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INTERVIEWEE: Tom Patzkowski

Interviewer: Greg Peterson

Date: 5/27/09

Location of Interview: Rebuilding Center/Our United Villages

Research Assistant: Ryann Conrad

Interview Series: SUSTAINING NORTHWEST LANDSCAPES & COMMUNITIES

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

Time	Notes
0:05	Tell me about yourself.
0:35	How long have you lived in Portland?
0:40	Where did you move from?
1:11	What kind of education did you receive?
1:36	What type of field were you thinking of?
1:53	What is your definition of sustainability and sustainable development?
2:18	What way in your life at home do you try to live sustainably?
2:57	What do you do to lower you eco footprint?
4:00	I read an article that mentions you as a member of the Sunflower Recycling Cooperative in Portland. In addition to this, what background experience do you have before working for the Rebuilding Center?
5:55	What were people's general reaction to you were there?
6:30	Did you ever take in the Eco Footprint?
	- Alternative spring break
7:25	Greenpeace? Previous experience?
9:00	What did you do exactly at Greenpeace?
9:50	What do you do at your job as the driving department manager at the Rebuilding Center?

11:45	What is a typical day or week at the Rebuilding Center?
13:00	What being a driving manager, how often do you work in deconstruction vs. in the warehouse?
14:55	Before the economy got bad, where there so many deconstruction projects that it was overwhelming?

Time	Notes
	- Last year over 40 structures
16:55	What types of challenges do you face as a driving/store manager?
18:48	From your memory, can you tell me about what the Rebuilding Center was like when first started?
20:37	What are the acceptance guidelines that you are talking about?
21:50	What sustainable goals have the Rebuilding Center accomplished and which of the sustainable goals do you find as the Rebuilding Center's greatest achievements?
23:27	What types of influences has the Rebuilding Center been on the Portland community? For example, the construction companies or the demolition industry.
25:30	What benefits or support have the Rebuilding Center received from the Oregon government and other organizations? For example, governmental grants or the Meyer Memorial Trust.
27:25	So Our United Villages and Rebuilding Center make enough money to be a stable organization?
28:19	What sustainable practices is the Rebuilding Center thinking about in the future?
29:55	What percentage of materials ends up not being recyclable?
30:47	Is there any practices of the Rebuilding Center that you consider unsustainable?
32:07	I read that all these material were donated to construct these buildings, where you around when this happening?
33:23	What type of ties do the Rebuilding Center has with the U.S. Green Building council who sponsors LEED, Leadership in Energy and Environmental

