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REGIONAL EROSION PREVENTION AWARDS PROGRAM

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AWARD NOMINATIONS DUE MONDAY, MAY 6TH!

Criteria evaluations for permitted single family and non-single family projects are due by May 6th, 2002.

Please complete criteria evaluations for projects that have met the minimum criteria:

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- Project completed within the last 12 months prior to April 30th.
- No enforcement action beyond the required routine inspections.
 - Achieved a level of erosion prevention and sediment control that met or exceeded your agency's requirements.

Fax or mail the project site with the highest score for each category to Fred Wright at (fax) 503-645-5592 5101 N.W. 173rd Place

Portland, OR 97229

Questions regarding the criteria, Please call Fred Wright @503-730-8690

Breakfast Ceremony

The program committee has been hard at work planning the logistics of the awards breakfast ceremony to be held June 28th, 2002 beginning @ 7:30 am.

The program agenda is:

Doors open 7:30 am

Fancy Continental Breakfast served 7:30-9:00 Welcome & Opening Speaker 8:30– 9:15 Awards Presentation 9:30– 11:00 Exhibitors Displays 7:30– 11:30

Wrap up 11:30

The ceremony will be held at the Home Builders Association Building located in Lake Oswego.

We will have over a dozen exhibitors with great goods and services to check out (see page 2).





Special points of interest:

 Floating Display is en-route throughout participating jurisdictions. A three panel table top display is circulating permit counters to promote and raise awareness within the building community.



Inspectors with participating agencies received ball caps with an embroidered program logo in appreciation of their support and to promote the program.

<u>Current Events:</u> Land-Use Planning Holds Promise of Livable Future

The Environmental Protection Agency's recent study of research on the efficacy of urban stormwater BMPs (www.epa.gov/OST/stormwater) con-

cluded that, in areas undergoing new development and redevelopment, the most effective method of controlling impacts from stormwater discharges is to limit the amount of rainfall that is converted to runoff. This opens the door wide for land-use planning as a means to require a whole new generation of design and construction standards.

Most of us are already familiar with the stormwater best management practices

(BMPs) that became a regular part of business when the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Phase I made its appearance. These BMPs include erosion control measures and a range of infiltration, detention, and pollutant uptake facilities designed to protect the quality of stormwater runoff during and after construction. The new standards we will be seeing will apply to the basic framework of development itself and will include a narrowing of road widths and a move toward permeable materials; shoulder treatments that are short on pesticides and long on infiltration; sidewalks on only one

side of the street; smaller footprints for structures; greater attention to the functions of landscape materials; more and wider buffer widths for streams and standards for plantings in this zone; fewer incursions into streams by roads, culverts, and bridges; limits on total impervious surfaces; and standards that minimize site disturbances during construction.

Excerpt from article entitled "Land Use Planning the Ultimate BMP" written by Martha S. Mitchell

