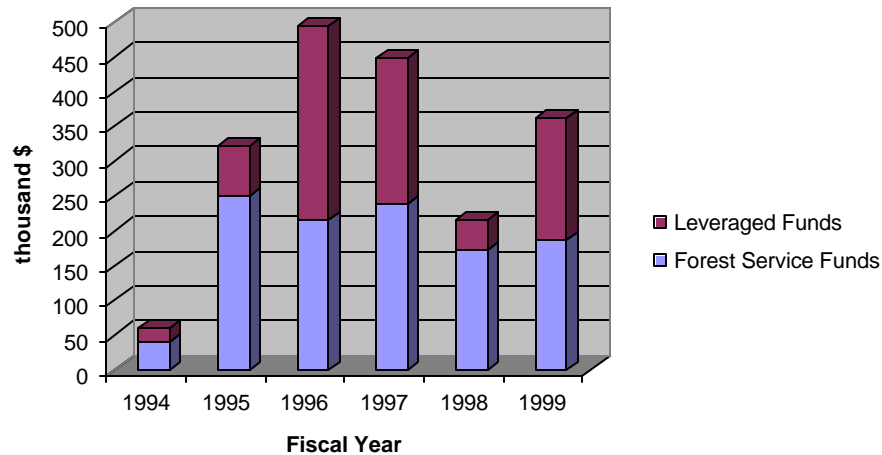
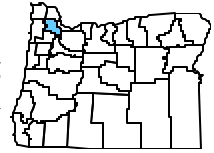




# Economic Action Programs

## Wasco County, Oregon

Wasco County is a nonmetropolitan county located on the Columbia River. The Cascade Range and the Columbia Plateau are dominant geographic features. Compared to statewide averages, Wasco County has proportionally more people employed in farming, forestry, and fishing occupations. About 75% of the county's land base is in farms; with the majority of value of farm products sold coming from crops. Fruits account for over 60% of the value of crops sold, and wheat accounts for another 30%. Most of the remainder of County land is divided between private timberland and Forest Service-administered land.



Recipient	Project Name	Federal ID	Funds		
			USFS	Leveraged	Total
<b>Planning and Technical Assistance</b>					
City of Mosier	Waterfront Park Design/Eng	ORNW-99-022	\$36,000	\$9,500	\$45,500
City of The Dalles	Downtown Renaissance Feasib	ORNW-99-001	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$100,000
Columbia Gorge Comm College	Kitchen Collaborative	ORNW-96-008	\$32,205	\$0	\$32,205
Confed Tribe Warm Springs	Kah-Nee-Ta Interpretive Center	ORNW-97-017	\$31,900	\$17,400	\$49,300
Confed Tribe Warm Springs	Commercialized Rest Area Study	ORNW-97-018	\$30,000	\$22,000	\$52,000
Port of The Dalles	Col Riv Marine Facility Study	ORNW-96-055	\$24,000	\$36,000	\$60,000
Port of the Dalles	Chenoweth Industrial Park Eng.	ORNW-98-025	\$117,955	\$29,489	\$147,444
Wasco County	Strategic Action Plan	OREC-94-003	\$25,000	\$17,280	\$42,280
Wasco County	Dalles RiverFront Trail Design	ORNW-97-043	\$93,000	\$20,000	\$113,000
Wasco County Court	White River Health/Living Need	ORNW-97-019	\$16,000	\$4,000	\$20,000
<b>Natural Resource Related</b>					
City of Maupin	South Wasco Website Services	ORNW-97-058	\$13,700	\$21,500	\$35,200
Crate's Point	Discovery Center L&C	ORCG-99-001	\$50,000	\$77,950	\$127,950
Wasco County	Crates Pt. Picnic Area Develop	ORNW-96-031	\$160,000	\$242,564	\$402,564
Wasco County	Discovery Ctr Water System Imp	ORNW-99-016	\$50,000	\$40,000	\$90,000





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## Wasco County, Oregon

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### Facility Construction/Environmental Improvement

