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Jim --

The site sounds like it could support dry prairie, an extremely rare plant association. It might also support the oak scrub/moss association like those at Canemah bluff. These have all been decimated by grazing and weeds.

Shane Latimer (Beak-Jones & Stokes consultants, 503-248-9507 x226) has been working on restoration at the Hillsboro landfill and is starting on a new project at the Short Mountain landfill south of Eugene. He's a good botanist and has the engineering background also. As you probably know, Mark G. Wilson (City of Portland Parks, 503-823-6736) worked on revegetating the St. Johns Landfill some years ago when he was a private consultant. Other people with restoration experience (but not on landfills) are Mark V. Wilson (OSU, 541-737-5244) and Ed Alverson (City of Eugene and Nature Conservancy, 541-682-4927).

I'm not sure I ever thanked you for the excursion to Banks Swamp last May, but that was a great trip. I wanted to get back there to do some further looking but never found the time. I also want to take you up on the sharing of rare element data that we discussed. I'll ask our data manager Sue Vrilakas to contact you for details.

Best,

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> From: Jim Morgan [mailto:morganj@metro.dst.or.us]  
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> Hi John,

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> Metro Solid Waste is seeking consultants to develop and implement  
> a plan for re-vegetating the 260-acre St. Johns Landfill  
> (adjacent to Smith and Bybee Marsh) in Portland. They are  
> engineers who are not sure what they are looking for. The dry  
> site with shallow soiled could only support grasses with limited  
> woody shrubs possible. Would you recommend anyone within  
> Washington/Oregon experienced in landfill reclamation with a goal  
> of favoring native plants? Perhaps someone like Ed Alverson or  
> others working in analogous ecosystems would be appropriate for  
> developing a plan. Any leads would help.

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> Thanks,  
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