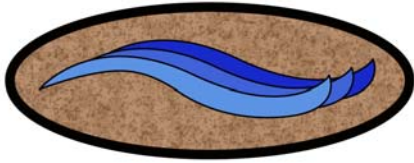


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SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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New Board Members at West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District

Who would run for a board position for a Soil & Water Conservation District? People like Marshall Miller and Jane Hartline. Both were elected in the November, 2008 general election and carry to the West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District (WMSWCD) a deep interest in and a long history of volunteer work with environmental programs.

Miller learned about Friends of Forest Park (now the Forest Park Conservancy) shortly after moving to Portland. He joined the Friends and soon became their treasurer; a post he held for about 7 years. Miller was asked to help coordinate the extension of the Wildwood Trail, the largest trail in Forest Park, and he and his wife Gail worked about 40 weeks a year and lead crews for the next 2 years completing the project in late August, 1999. Miller helped secure enough volunteers to complete this project, and convince the organization to hire Americorp workers when needed.

Marshall and Gail continue their weekly trail maintenance, meeting every Saturday for about 3 hours to maintain trails, remove debris, and construct turnpikes. They work with others on a variety of projects such as building bridges and cribwalls, but mostly on keeping the trails free from water and debris, and removing small, dangerous trees so that the citizens of the greater Portland area may continue to use and enjoy the valuable resource. It has now been 12 years, and Marshall says, "We hope to continue, until we drop!"

Miller has worked as a CPA for 30 years, primarily in Florida and Oregon. He graduated from Brooklyn College in New York with a Bachelor of Science in Accounting. He and his wife live in NW Portland.

Jane Hartline is the Oregon Zoo's Marketing Manager, a position she's held for the past 28 years. She has a long history of volunteering for a variety of groups, including Portland Audubon, Nature Conservancy, Sauvie Island Important Bird Area Committee and the Willamette Valley Turtle Project, as well as a number of professional and civic organizations. Hartline is passionate about landowner conservation beginning with her own farm on Sauvie Island where she and her husband farm sheep and practice organic farming. With her knowledge of native and invasive plants and landowner habitat restoration, she inspires other rural, as well as urban landowners, to provide homes for native birds, turtles and other wildlife while protecting water quality.

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Hartline is concerned that people who move from the city to rural areas may damage the environment if they don't know about invasive weeds, wetland regulations and responsible pesticide use and she believes that with knowledge and mentoring provided by the WMSWCD, they can become enthusiastic and effective stewards of their land.

Hartline and her husband, Jeff Greenfield, live on manage a sheep farm on Sauvie Island. She holds a Bachelor degree in Journalism from the University of Missouri, School of Journalism and a Master degree in Public Administration from Portland State University.

The mission of the West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District is:

- To sustain, protect, and develop soil and water resources;
- To help with the development of all natural resources in the West County through education; and
- To develop and sustain a concern for protecting and caring for soil and water by creating a social interest and awareness.

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