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RURAL COMMUNITIES PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVE

New Pacific Hardwoods Mill



HILARY S. FRANZ,

is Washington's fourteenth Commissioner of Public Lands since statehood in 1889.

Reopening an alder sawmill to produce new sustainably-harvested products and build an energy innovation district.

// THIS IS A GOOD EXAMPLE OF WHAT THE RURAL COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP IS ABOUT—PUTTING LUMBER MILL WORKERS BACK TO WORK MAKING PRODUCTS OUT OF SUSTAINABLY HARVESTED TREES."

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COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC LANDS



RAYMOND, WA

INVESTMENT

\$1.5 million



49 jobs
\$2.1 MILLION
IN WAGES

PARTNERS

- Port of Willapa Harbor
- Evergreen State College-Center for Sustainable Infrastructure

// THIS PROJECT WILL HAVE A POSITIVE IMPACT ON OUR COMMUNITY AND OUR STATE. BY REOPENING A NEW HARDWOOD MILL, WE ARE CREATING JOBS AND A NEW SUPPLY OF LOCALLY-SOURCED WOOD PRODUCTS."

DEAN TAKKO
STATE SENATOR

\$800,000

IN INITIAL LOGS WITH \$9.5 MILLION ANNUAL LOG PURCHASES

\$98,000

GENERATED IN ANNUAL TAXES

BEGINNING
2019



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Partnering with communities for sustainable development opportunities.

ABOUT DNR

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is present in every county in Washington state. From the shellfish beds of the Pacific coast to the eastern wheat fields of our state, DNR oversees a profound amount of resources and expertise. Three essential components of the agency's mission include the stewardship of state lands, meeting our trust beneficiary obligations and improving the quality of life for our residents to the maximum extent possible.

Phase 1

In Pacific County, which has the third highest unemployment rate in the state, the New Pacific Hardwoods mill closed in 2017.

DNR, in partnership with the state legislature, is making a \$1.4 million investment to retrofit and reopen the mill.

Alder wood is versatile and a wide variety of regional businesses will be able to use the mill's wood products.

Phase 2

DNR will work with the Port of Willapa Harbor and Evergreen State College Center for Sustainable Infrastructure to determine the economic feasibility of an energy innovation district, which co-locates new and current assets to share energy and reuse waste streams.

DNR will administer a \$100,000 grant for this work.

Other communities with ready access to forest and agriculture resources or waste streams will be able to use this work to assess their renewable energy options.

// THE PORT OF WILLAPA SEEKS TO BE A CONDUIT FOR ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES—WHETHER THAT MEANS TIMBER OR RENEWABLE FUEL SOURCES. MORE MILL JOBS RIGHT AWAY IS A BIG DEAL, AND THE POTENTIAL OF AN ENERGY INNOVATION DISTRICT—WHEN WE HAVE READY ACCESS TO WOOD, AGRICULTURAL WASTE AND OTHER RENEWABLE NATURAL RESOURCES AND BYPRODUCTS—IS A GAME-CHANGER."

REBECCA CHAFFEE
PORT OF WILLAPA MANAGER

About the Rural Communities Partnership Initiative

- Partnerships can be initiated and facilitated by a city council, chamber of commerce, DNR employees, county leadership, tribal governments, local organizations and businesses.
- There is no minimum requirement for a person or group to invite DNR to discuss potential collaboration or development and investment opportunities in a community, however we encourage interested parties to consider the whole community ecosystem when assembling proposals.
- Projects should intersect with DNR's lands and people and be geared toward creating hard economic value in local communities.
- These sustainable projects should offer long-term solutions that make use of renewable natural resources, maintain biodiversity, support ecological systems and can provide communities with multi-generational economic opportunities.

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