

**PALOUSE-CLEARWATER ENVIRONMENTAL INSTITUTE
NATURE CENTER STRATEGIC CONCEPT**

This Palouse-Clearwater Environmental Institute Nature Center Strategic Concept (“PCEI Concept”) for the Palouse-Clearwater Environmental Institute, Inc. (“PCEI”), an Idaho nonprofit corporation, is adopted by the PCEI Board of Directors (“Board”) this 17th day of February, 2010.

Recitals:

A. PCEI is a non-profit organization incorporated in the State of Idaho as an educational institution under US IRS code 501(c)3.

B. PCEI has been actively involved in community organizing and education to assist community members in making environmentally sound and economically viable decisions that promote a sustainable future. This work supports PCEI’s mission to increase citizen involvement in decisions that affect the area centered on the watersheds of the Palouse and Clearwater Rivers and adjacent areas in Northern Idaho and Eastern Washington (“Palouse-Clearwater region”) since 1986.

C. PCEI currently owns real property that functions to house buildings which comprise PCEI’s workplace and includes a Nature Center located in Moscow, Idaho as depicted on attached **Exhibit C** (“Nature Center”). The Nature Center functions as a non-profit environmental resource center providing the public with access to trails and natural areas and to numerous educational programs operated by PCEI at the Nature Center.

D. PCEI performs stream restoration and environmental educational activities throughout the Palouse-Clearwater region and uses the Nature Center to support these activities.

E. PCEI’s activities are supported by private donations, membership fees, grants, and volunteer efforts.

F. PCEI desires to adopt a PCEI Concept to describe the purposes of the Nature Center and PCEI’s vision and strategy for implementation of those purposes.

NOW THEREFORE, the Board adopts this PCEI Concept for the Nature Center as follows:

1. STRATEGIC CONCEPT.

1.1 Purposes.

To achieve a long term vision that the Nature Center become a model for preservation and restoration of wildlife, open space, and native habitat and a model for sustainable living characterized as a community-enhancing public space, PCEI shall use the Nature Center for educational, scientific and/or charitable purposes which may include:

1.1.1 Promoting open space preservation, native plant propagation, native habitat restoration, and hydrological enhancements.

1.1.2 Actively participating in the conservation, preservation, and restoration of environmentally sensitive lands, natural areas, and unique ecosystems.

1.1.3 Utilizing green building and sustainable agriculture techniques, rainwater collection, and alternative energy systems to demonstrate sustainable resource conserving strategies.

1.1.4 Promoting the ecological health and social welfare of the Palouse-Clearwater region and the Pacific Northwest.

1.1.5 Providing forums for the free exchange of views in matters of environmental concern to the public.

1.1.6 Informing and educating the public on issues of importance to the sustainable future of the Northwest, thus promoting a well-informed, active and concerned citizenry.

1.2 Property Development and Expansion.

To support the purposes of the Nature Center, PCEI intends to continue the efficient, sustained development of the existing Nature Center real property and from time to time expand the Nature Center by acquiring, holding, owning, mortgaging, managing, leasing, or investing in additional real property of strategic importance to PCEI as such may become available.

1.3 Collaboration and Support.

To support the purposes of the Nature Center, PCEI may collaborate, partner with, and/or support other entities with similar purposes, which may include charitable and philanthropic organizations, schools and universities, neighbors or other community members, the City of Moscow, Latah County, the State of Idaho, and other governmental agencies and enter into mutual agreements for uses of the Nature Center which may include:

1.3.1 Providing open space elements to support compatible development in the vicinity of the Nature Center.

1.3.2 Encouraging and supporting compatible use of business, education, and/or community facilities and/or agricultural developments.

1.3.3 Forming strategic alliances with neighboring or adjoining landowners including conservation easements and other agreements.

1.3.4 Providing opportunities for PCEI members to hold special events at the Nature Center such as birthday and graduation parties, family reunions, and weddings as long as such events are carried out in an environmentally sustainable manner which includes, but is not limited to, use of labeled receptacles for recycling and compost, and are cost neutral or revenue generating for PCEI.

1.3.5 Collaborating with the City of Moscow to develop park lands consistent with the purposes of the Nature Center.

1.4 Implementation.

1.4.1 The Board, in consultation with PCEI staff, will determine those uses and activities that will be allowed and/or permitted within the Nature Center in support of this PCEI Concept based on concept review and relation to Nature Center purposes.

1.4.2 The Board may enter into agreements for particular activities and projects within the Nature Center in support of this PCEI Concept on a case by case basis.

1.4.3 PCEI staff shall implement the Board's direction and be responsible for administration of uses, activities, and projects and supervision of volunteers within the Nature Center.

1.4.4 The Board shall adopt and may from time to time amend Rules and Regulations governing public uses and activities within the Nature Center in furtherance of this PCEI Concept and PCEI's stated mission.

1.4.5 The Board may determine to apply this PCEI Concept to any Nature Center expansion property.

2. AMENDMENTS.

The Board shall have the authority to alter, amend, or repeal this PCEI Concept and/or have the authority to adopt a new PCEI Concept.

The foregoing PCEI Concept was duly adopted by the Board on the 17th of February, 2010.

PALOUSE CLEARWATER ENVIRONMENTAL
INSTITUTE, INC.

By: _____
President

Exhibit C

Palouse-Clearwater Environmental Institute Nature Center

