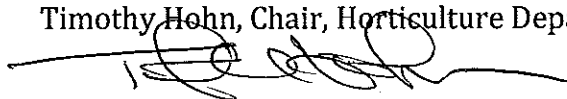


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TO: Alison Pugh, Sustainability Researcher

FROM: Timothy Hohn, Chair, Horticulture Department



RE: Restoration Horticulture Program

The Restoration Horticulture program at Edmonds Community College has filled an important niche in the field of restoration. Before there were specially trained horticulturists to work in restoration there were serious problems in the following areas: access to the appropriate plant material; appropriate land preparation; successful landscape installation; appropriate landscape management and preservation to insure successful establishment. Restoration Horticulturists have made an immediate impact on the success botanical remediation projects, a large proportion of restoration work.

In addition, EdCC Restoration Horticulture students have been in demand to join environmental consultancy groups, landscape contracting companies, land grant university outreach programs, and NGOs wishing to engage in low impact development projects and/or provide public education on the subject. The students have a particular competency in bioswale technologies and have been part of groundbreaking projects on our campus and in nearby communities.

Finally, the Restoration Horticulture program is staffed by experienced and highly competent faculty who have developed relevant, applied curricula that engages and inspires students in the classroom and in the field.