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The Evergreen State College
Olympia, Washington 98505

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The State Planning and Community Affairs Agency has awarded a \$1400 grant to The Evergreen State College, Olympia, for assistance with a land use and community planning project initiated last fall by faculty and students in the college's Environmental Design Coordinated Studies Program.

The \$1400 grant, recommended by a Citizens Advisory Board and funded from Title One of the federal Higher Education Act, will help finance preparation of a comprehensive plan and an amendment to Thurston County's interim zoning ordinance for the Cooper Point area surrounding the college.

Award of the grant was announced in Olympia by Richard A. Courter, Title I Administrator, Training and Education Division of the Planning and Community Affairs Agency. Title I funds are available for projects in which educational institutions and community residents are involved in mutual problem solving efforts. Total cost of the project is pegged at \$2800, with the college providing half of the amount through such "in-kind" services as faculty time for student supervision and consulting, as well as use of space and facilities for project work.

The \$1400 grant will be used for such expenditures as aerial photography, mapping, printing, mailing costs, supplies, and publicity in the Cooper Point area, according to Evergreen faculty member Carolyn Dobbs. She is one of three instructors working on the project along with ten students and about 250 area residents.

The project began last October and will continue until next July, at which time the proposed comprehensive plan and amendment to the interim zoning ordinance will be presented to Thurston County Commissioners and the County Planning Commission. A preliminary draft of the plan already has been prepared and reviewed by the Cooper Point Association, a faculty/student/citizen group formed last fall to spearhead the project.

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