City of Maupin	Visitor Center Improvement	OREC-94-016	\$13,950	\$3,855	\$17,805
City of Maupin	City Park Improvements	ORNW-95-042	\$250,000	\$72,500	\$322,500
Columbia Gorge Comm College	Commercial Kitchen Equipment	ORNW-97-021	\$55,000	\$125,000	\$180,000
Wasco County	Civic Auditorium Design/Eng	ORNW-98-034	\$54,000	\$14,226	\$68,226

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## Economic Action Programs

One success story from Wasco County, Oregon



### City Park Improvements

On the banks of the Deschutes River, Maupin City Park is the pride of the community. The park began in the 1950s as a primitive tent camping and walk-in river access site. Gradually improvements were installed in the 1960's with water and septic system, but the park was still only a local attraction.

Then in the 1980s river rafting began to take off and the community could see a real gem in their midst. More land was purchased and a long range plan was prepared. Improved beach access for rafters, more camping and day use space, and shower and restroom facilities needed to be added and improved, but funds were very limited

In 1992, Maupin's largest employer, Mountain Fir Lumber Company closed. Consequently, Maupin was identified as a timber-dependent community and Northwest Economic Adjustment Initiative funds became available.

Through a \$250,000 Forest Service Rural Community Assistance grant, most of the crucial park improvements were constructed. Now there are 52 tent sites, two large group sites, 20 full service RV hookups, 230 feet of concrete sidewalk along the river bank for boats and rafts,

and a new shower and restroom facility. "Maupin has an outstanding park that is a regional recreation destination for rafters, boaters and fishermen," says Glen Sachet, Mt. Hood National Forest Rural Community Assistance Coordinator. During the peak use season, thousands of people use the Maupin City Park. Maupin has figured out a way to capitalize on the tourism trade and develop an asset that is self-supporting.

**Applicant: City of Maupin**

**Grant No: ORNW-95-042**

**USDA Forest Service Funding: \$250,000**

**Total Project Cost: \$322,500**



## Economic Action Programs

One success story from Wasco County, Oregon



### South Wasco Website Services

In this project, South Wasco County integrated an often overlooked resource of any community....school kids. Frequently, we look to a small active core of community volunteers forgetting that the next generation of leaders must be recruited, motivated, and trained. South Wasco didn't forget.

South Wasco has struggled to implement its Strategic Action Plan because this rural area has only a handful of leaders. Communication difficulties are exacerbated since rural population centers are geographically widespread across the county.

Chosen by the Northwest Regional Educational Lab (a non-profit educational group) as the only school district in the state of Oregon to receive technical assistance for rural community development, South Wasco County saw an opportunity to enlist greater community ownership in economic diversification effort by including high school students.

The Northwest Regional Educational Lab program is designed specifically to bring students and community together to attain community goals. The Lab offered to provide technical assistance to the community-school partnership in the form of meeting facilitation, information networking, and as a general information resource. So far so good, but neither the school district nor the communities had funds for purchasing necessary computer hardware or hiring a computer instructor. And this is where the Forest Service Rural Community Assistance grants program came in.

The FS awarded the City of Maupin \$13,700 (matched with \$22,500 from the school district) for computer web server, laptop and customer demonstrations, video projector, software, digital modem router, and modems. The intention was to "establish and maintain a successful community-

school partnership where students receive valuable computer and business training while providing high tech services to the community at large. This relationship will bring 'new blood' to the community development planning table and new leaders will evolve to champion our common goals."

So how will all of this assist economic diversification efforts? "Students will set up a website with school and community information (such as tourism, business opportunities, community events); set up and manage a web server business that provides services to local businesses and communities which want to market on the Internet in order to expand outreach to target segments.

"Students will work with Chamber of Commerce, local outfitter/guide services, other visitor services to design and put on-line new websites. This effort has the potential to allow the community to diversify or expand existing businesses and market small business relocation opportunities in the south county area." With all the energy and technical savvy kids have these days, you can be sure this effort will pay off in the long run.

**Applicant: City of Maupin**

**Grant No: ORNW-97-058**

**USDA Forest Service Funding : \$13,700**

**Total project cost: \$36,200**