

Shasta-McCloud Native Plant Materials Program People's Garden Demonstration Compost Project Shasta-Trinity National Forest

2010 Accomplishments

The Shasta Trinity National Forest's Mount Shasta Ranger District, California developed a demonstration compost program. This project is located at the STNF Native Plant Interpretive Garden in Mount Shasta, California, a USDA Forest Service Region 5 People's Garden location. The USDA People's Gardens Initiative projects are found across the country and are intended to demonstrate sustainable methods for growing food and landscaping.

Along with development of the compost piles and worm bins, signs were designed by the Botany Program and could serve as examples for other project locations in California. The focus of the composting efforts is to reduce waste and recycle landscape materials such as grass clippings, autumn leaves, and the lunch waste from Forest Service offices. The sign templates are available for distribution in an electronic format upon request.

On June 18, 2010, the Garden hosted an open house and workshop highlighting this garden and the new compost project. The open house attracted a steady flow of local gardeners, agency representatives, and other interested parties to visit the garden and compost project. Volunteers instructed individuals on composting basics and answered specific questions. In addition, members of the Youth Conservation Corps and others helped prepare the compost piles.



Figure 2. Shasta Trinity National Forest intern preparing the worm bin with newspaper bedding prior to adding the worms.



Year Awarded: 2010

Expenditures: \$6,000

▪Partners/Contractors/Coop: Yreka Community Garden Compost Crew, Youth Conservation Corps, Mt. Shasta Bioregional Ecology Center and Community Volunteers



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