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INTERVIEWEE: Marisa Ferro

Interviewer: Hamza Sherwani

Date: June 1st 2010

Location of Interview: Room 229, Smith Memorial Student Union

Research Assistant: Hamza Sherwani

Interview Series: SUSTAINING NORTHWEST LANDSCAPES & COMMUNITIES

Recording Equipment: DIGITAL RECORDER (WINDOWS MEDIA AUDIO FILE) WITH AN
EXTERNAL, OMNIDIRECTIONAL MICROPHONE

Time	Notes
12:10	Q: What are you studying? A: Marisa completed the Masters Degree in Educational Leadership with a focus on ecological and cultural learning from Portland State University.
12:13	Q: What brought you to Portland [if you were not born here] and how long have you lived here? A: Marisa is from North California, and has been living in Portland for the last 5 years. She is attracted by the diversity, like mindedness and the closeness of the city to the nature.
12:17	Q: How do you define sustainability? A: Sustainability is the ability to take care of one another and creating ways so that others can have a sustained and healthy living.
12:20	Q: How do you assess or gauge progress towards sustainability? A: Marisa's work relates to qualitative assessment thus student involvement in sustainable projects, partnerships of student organizations and departments, and generation of new ideas all assist in gauging progress towards sustainability.
12:22	Q: How did you get into this position? A: Marisa found the job announcement on Eco-wiki website last summer and realized that she is a good fit for this position as it directly relates to her field of study.

12:24	<p>Q: Please describe what is a work day like in your life?</p> <p>A: Her typical workday involves responding to e-mails, connecting with student groups, building relationships, putting up events, assessing what other's are doing and work in various teams.</p>
12:26	<p>Q: What do you enjoy most / least about doing any of the work that you do?</p> <p>A: The most enjoyable is meeting new people and exploring diversity, whereas the least enjoyable is sitting indoors and working from a computer.</p>
12:30	<p>Q: PSU got the nation's largest 25 million miller grant focusing on PSU's academic, research and engagement activities in Sustainability. In your opinion, what are some of the potentials ways PSU can grow from this?</p> <p>A: The grant money could be used for scholarships, conferences, student lead eco districts, energy efficiency etc.</p>
12:32	<p>Q: What are some of your proudest achievements?</p> <p>A: Connecting PSU departments and student groups and setting a stage for further collaborations.</p>
12:35	<p>Q: What are some of the persistent challenges?</p> <p>A: Being specific and selective instead of broad and all inclusive.</p>

Time Notes

