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## Eco-Makeover

OCF's Community Village builds earth-friendly booths. BY URSULA EVANS-HERITAGE

This year, the Oregon Country Fair's Community Village has a new, more eco-friendly look. The Community Village, home to many local non-profit organizations, had to redesign four of its booths because they were falling apart and getting dangerous.

The fairgrounds are built on a wetlands, which is an active floodplain seven to nine months out of the year, says Jason Blazar, construction coordinator for the Green Earth Booth. "There's the idea that the structures in the fair should have a low impact on the site that the fair is located. So we're moving away from the past where there's been these really large massive structures that really inhibited rain from finding its way from the forest canopy to the ground ... to a skin and bones approach," says Blazar.

For the Green Earth Booth, a venue for 15 environmental organizations, the redesign was intentionally low impact. The designers tried to reuse salvage materials and buy other materials from sustainable sources, according to Blazar. "We really got excited, because the Green Earth Booth should be an example of sustainable design," he says. Specific aspects of the redesign include detachable rails and collapsible countertops.

The OCF board of directors provided the Community Village with \$3,000 to complete this project and additional money was raised at a benefit in early April (see story in EW 3/31). The redesign is part of a partnership between the OCF and the Oregon State Fair in trying to use more ecologically friendly design, says Daniel, a member of the Village Council.

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