



# SHARON CONROY

GREEN SOLUTIONS, ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING

## Expertise

Outreach  
Recycling Collection Events  
Training  
Program Design and Implementation  
Stakeholder Involvement

## Education

B.S., Environmental Interpretation, School of Forestry, Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR, 1981, with additional coursework for a Certificate in Training at the University of Washington, 2001.

## Work History

Sharon Conroy has over 25 years of professional environmental experience, including:

- seven years as an independent consultant, conducting projects such as recycling collection events, outreach to businesses and residents, coordinating electronic waste workshops and training city staff to deliver school presentations. She has analyzed survey and annexation data and provided technical assistance to local government.
- three and a half years managing the Coordinated Prevention Grants program at the Department of Ecology. Activities included distributing grant funding in a timely and appropriate manner, collecting stakeholder input, coordinating regional grant staff, training statewide recipients on application software, drafting guidelines, developing focus sheets, drafting legislative letters and preparing program outcome reports.
- fifteen years as a solid waste manager and recycling coordinator in local government (for the City of Auburn, Thurston County and the City of Shelton). Activities included managing solid waste contracts, implementing curbside recycling programs, and promoting citizen participation in waste reduction, recycling and composting programs.

## Representative Experience

**Event Manager for City of Bellevue special recycling collection events.** Sharon Conroy managed Bellevue's 2017 special recycling events for 859 vehicles in the spring and 1,327 vehicles in the fall. She also managed the 2018 event.

**Recruiter and trainer for collection of Oregon E-Cycle electronics, Manufacturer's Recycling Management Co.** Ms. Conroy contacted Oregon e-waste collectors in every town of 10,000 people or greater to establish collection sites. She traveled statewide to train collectors for the Oregon E-Cycle product stewardship program. Her communications with the manufacturers and collectors resulted in a ground-breaking collection program.

**Manager of the Coordinated Prevention Grant (CPG) program for the WA State Department of Ecology.** Sharon Conroy coordinated this statewide grant program and trained regional staff and state recipients in a new grant software program. She gathered stakeholder input and managed outreach to recipients and legislative staff. She published the revision of the 2015-17 Offset and Regular Cycle grant guidelines and drafted the CPG rule update.

**Designer and implementer of curbside recycling and collection systems for the cities of Auburn and Shelton.** Ms. Conroy contracted with waste haulers and held stakeholder meetings to implement these programs. She managed communications to media, residents, collectors, and the City Council. She designed a customized program for each City, which resulted in a consistent rise in each City's recycling rate.

## Select Accomplishments

- 1994 – 1997 and 2009 – 2013, served on Board of Directors for the Washington State Recycling Association.
- 2014 -2015, Department of Ecology Grant and Loan "Train the Trainer" program.