







June 16, 2000

Ms. Lynn Wilson
Metro
600 NE Grand
Portland, Oregon 97232

Dear Lynn:

I am please to submit our final billing and report for the McCoy environmental and education project. Unfortunately we were not able to complete the project due to organizational and staff transition. However, it was a pleasure working with you on this project and I look forward to future environmental projects with Metro.

1. Summary of grant activities:

- ◆ On-going planning meetings with McCoy residents.
- ◆ On-going partnership networking.
- ◆ Leveraged additional resources.
- ◆ Organized a work party/clean-up with Safeco volunteer team, McCoy residents, Lutheran Inner-City church members, NECDC staff, City of Portland staff, and neighboring residents. Volunteers removed black berry bushes, planted native and non-native plants in designated areas, cleaned out planting beds for planting, swept curbs and streets, and picked up litter. The City of Portland donated 3-drop boxes for additional dumping. Volunteers also shared lunch together, laughed, got acquainted, and enjoyed a Kung Fu demonstration later in the afternoon.
- ◆ Solv donated funds for the purchase of garden tools, volunteer lunch, wheel barrels, shovels, brooms, etc. which became permanent equipment at the McCoy for further planting and maintenance.
- ◆ Encouraged resident participation and excitement.

2. Evaluation and Comments:

What worked was our ability to get excitement and participation from the resident population at McCoy Village. Bringing the residents in on the very beginning gave ownership to each of them. The resident youth talked about how fun to be able to plant edible plants, watch them grow, and them are able to eat them. Other residents commented on how it will make the environment "less apartment" feel, and have a feeling of home. What didn't work was proper planning to ensure the project moved forward during hard times of staff and organizational transition. Clearly, the project should have been taken over by the McCoy resident council prior to final transition.

3. Photo documentation (Attached)

4. Restoration/enhancement portion: (Attached; we were able to take one photo session)
5. Restoration/enhancement portion:
 - ◆ Even though the project is not complete and the grant award was turned back, there is a maintenance crew that was hired by the management company. The company was shown the project, the plants that were new to the area, and instructions not to remove. Also, members of the tenant council keep check on the plants regularly and have proceeded to plant tomatoes, greens, and onions in the space where designated.
6. Restoration/enhancement portion: See attached plant list, which includes numbers purchase. All plants purchased were planted in designated areas.
7. Due to the inability to complete the project, no materials were produced other than a flyer to announce the kick-off and clean up of the project.

Thank you for your continued support to our community.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Cheryl L. Roberts".

Cheryl L. Roberts
Project Manager

attachments

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| 10 | <i>Adiantum pedatum</i> (Maidenhair Fern) 1 Gallon |
| 10 | <i>Athyrium felix-femina</i> (Lady Fern) 1 gallon |
| 10 | <i>Gaultheria shallon</i> (Salal) 1 gallon |
| 10 | <i>Mahonia nervosa</i> (Dull Oregon-Grape) 1 gallon |
| 10 | <i>Mahonia repens</i> (Creeping Oregon Grape) 1 Gallon |
| 10 | <i>Smilacina racemosa</i> (False Solomon's-seal) 1 Gallon |
| 10 | <i>Cornus canadensis</i> (Bunchberry) 1 gallon |
| 5 | <i>Acer circinatum</i> (Vine Maple) 1 gallon |
| 5 | <i>Mahonia aquafolium</i> (Oregon Grape) 1 gallon |
| 2 | <i>Cornus nuttallii</i> (Western Flowering Dogwood) 1 Gallon |
| 2 | <i>Sambucus cerulea</i> (Blue elderberry) 1 gallon |
| 2 | <i>Sambucus racemosa</i> (Red elderberry) 1 gallon |
| 2 | <i>Rubus spectabilis</i> (Salmonberry) 1 gallon |
| 2 | <i>Rubus parviflorus</i> (Thimbleberry) 1 gallon |

Thank you for your business.



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Dear Lynn,

This letter is per our conversation in regards to the McCoy Village environmental education project budget.

We have requested that you move the Habitat Steward line item of \$500 to a new line item titled professional services. We were not able to utilize a habitat steward at the time of ground preparation. We contracted professional services to complete the type of work required. Those services were provided by neighborhood based professionals who also donated part of their time to the project. We are very satisfied with this change.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Cheryl L. Roberts", is written over the typed name.

Cheryl L. Roberts
Project Manager

The McCoy Village G.R.O.W. Project Program Summary

NECDC is assisting residents of McCoy Village the G.R.O.W. (Generations Renewing Our World) Project. The primary goals of the project are to increase the opportunities for hands-on environmental learning for the children of McCoy Village; create and implement a project that will enhance community responsibility, awareness, and ecological values; and promote stewardship within and around the village.

The project was determined through a resident survey identified by activities for youth and seniors. The project will be designed to meet the needs of the children as well as the adult and senior residents of McCoy Village, and will encourage a sense of ownership by the residents through their participation in the planning, design and implementation. Specific activities will include:

1. Work with a local horticulturist to assist McCoy Village residents with a specific landscape design in the common greenspace areas and around the village complex.
2. Develop a recycling program-- purchase and obtain recycling bins for plastics, glass, and paper; create a compost bin to recycle organic disards and to teach the many uses of composting for example, mulch and soil boosters; organize a committee.
3. Organize several educational workshop sessions to teach the value of ecology and how it pertains to the McCoy Village; the importance of stewardship; shared responsibility of our earth; how to reuse recycled materials and turn them into valuable assets such as musical instruments and other toys, and how we can renew the earth for generations to come.
4. Form a garden committee to become the decision making body for the type of plants purchased such as: native plants to Oregon; exotic plants to stir ones imagination; bamboo plants for durability; jasmines for aroma and to promote a social environment; vegetable/flower pots and container gardens for the exterior.
5. Host a water and energy conservation workshop in collaboration with the Portland Water Bureau and the Community Energy Project.

To date the activities include:

- Scheduled a clean-up in and around the McCoy for Saturday, May 22, 1999.
- Presentation by a local horticulturalist about the advantages of planting edible plants. Both youth and adults were present and had the opportunity to see and sample edible plant life.
- Scheduled a field trip on the Headwaters to Ocean boat for May 27, 1999 for the youth at McCoy.
- Sponsoring a recyclable art workshop in June.
- Plans are being implemented and lead by the resident council.