



June 24, 2015

TO: Washington State Conservation Commission
Washington State Conservation Districts
Washington Association of Conservation Districts

FROM: Clark Conservation District Board & Staff

SUBJECT: July 2015 Conservation Commission Tour and Interaction Dinner

On behalf of the Board of Supervisors and staff members of Clark Conservation District, we invite you to attend a conservation project tour we will host on July 15, 2015. The purpose of the tour is to showcase a small cross-section of conservation projects and the partners and landowners who helped implement them.

A large charter bus will begin the tour promptly at 12:30 pm from the Heathman Lodge (7801 NE Greenwood Dr., Vancouver, 98662, www.heathmanlodge.com). We will travel north to a dairy for a demonstration of an energy efficient manure composter/processor project. The second stop will be an organic direct-market farm, April Joy Farm, (www.apriljoyfarm.com) for a tour of sustainable farming and natural resource conservation on small acreage. April will also provide us with a sampling from their current crops and a local baker will have pastries and breads on hand for tour participants. From there, we will travel up to where the Lewis River meets the Columbia River to the Plas Newydd Farm (www.pnfarm.com) and discuss generations of wildlife, livestock, and forestry along the major waterways.

After the field tour, we will return to the Heathman Lodge for the Interaction Dinner at 5:30 pm. We are fortunate to have special guests from the Cowlitz Tribe to provide a presentation during dinner. If you cannot join us for the tour, you can still meet us for dinner and the Cowlitz Tribe presentation. Dinner cost is \$25.00 per person and will be paid at the time of dinner via **RSVP** (please click on red link) with Lori Gonzalez. Checks should be made payable to the Clark Conservation District.

You can expect warm weather in July, so please dress accordingly and wear sunscreen. We will provide plenty of water and other refreshments. We do not anticipate much walking, but comfortable footwear is highly recommended.