



STUDENT DESIGNED PROJECT PROPOSAL TEMPLATE

PROCESS:

Submit this proposal to Nancy Bell and Bruce Richard (nancyj.bell@comcast.net bruce.richard@ymail.com for review and approval by the review committee. NOTE: allow at least TWO weeks between the time you submit your proposal and the time you can present it to the class.

Proposal Submissions accepted: October 12 thru November 1

Proposal Presentation dates: November 1 thru November 15

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Date 11/20/11

Project Title: Marin City Community Development Corporation (MCCDC) Creek Restoration

Submitted by: Barbara Wilson

Purpose:

Accelerate Marin City CDC's to end the long cycle of poverty in Marin City through its occupational Green Collar skills training with a focus on watershed management.

Immediate Goal: (include March 20th deliverable)

Assist Drew Douglass, Enterprise Development Director of the MCCDC with restoring the ephemeral creek which flows through the MCCDC 4 acre property at 441 Drake Boulevard. The creek restoration project will provide MCCDC with watershed restoration training and skills. This will involve research, outreach and resource development, i.e. in-kind and grants.

Long Term Goal: (if applicable)

I have not yet discussed this goal with Makini Hassan and I plan to. For now, I'd like not to put this in writing.

Background:

Marin City is a special district and is represented by the Third Supervisorial District, the late Charles McGlashan's and now Kate Sears's. The income disparity between Marin City and much of the rest of the County is well known.

There is an opportunity currently with the hiring of Makini Hassan two years ago to head the MCCDC to leverage her visionary leadership and focus on Green jobs to begin to address both the challenge of climate change and Marin County's plan to improve social equity.

After walking part of the creek shed with Drew and subsequently with Laura Chariton, a Riparian Policy expert, it is clear to the staff, myself and others such as Laura, that Makini's securing of 4 acres of prime creekshed in addition to the

large handsome structures on the property, provides an opportunity to train Marin County's cadre of green skilled workers.

Here is Makini in her own words:

The green jobs movement is an important part of the future of workforce development, as it seeks to improve career opportunities for low-wealth communities while significantly improving the environment.

Makini's intention is to prepare the workforce for high-demand occupations in areas such as health care, business services, and "green" industries and construction;

Opportunities/Challenges/Benefits:

Opportunities: See above +

- Makini's huge experience in the workforce development field
- Her many connections at the county, state and national
- Her recognized leadership
- Her dynamic and hardworking staff
- Her assistant, Drew Douglass, who shares Makini's vision and passion for parlaying the green jobs sector into life changing, sustainable jobs for their clients
- My experience in the non-profit sector and my connection through EFM to my classmates, the experts and my deepened understanding of the issues
- I have time!
- My understanding of how important watershed planning is in the face of climate change
- My experience in successful collaborations which have created meaningful programs to address community challenges.
- My connections to GGNRA, my past presidency of the Neighborhood Parks Council and its amazing founding ED, Isabel Wade.
- Kate Sears: "Sears happily echoes McGlashan's devotion to environmental issues, especially bay preservation. "Believe it or not," she says with a laugh, "I was actually a big fan of BCDC in high school. I went to their meetings! And now I'm on the board!".. from the Pacific Sun, 8/26/11
- My former docent status at Richardson Bay Audubon Center

Challenges:

- Finding resources
- Working across a racial and economic divide
- Marin City's politics: I don't know them yet

Scope/Milestones: (include March 20th deliverable(s))

Produce a MCCDC Creek Restoration Plan

Size of team/Skills needed:

I would love to work with others on this plan and see a natural alliance with Vicki Nichols and her interest in the waterfront and predicted sea level rise. I was also

External Partners/Sponsors: (if any)

That can occur as I proceed.