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Port of Olympia to Hold Adopt-A-Garden Public Workshop September 14

The Port of Olympia invites community groups and businesses to learn about a new Adopt-A-Garden program for Port properties in Olympia. A public workshop will be held September 14, 2006 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in Room B at the Olympia Center, 222 Columbia St. NW, Olympia.

Supported by input from the community, the Port's vision for the commercial and recreational properties on the Port Peninsula is to create a unique sense of place. As part of this vision, the Port plans to develop destination gardens.

These gardens will be built around focal points, such as a multi-use stormwater pond in the new South Marina development to the west of Swantown Boatworks, a possible future artesian well near a new office development, a waterfront viewpoint park at NorthPoint, or a viewpoint on top of the Cascade Pole remediation site cap. Some of these areas will entail the development of new landscaping, while others will involve the conversion of existing landscaped areas. The Port envisions that there will be a variety of opportunities for community groups to partner with the Port in the development of these gardens.

Community groups and the public are invited to come and learn more about these opportunities on September 14. For additional information, call Andrea Fontenot, the Port's Public Works Director, at 360-528-8020 or go to the Port's website at

http://www.portolympia.com/adopt_a_garden.asp.

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About the Port of Olympia

The southernmost deepwater port on Puget Sound, the Port of Olympia is Thurston County's partner in economic opportunity. The Port owns and operates a diversified international shipping terminal, an established niche facility that handles a range of breakbulk and project cargoes. The Port also owns and operates a strategically located regional airport, a vibrant 656-slip recreational marina and boat haulout/repair facility, and a thriving real estate division. A community port, it generates an estimated 2,600 jobs in Thurston County and indirectly over 5,000 jobs in Washington State. For more information, please call the Port at (360) 528-8000 or visit www.portolympia.com.