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2004 Watershed Issues:

Satellite Broadcast Wins National Award

The 2004 Watershed Issues regional teleconference “Improving Community Development in Watershed Restoration” received the 2005 Shirley Davis Award for Excellence in Teleconferencing. This award was presented by the National University Telecommunications Network (NUTN) at their annual conference in San Francisco, California in June. The watershed issues satellite conference series is an annual educational opportunity for residents interested in watershed groups and watershed management in the Pacific Northwest. This teleconference is supported by the land grant institutions (Northwest Indian College, Oregon State University, University of Alaska, University of Idaho, Washington State University) involved in the Pacific Northwest Regional Water Quality Program. Washington State University is the lead institution in the development and delivery of this program.

Jan Seago, WSU Water Resource Extension Education Coordinator in Yakima, Washington, was the executive producer of this program. Darrell Kilgore, Video Satellite Communication Specialist, produced and directed the satellite conference. Drexel Rhoades and Jennifer Wilson of WSU’s Information Department in the College of Agriculture, Human, and Natural Resource Sciences (CAHNRS) also made significant contributions to this project. The Shirley Davis award recognizes a member educational institution that produces an outstanding teleconference, judged by content, technical, and administrative issues.



Jan Seago with the 2005 Shirley Davis award.

When originally aired in November 2004, this satellite conference was shown at 38 sites in Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington. When the people attending this teleconference by video stream on personal computers were also considered, it is estimated that over 600 people witnessed the live broadcast. Three groups involved in watershed restoration were highlighted with video case studies—the Kootenai Valley Resource Initiative in Boundary County Idaho, the South Coast Coordinating Watershed Council of Curry County Oregon, and the Walla Walla River Basin Watershed Council/Walla Walla County Planning Unit. The video interviews with council members and community partners highlighted different strategies employed by the groups to sustain community involvement and increase understanding of the natural resource issues facing those communities. Many people called into the live broadcast and had questions answered by expert panelists. If you missed this award winning teleconference, if you want to view it again, or are looking for educational gifts for Christmas or other special occasions, the original satellite conference is now available from Washington State University in a DVD format.

The *Anthology of Watershed Issues Satellite 2002 – 2004* conferences are now available in a packaged DVD format. These conferences were produced and made available by the Information Department in Washington



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<http://www.swwrc.wsu.edu/>

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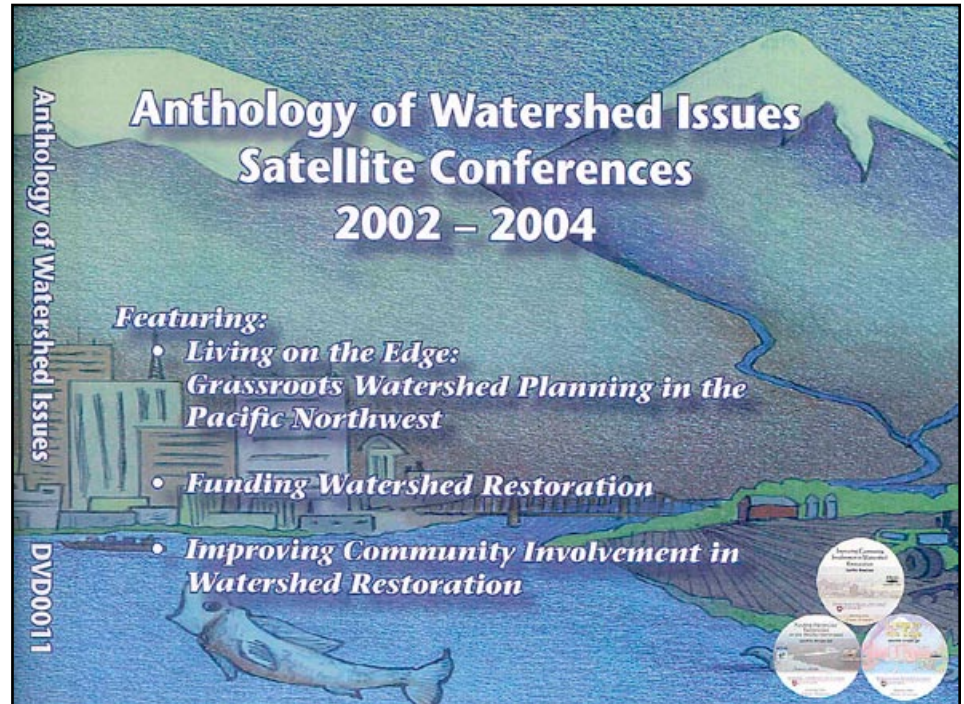
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State University's College of Agriculture, Human, and Natural Resource Sciences. You can order this anthology set from the Washington State University Bulletin office, 1-800-723-1763, or online at <http://pubs.wsu.edu/cgi-bin/pubs/index.html>.

The three workshops contained in this anthology are: *Living on the Edge: Grassroots Watershed Planning in the Pacific Northwest* which chronicles the paths around the barriers found when three watershed groups learn to plan collaboratively. The second production, *Funding Watershed Restoration*, introduces methods to develop sustainable funding streams for watershed work. A federal grant evaluator and a private enterprise environmental grant writer give advice on 'smart' grant writing. The third in the series, *Improving Community Involvement*, visits three watershed groups around the Pacific Northwest to hear their experiences in developing and maintaining volunteer support for watershed projects.

The Watershed Series, an annual workshop developed by stakeholder input, is sponsored by the Pacific Northwest Water Quality Program, and produced by the Information Department in the College of Agricultural, Human, and Natural Resource Sciences at Washington State University. A DVD copy of the 2005 satellite conference will be available in the near future.



National Water Quality Program Areas

The four land grant universities in the Pacific Northwest have aligned our water resource extension and research efforts with eight themes of the USDA's Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension System.

1. Animal Waste Management
2. Drinking Water and Human Health
3. Environmental Restoration
4. Nutrient and Pesticide Management
5. Pollution Assessment and Prevention
6. Watershed Management
7. Water Conservation and Management
8. Water Policy and Economics

CSREES is the Cooperative States Research, Education, and Extension Service, a sub-agency of the United States Department of Agriculture, and is the federal partner in this water quality program.