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# **Metro Regional Parks & Greenspaces Greenspaces Environmental Education Grant 2000-2001**

**City of Gresham, Stormwater Division  
Mt. Hood Community College  
Salmon Corps.**

## **Project Description**

The City of Gresham and Mt. Hood Community College (MHCC) have joined forces with Salmon Corps for the 2000-2001 Education Grant. Again our project site is the pond on the college campus. Salmon Corps crews will remove invasive vegetation, replace it with native vegetation and conduct four maintenance visits. MHCC students will propagate native plants, and design and produce three educational signs to be placed throughout the pond site. Students from the Integrated Natural Resources Department, Fisheries Department, and Forestry Department will participate, along with students in graphic art and welding classes.

## **Progress**

Students and Faculty have begun developing text for the signage, with graphic design and production scheduled for fall 2000. Signs should be placed by the first of the year (2001). Salmon Corps has been to the site to assess and identify invasive plants and discuss removal. The first stage of removal began in May 2000.

## **Challenges & Solutions**

So far, there the only challenge has been coordination with the many participants. We have been able to remain on schedule for the most part.

## **Next Steps**

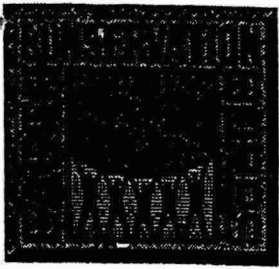
Native plant propagation will continue, students will produce and place signs, and Salmon Corps will continue removal, replacement and monitoring.

## **Project Activity Dates**

Salmon Corps work days: May 16, 17, 18, 25, and 30

Scheduled maintenance visits: June, July, August and September

Sign placement: Early 2001



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### **Salmon Corps Honored with President's Service Award**

The Earth Conservation Corps' (ECC) Salmon Corps program has been chosen as one of the 19 recipients of the 2000 President's Service Award.

"We are honored to be recognized by the President for the services we provide to the people, salmon, and environment in the Pacific Northwest," said Charles F. Sams, III, Northwest Director. "Our Native American youth continue to carry on their tradition as environmental stewards."

The President's Service Award was created in 1982 to honor outstanding individuals and organizations engaged in volunteer service directed at solving critical social problems and to call public attention to the contribution made by the nation's 100 million volunteers. It is the most prestigious Presidential recognition ever given for volunteer community service.

In 2000, more than 3,000 nominations were submitted and reviewed in four activity areas: human needs, environment, education, and public safety. The awards ceremony will take place on Tuesday, June 13, 2000 at the Old Executive Office Building in Washington, DC. Award winners will be presented sterling silver medallions and certificates signed by the President.

Salmon Corps began in 1994 with the goal of energizing Native American young adults (18-25 years old) to repair the disappearing salmon habitats of the Columbia River Basin. This approach fulfills ECC's mission of reclaiming two of the country's most threatened resources: the environment and our disadvantaged young people.

Salmon Corps is a unique partnership between five Tribal Nations, the City of Portland, AmeriCorps, the U.S. Department of Energy/Bonneville Power Administration, the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission, and various corporations.

Since its inception, Salmon Corps members have successfully built over 395 miles of riparian fencing, outplanted tens of thousands of native trees and vegetation, released over 7.5 million salmon and resident fish within the Columbia River Basin (160,000 square miles), assisted over 25,000 people within five flood zones during flash flood and other high water events, and worked with over 3,000 students in environmental education, reading, and math.

The President's Service Awards program is cosponsored by the Points of Light Foundation, a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization, and the Corporation for National Service.