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Portland Ethnobotany Project Plan 2009-Present

Cities are often places built over traditional Indian gathering grounds, pioneer farms and orchards, and/or places where green spaces are for walking through but not interacting with. This project shows how even an urban environment can be an important source of foods, medicines, craft materials, and more for the local population. With good research, smart planning, and demonstration activities the project will show how ethnobotany is a tool for vesting people in the well-being of their city.

Over the next five years the Institute for Culture and Ecology will raise money for the Portland Ethnobotany Project under the umbrella program, the Northwest Ethnobotany Conservation Program. Simultaneous with raising funds will be the implementation of discreet projects such as working stakeholders to identify existing resources and use patterns. We are also working with the U.S. Forest Service Pacific Northwest Research Station on urban foraging projects in Seattle and we hope to extend those to Portland. Initial funding for the Portland phase is \$20,000. The project is expected to require a total of \$500,000 over the next five years to implement all features.

About the Northwest Ethnobotany Conservation Program

The goal of this program is to bring ethnobotanical understanding and tools into environmental and conservation management in the Pacific Northwest. Through research and on-the-ground activities IFCAE is working on a number of ethnobotanical initiatives. For example, we worked with the West Eugene Wetland Partnership to create opportunities for regional Native American Indian tribes to help with the identification, restoration, and use of traditionally managed/culturally important species at the wetlands. We have worked with nontimber forest product subsistence, commercial and recreational harvesters for over 15 years to understand and protect their knowledge and stewardship systems. As a part of IFCAE's new Urban Ecology program we will be looking at urban foraging systems both new and historical.