

## **Backyard Riparian Landscape Design**

### **REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS**

February 10, 2010

The Mid-Columbia Fisheries Enhancement Group (Mid-Columbia Fisheries) and Benton County Conservation District (BCD) are **currently advertising a Request for Proposals for Riparian Landscape Design**. The project is a collaborative effort between the two groups, and is funded through a grant from the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation.

#### **1. Description**

The project partners desire to design and disseminate a brochure describing salmon-friendly yard care in eastern Washington. We would like to include an insert in the brochure with riparian landscaping templates appropriate to the Easton/Cle Elum, Ellensburg, Yakima and Tri-City climatic zones. We seek a landscape architect or designer to provide drawings and pictures that illustrate how a riparian buffer of native plants could look throughout the seasons in each zone.

This project is inspired by the successful "Creating Urban Riparian Buffers", or CURB, program in Walla Walla, WA. CURB program managers found that homeowners were much more interested in installing riparian buffers when they could see drawings of how the proposed buffers would look throughout the year.

#### **2. Request**

Mid-Columbia Fisheries and BCD seek a landscape architect or designer to:

- Generate lists of native riparian trees, shrubs, and groundcover appropriate to the four climatic zones identified;
- Create adaptable "templates" for backyard riparian buffers for each climatic zone; and
- Develop color illustrations of how riparian buffers composed of appropriate species would look in each season.

#### **3. Selection and Timeline**

Qualification summaries are due to Mid-Columbia Fisheries by March 15, 2010. We expect to conduct phone interviews with one to three individuals or firms. We will select an individual or firm whose qualifications best fit the planting zones, riparian function goals, aesthetic considerations, and available budget. The project has \$3000 - \$4500 budgeted for design. The design products are needed by July 15, 2010.

#### **4. Qualifications**

At a minimum, each submission should include:

- a description of experience working in eastern Washington,
- a description of experiences with wildlife habitat enhancement in residential settings,
- evidence that the proponent understands the role of riparian buffers in stabilizing soils and protecting riverine habitat, and
- drawings and photos of past projects.

Qualifications of staff members should be brief and concise.

**5. Submission Delivery:**

Submissions shall be delivered to Mid-Columbia Fisheries through e-mail, fax, or mail:

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