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Interviewee: Marissa Madrigal

Interviewer: Andrea Schons

Date: July 23, 2009

Location of Interview: Multnomah County Office Building Portland

Research Assistant: Constantine Vutsas

Interview Series: Sustaining Northwest Landscapes and Communities

Recording Equipment: Digital Recorder (Windows Media Audio File) with an external, omnidirectional microphone.

Time	Notes
0:03	Where were you born and raised?
0:36	What kind of work did your dad do? (worked at a bank).
1:22	Did you pick up any Spanish? Bilingual
1:56	How long have you lived in Portland?
2:09	(Follow up with your family)
2:30	What is your degree in?
3:11	Political campaign management.
3:33	Local position within the city for political campaigns and worked with Vancouver park district.
4:22	How many parks in the area?
4:30	What kind of land did they use for the parks?
5:00	C.R.O.P.S. when and how did you get the idea for the program?
6:30	Within this county?
6:56	Lack of money—bad food—health poor.
8:12	Look at lots to form community gardens, need a more permanent space.
8:13	Is location temporary? And how much time do you have with it?
9:40	Schools in neighborhood and colleges can support community gardens.
10:12	How much land are you using right now—two acres.
10:20	Where are at with the harvest?
11:05	Produce going to Snow Cap Oregon Food Bank

- 12:10 Created trust with local farmers to figure out the garden.
- 12:35 What is the projected yield from C.R.O.P.S.?
- 15:15 Cost of equipment? Are you hiring? Mostly donations?
- 17:45 Budget for farm \$22,000—water problems and other issues.
- 18:35 Is it mostly volunteer based?
- 19:24 Total number of people that work on the farm everyday?
- 19:55 Is it mostly adults?
- 20:15 Support of finds from county (Jeff website).
- 21:29 Break ground with project.
- 22:30 What is involved in making organic food?
- 23:36 What kind of alternative stuff are you doing?
- 24:55 How many food banks are you working with?
- 26:20 FDA approval? Giving food to the public.
- 27:00 Any issues with approvals?
- 27:25 Sustainability definition and program, what do you think?
- 29:43 Aspects of sustainability, maybe thesis?
- 31:15 Did I miss any questions?