

LCC Science & Math Building Landscape Project

WELCOME TO A NEW LANDSCAPE IN HARMONY WITH NATURE

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In compliance with Governor Kitzhaber's executive order promoting sustainability in state government operations, the landscape around the newly completed Science /Math Building has been designed to provide a host of economic and environmental benefits. Over time, the site will develop into a rich mosaic of grassland, savanna and woodland habitats that will cost very little to care for and that will provide an ever-increasing return on the initially small investment in plants and labor.

Unlike conventional landscapes which tend to displace natural plant and animal communities, this landscape makes every effort to re-create the attractive, functional native landscape that belongs here in the upper Willamette Valley. The "instruction manual" for landscaping a site such as this can be "read" by observing nearby natural areas; in this case, the School Forest just uphill from the south parking lot serves as a model.

To encourage a variety of beneficial insects, birds, and other creatures, the use of all pesticides is forbidden. And in order to protect our community's groundwater, no fertilizer is used. The site's overall health is ensured by working with rather than against Nature, and by taking advantage of natural cycles to maintain site fertility, prevent weeds, and provide biologically rich habitats.

We hope that you will observe and enjoy the changes that occur as this special landscape develops and evolves. And please ask questions if there is a plant or animal you are not familiar with. By making this site a more pleasant place for song sparrows and praying mantises, we make it a more pleasant place for humans too!

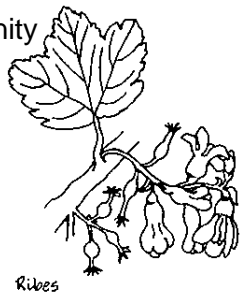
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