

Master Gardener Program



FIREWISE DEMONSTRATION GARDEN



Like all projects this one started as an idea. Seven months earlier in a small basement room when snow was on the ground an plan was born. Over the years the Colville Community Garden has seen dwindling interest and focus was made to determine why and how to combat this issue. The WSU Master Gardener program offered to join in a collaborative effort to bring interest back to the garden.

Working with the Stevens County Conservation District the idea for a Firewise Demonstration Garden began to evolve. This garden would be a designed landscape to display and explain which plants would work in a home landscape to protect homes from wildfires and ember showers. June 20 a cost match grant was approved to start the project with the stipulation it was completed by June 30.



It was here the real work began and outreach started. We were overwhelmed at the community's enthusiasm and response. Within a week we had participation from WSU Stevens County Master Gardeners, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Colville Community Garden Board, Rotary Club of Colville, the City of Colville, Colville Chamber of Commerce, American Legion's Colville branch, Stevens County Emergency Management and many more organizations. A few days into the project the Department of Natural Resources offered another cost match grant. Coupled with the amazing assistance from local businesses: Wynne Street Nursery, Colville Valley Concrete, Colville Sign, Lost Falls Brewery, Haney Lumber and Supply, Tom's Garden Beds, and Hedrick's Floral progress flew.



Volunteers contributed 316 hours and through community donations that included supplies, plants, tractor use, truck deliveries and much more we were able to come up with \$4,170 in match to accompany the volunteer hours to go against the two cost match grants. The ground-work has been laid. Our next steps are to get a water system installed, weed management, ground cover established, and to complete the pathway from the garden to the Rotary Trail. If you are interested in contributing to the project please contact: Project Coordinator- Adena Sabins at asabins@wsu.edu or 509.684.2588.



The Colville Community Garden is located at 170 B Hwy 20 East

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