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Conservation District Purchases Former Spokane Rock Products Property

Plans for a Conservation Park Include Reclaiming Historical Mining Operation

SPOKANE - The Spokane Conservation District announced its recent purchase of the former Spokane Rock Products facility at 4418 E. 8th Avenue. The acquisition totaling \$1.225 million includes nearly 50 acres of land and a 7,000 square foot office building built in 2003.

The property is located in the City of Spokane Valley and was acquired by CPM Development Corporation in 2015. The operation was shut down and moved to Airway Heights, leaving the property vacant for over two years. KC Klosterman, Public Relations Representative, stated, "Central Pre-Mix is pleased to have found the perfect fit to transition the use of this aggregate operation to a second beneficial use for the community. Whenever our operations are completed, we strive to find secondary uses for our properties that fit the surroundings. We believe that Spokane Conservation District will do just that. We look forward to extending our relationship into training and employment opportunities for Veterans' programs that Spokane Conservation District is building."

The Spokane Conservation District is a subdivision of state government and governed by a local board of supervisors. The Spokane Conservation District's goal is to develop and implement programs which will protect and conserve our natural and renewable resources. SCD Director, Vicki Carter, stated, "This is large-scale reclamation project but one that is extremely important to the landowners and residents of Spokane County." The property serves as a water drainage and storage site for the Glenrose area. Changes in zoning and recent development have impacted the runoff in this area. This site can be utilized to capture storm water and slow the movement of water as it comes off the South Hill.

Carter also noted the desire to bring the property back to a more natural condition offering wildlife habitat and green space in an urban environment. "This unique property acquisition will also allow us to expand our education and program demonstration areas as we develop a conservation park or campus for the Spokane community," Carter said.

Property clean-up and development plans for the newly acquired land is currently underway, although the Conservation District does not anticipate moving their administrative offices immediately.

Spokane Conservation District is most notably known for its annual tree sale which has been offered since 1973. More recent programs include; a Livestock and Land program, On-site Septic and Sewer program, Fish, Forest, and Family Protection Program, and Vets on the Farm. Information about all of SCD's programs is available at sccd.org.

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