

Conservation Planning

Renowned architect, John Yeon purchased this property on the banks of the Columbia River in 1965 to save it from industrial development. The property has spectacular views to distant geologic features in the gorge as well as striking natural features within its limits.

For nearly thirty years, John Yeon nurtured and skillfully molded this river terrace landscape into a subtle yet powerful sequence of outdoor meadows, ponds, trails and beaches.

Affectionately called "The Shire" John Yeon wanted to preserve the property, located directly across the river from Multnomah Falls, as an important component of the scenic features of the Columbia River Gorge. Although the conservation plan that was initiated by Steven Koch was curtailed by John Yeon's death it was later completed by the University of Oregon who is now entrusted with the protection of the property. The University of Oregon uses the property as a field research and educational facility named The Shire: John Yeon Preserve for Landscape Studies.

