

Sustainability is...

Sustainability is the maintenance of the factors and practices that contribute to the quality of environment on a long-term basis.

Larch Corrections Center...

- Raises narrowleaf plantain which is harvested for the Oregon Zoo to feed to the Taylor's Checkerspot butterfly larvae
- Offers Roots of Success classes where students are given the opportunity to examine society's most pressing environmental problems
- Is equipped to annually rehabilitate up to 12 Western Pond Turtles, a state endangered species
- Tends to a honeybee hive to help rehabilitate the honeybee population
- Rehabilitates animals with behavior problems into adoptable pets



Sustainability in Prisons Project (SPP) issues certifications for participation in several of the above mentioned programs. Certifications may be translated into academic credit post-release.

Partnerships

These programs are made possible through partnerships with Sustainability in Prison Project, Oregon Zoo, The Humane Society for Southwest Washington, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, Washington State Beekeeping Association, and Clark County Beekeeping Association.



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Prison Sustainability Programs



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Roots of Success

Roots of Success is a resident taught and facilitated class that helps inmates identify innovative solutions and put their ideas into practice as they respond to community needs and pursue environmental careers.

Roots of Success consists of 10 modules:

- Fundamentals of Environmental Literacy
- Water
- Waste
- Transportation
- Energy
- Building
- Health, Food & Agriculture
- Community Organizing & Leadership
- Financial Literacy & Social Entrepreneurship
- Application & Practice



Larch Pet Training Camp

The focus of the pet training camp is to rehabilitate animals with training and human socialization from Humane Society for Southwest Washington. Cat and dog handlers share the responsibility of caring for an animal 24 hours a day.

The ultimate goal is to provide incarcerated people with opportunities to grow and prepare these furry friends to be adoptable by community members.



Narrowleaf Plantains

Larch grows the narrowleaf plantains, a species of flowering plant, needed to feed the Taylor's Checkerspot butterfly larvae raised at the Oregon Zoo.



Taylor's Checkerspot butterfly was once abundant in the inland prairies of the Pacific Northwest. It is a Washington State endangered species and is listed under the U.S. Endangered Species Act.

Oregon Zoo raises these butterflies in support of Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife's recovery efforts, and all those caterpillars eat a lot of leaf material.



Western Pond Turtle Recovery

Incarcerated technicians are selected to participate in the rehabilitation of the Western Pond Turtle, a state endangered species. Duties include feeding, cleaning tanks, raising meal worms as a food source for turtles, monitoring health and behavior, and providing detailed care notes for project partners.



Beekeeping

The United States has seen a drastic reduction in honeybee populations, which has negatively impacted food crops. Larch's beekeeping program, along with other prison programs, are working to help save honeybees by growing healthy hives.



Beekeeper certifications can be obtained at Larch through partnerships with Washington State Beekeeping Association and Clark County Beekeeping Association beekeepers.

