

Twenty on the Twenty

A 20-second (or so) monthly update about co-op development in the Pacific Northwest provided to you on or about the 20th of each month.

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North Lake Receives Pre-Development Loan

The North Lake Community, a 44 unit manufactured home park in Bremerton, WA recently received a \$90,000 per-development loan to provide earnest money and engage in due diligence on the conversion of the park to a cooperative. The loan will cover legal costs and the work of a civil engineer, environmental specialist inspectors, septic specialist, and commercial building inspector along with an appraisal. This represents a key step for the community in its efforts to move the project towards closing. The loan originates with ROC Capital and will be forgiven if the property does not close.

Harney Energy Community Hold Ribbon Cutting on BioMass Generator

Harney CommunityEnergy is an innovative, first-of-its-kind project in North America. Wisewoodlnc. has been working with the Harney County School District and Harney Countysince 2012 to develop a district energy system that will deliver heat tomultiple key community facilities using woody biomass sourced from thesurrounding region. The project showcases the first community-scaled biomassboiler in the United States that is designed specifically to use hog fuel, accoarse woody material generated as a byproduct directly from forest restorationand management activities.

After the first year of operation, ownership will be turned over to the High Desert Biomass Cooperative. NWCDC played a role in helping this project get off the ground. For more information visit <u>Wisewood.</u>

Representatives from the nation's co-op development center met in Detroit Michigan at the annual meeting of Cooperation Works!

Participants discussed diversity and inclusion within the cooperative movement. Engaging the cooperative values and principles to help break down systemic racism can be a part of our mission as developers. Other discussions centered around case studies on worker co-op conversions, the growing number of municipal funded development projects, and developing fundraising for our centers.

The group ventured into the community and learned about the <u>Avalon Village</u>, which seeks to redaimed abandoned and ignored areas of the Highland Park neighborhood and build a new vibrant community.



CooperationWorks! attendees during the opening session of the meeting.



PNW Fiber Web Holds Community Meetings

PNW Fiber Web's Steering Committee presented their feasibility study at the first of two community meeting in the Gardiner Community Hall just outside Sequim, WA. A second presentation will be held on the Kitsap County festival grounds outside of Bremerton next week. The Committee presented their feasibility analysis, took questions, discussed next steps, and invited people to join in their efforts to keep the momentum going.

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The giving season is coming up fast!

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Rural grants only go so far and Urban areas have few, if any resources. You don't have to wait for the end of the year to support our programs! You can provide a **tax deductible** one-time or monthly donation to help fund the work of co-op development at **Network for Good!**

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