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INTERVIEWEE: Richard "Brick" Street

Interviewer: Ciji Dieringer

Date: 5/22/2013

Location of Interview: Grant High School

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Interview Series: SUSTAINABILITY HISTORY PROJECT

Recording Equipment: DIGITAL RECORDER (WINDOWS MEDIA AUDIO FILE) WITH AN
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Time	Notes
1:25	West Linn High School Farming town Wrestling team would buck hay during Summer break
2:00	Time in navy during Vietnam Howard Horton- now retired, consultant for a judge who ruled on Columbia River hearing Tennin- introduced ecology
3:30	Experiences as a science teacher Sustainable agriculture (Ecologically sustainable) Created curriculum and classes tailored around these subjects
5:00	Definition of sustainability Living out of the box Not seeing the fruits of what is being done now, set something in motion that will be in place for generations
7:30	Early interest in teaching sustainability Ecology class has morphed into lots of other talk
9:30	Optimism among students
10:00	Portland Green spaces within city limits

	Native plants, bicycle as transportation
10:50	Sustainable projects Various community gardens Native plants @ Grant HS
12:00	Bioswell- “glorified ditch”
14:00	Environmental group, helped build bioswells Lots of obstacles, planning to get approved
15:10	Green City Data 1993 Greg Wooley Whittaker Ponds (42 nd and Columbia)
18:10	Whittaker Ponds Natural Area Most proud of this achievement Went from a spot that was basically a junkyard
19:00	Garden program at grant Time constraints Size issues- too many students for one small garden area
20:15	Idea for garden 1 st sustainable agriculture class Vivienne Orlin- principle Environmental Club
21 :45	Funding for garden Initially, grant from State Farm, now raising funds and some funds from Booster Club
22:30	Advisor of Environmental Club Varies from year to year Direction changes- from garden focused Spirit of Portland Award (Recognizes efforts in community service in Portland area) Commissioner Nick Fish nominated class
24:10	How do students benefit from having a garden? Getting outside- fresh air PE is now just a freshman class

