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Earth Day Efforts in Ridgefield

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Ridgefield, WA, April 21, 2010 – Volunteers and staff from the City of Ridgefield, Clark County Environmental Services and Waste Connections assisted approximately 220 participants in the annual Spring Clean Up day at Ridgefield High School, on Saturday, April 17, 2010.

The four hour event collected everything from hazardous and electronic wastes to bulky garbage items, metal and yard debris. Empower Up, a non-profit organization that provides computers, education, job skills training and access to the Internet to those in need by reusing and marketing computers diverted from the waste stream was on-site to collect computers.

Volunteers at the Spring Clean Up included Dennis Varney, Michael Carver, Clyde Barnes, Michelle Dragoo, David and Cathy Standal, Council members Lee Wells and Don Stose and Mayor Ron Onslow.

In a third annual event, employees from United Natural Food, Inc. (UNFI) in Ridgefield will spend a few hours on April 22, 2010 volunteering to clean up roadways and pick up garbage in support of Earth Day. The participating Ridgefield UNFI employees will be cleaning Main Avenue between Pioneer Street and NW 291st Street. UNFI is the leading independent national distributor of natural, organic and specialty foods and related products in the United States, including nutritional supplements, personal care items and organic produce.

These most recent efforts were completed on the heels of a large group of volunteers from the community that helped plant approximately 80 trees in various parks and open spaces around the City leading up to Earth Day.

Steve Wall, Public Works Director for the City of Ridgefield commented that, “UNFI fulfilled both their vision for the community and the environment with their support of Earth Day and the work they completed for our City. The efforts of the volunteers during the Spring Clean Up day and the UNFI employees are greatly appreciated and are good examples of the support the City is fortunate to receive from volunteers to enhance the quality of life for our residents and the public”.

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The City of Ridgefield, incorporated in 1909, is a rapidly growing community located in northern Clark County, Washington approximately 10 miles north of Vancouver, Washington. Over the next 20 years, the City of Ridgefield expects to grow to a population of over 20,000 persons with an employment base of over 13,000 jobs. The City has adopted a Council-City Manager form of government. The City Manager acts as the chief executive officer of the City overseeing daily operations, annual budget development and implementation, and personnel. The City Manager works with a management team composed of the Director of Finance & Administration/City Clerk, the Public Works Director and the Police Chief to insure that community services are provided and that the policy directives of the City Council are carried out in the most efficient manner possible.