generous contributions from the following:

Funding:

- Clallam Conservation District
- Washington State Conservation Commission
- Washington Department of Ecology
- Jefferson County Department of Community Development/EPA

Materials:

- Adolphsen Farms
- Blake Tile & Stone, Inc
- Cascade Bark
- Hermann Brothers Logging & Construction, Inc.
- Lazy J Tree Farm
- Sequim Valley Farms
- Greenhouse Nursery
- Little Blue House Nursery
- McComb Gardens
- Peninsula Nurseries
- Sunny Farms Farm Store
- Vision Landscape Nursery
- The Holtrop family

Equipment and Labor:

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- Jamestown Excavating
- Maple View Farm
- North Olympic Salmon Coalition
- Sequim Association of Realtors
- Sequim High School Future Farmers of America
- Don Hinrichsen
- Doug Ridgeway
- John & Linda White

Thank you!

WORKSHOPS FOR HORSE & LIVESTOCK OWNERS

FREE HAY WORKSHOP

WHEN: June 25 (Tuesday) from 5:30pm to 7:30pm

WHERE: Agnew Grocery & Feed, 2862 Old Olympic Hwy in Port Angeles

It's almost that time of year again...hay season! Join the Conservation District, Clallam County Noxious Weeds, and local farmers and experts to learn what to look for when selecting hay for horses and livestock, whether it be from a local field or from your local feed store.

Topics will include:

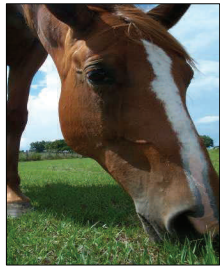
- Basic haymaking techniques to help you choose the best quality hay for your animals.
- Determining your animals nutritional needs.
- Evaluating the nutritional quality of hay, including the pros and cons of different hay types.
- Identifying poisonous & noxious weeds and other animals health hazards in your hay.



FREE PASTURE RENOVATION WORKSHOP

WHEN: August 20 (Tuesday) from 5:30pm to 7:00pm

WHERE: Leitz Farms Inc., 1527 E. Front St. in Port Angeles



Struggling with old, weedy pastures? Trying to clear land and establish pastures? Join the Clallam Conservation District to learn how to renovate and manage pastures to provide more feed for horses and livestock. Topics will include:

- Taking soil tests to determine fertilizer and lime needs.
- Equipment options for application of fertilizer, lime, herbicide and seed.
- How to choose pasture seed and when and how to reseed/overseed a pasture.
- Keeping new pastures healthy, including rotational grazing/fencing options, stock water ideas, and laying out wintertime confinement areas.



PIC PLAN FOR THE CLEAN WATER DISTRICT

The Conservation District in collaboration with Clallam County Health and Human Services is facilitating the development of a Pollution Identification & Correction (PIC) plan for the Clean Water District (eastern County boundary to Bagley Creek).

The goal of the PIC plan is to better coordinate both water quality monitoring and clean-up efforts among area agencies and organizations. The PIC plan will include a water quality monitoring plan to identify specific problems caused by nonpoint pollution, identify specific measures to correct them, coordinate education efforts, clearly define when and how enforcement action should be taken, and include a plan for stable funding.

A PIC planning task force will meet monthly over the next year to develop the plan. Please contact the District at 360-452-1912 ext. 5 if you would like more information on the PIC plan.

CREP

The Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) is designed to help landowners plant trees and shrubs along salmon bearing streams, as well as wetlands, streams, and ditches connected to salmon bearing streams.

100% of the cost of planting the trees and shrubs is covered by the program and landowners receive a generous rental payment for the land enrolled in the program. If you have a stream or wetland on your property contact Clallam Conservation District for more information and for a free, no-obligation site visit.



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Clallam Conservation District is a subdivision of state government created to promote the stewardship and conservation of natural resources in Clallam County. Public meetings are held at 3:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month at the USDA Service Center, 1601 E. Front St., Bldg/Suite A in Port Angeles.

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