



Go Green Corrections

Northwestern Joint Regional Correctional Facility



Agenda



- Background
- Why Go Green
- Horticulture and Landscaping Program
- Water Conservation
- Waste Management
- Partnerships



NWJRCF



- Department of Defense, medium security correctional facility operating on Joint Base Lewis-McChord
- Facility is run by the Army with a prisoner population made up of Army, Navy, Marine, Air Force and Coast Guard inmates
- Average inmate population – 120
- Sentence length up to 10 years
- Average sentence length – 1.5 years
- Facility staff - 74



Why Go Green Corrections



- Reduced cost over time
- Vocational training
- Lessen environmental impact
- Reduce Risk



Horticulture and Landscaping Program



- 10 certificate program earning up to 80 college credits through Clover Park Technical College
- Certificate modules include Plant Propagation, Tree Identification, Landscape Construction, Green House/Nursery Management, etc.
- Arborist certification exam
- Partnerships with 3 non-profit organizations
- Donates over 9,200 lbs of produce annually to local food banks
- Grows and donates Easter lilies to installation chapels
- Grows native prairie grass for habitat restoration on installation as part of seed propagation





Water Conservation



- Drip line irrigation
- Hydroponics
- Aquaponics
- Solar panels
- Wind turbine

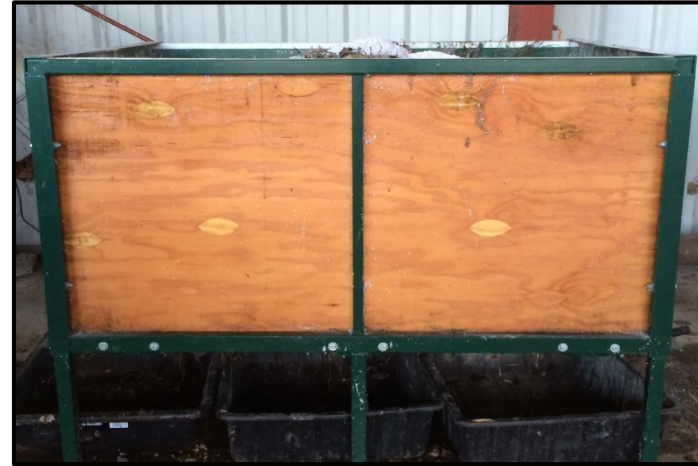




Waste Management



- Recycling program
- Composting
- Vermicomposting

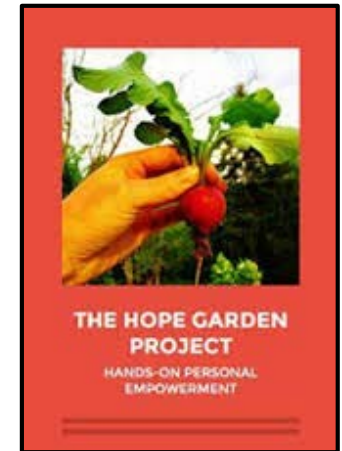




Connection with the Community



- **Thurston County Food Bank:** The NWJRCF works with the food bank to help end hunger in our local communities. In FY 15 the NWJRCF Horticulture Program donated over 9,200 lbs of fresh organic produce that was distributed within the local community.
- **Garden Raised Urban Bounty:** The NWJRCF donates over 2,000 vegetable starts to GRuB annually. GRuB donates the starts and raised garden beds to low income families and teaches them how to grow a sustainable home garden through their Kitchen Garden Project.
- **Project Hands on Personal Empowerment:** The NWJRCF donates over 1,000 vegetable starts to HOPE annually in which they empower local youth to develop healthy lifestyles through access to gardening, good food and community.





Summary



Go Green Corrections is

- a cost effective initiative
- started with very little funds
- an ability to grow over time

These initiatives provide viable skills for the prisoner population, while improving the environment and reducing risk.





Questions