

Local Leadership



Columbia River Carbonates is committed to protecting the environment and individual health and safety. We have been involved in the local community for the past 28 years. Our record stands for itself:



- CRC has provided \$180,000 in scholarships to Woodland High School graduates.
- CRC is Woodland's largest taxpayer contributing \$500K annually toward schools, City of Woodland, and Port of Woodland.
- CRC was named business of the year by the Woodland Chamber of Commerce in 2009.
- In 2002, CRC received the Washington State Governor's Award for Pollution Prevention and Sustainable Practices.
- CRC has been recognized by the State of Washington as one of the top four small employers in the State providing a work environment that supports the balance of work and family life for its employees. Nearly one-third of our work force has been with the company for more than 15 years, many of whom have exceeded 20 years of service.



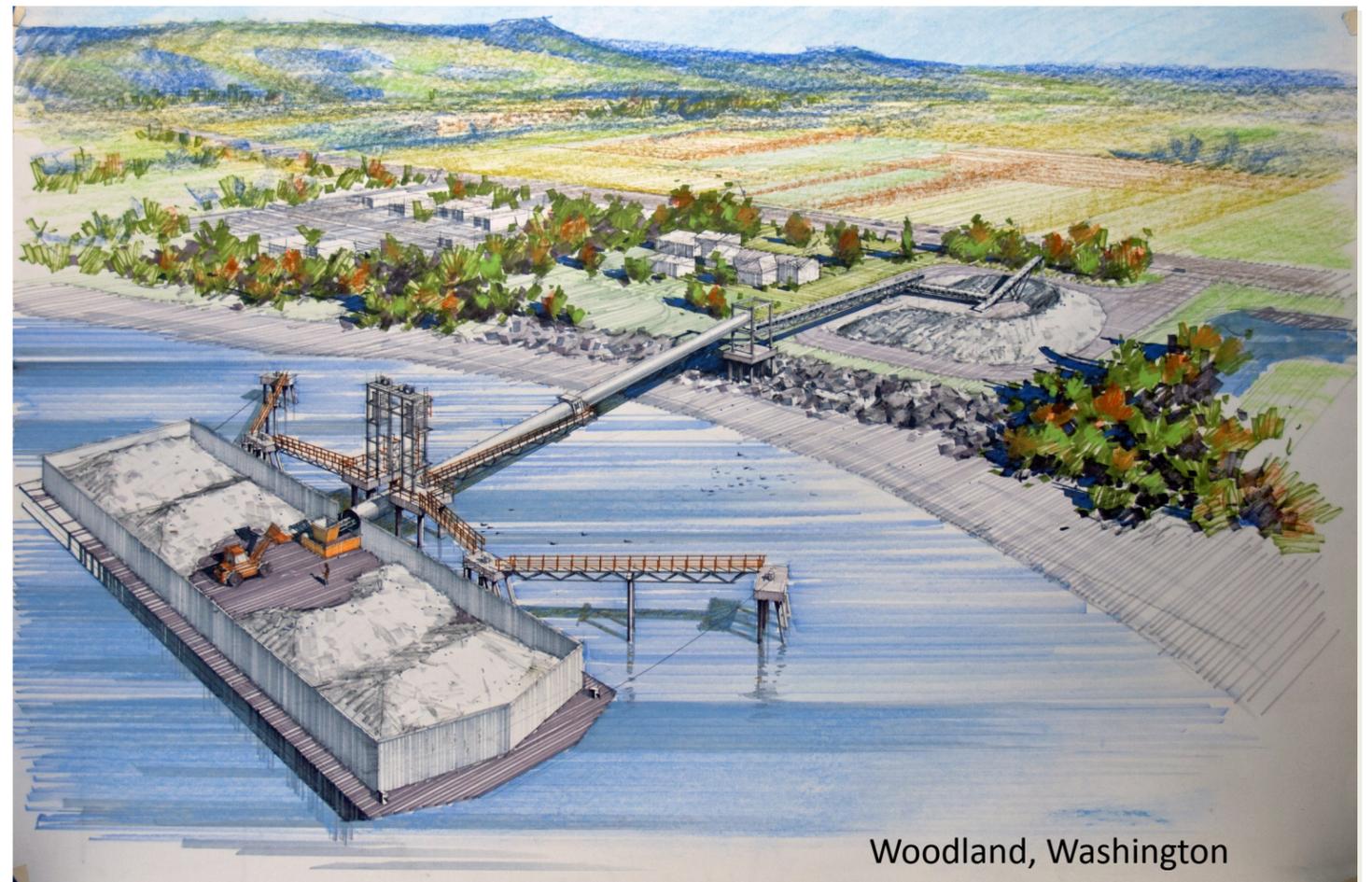
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Woodland Marine Terminal

Columbia River Carbonates (CRC) proposes to construct a marine off-loading facility on the Columbia River near Woodland, Washington. Barges would transport raw calcium carbonate stone to this moorage facility where the stone would be loaded onto a conveyor system and conveyed to a stockpile area. The stone would then be loaded onto transport trucks and hauled to the processing plant on North Pekin Road in the City of Woodland, Washington.



Woodland, Washington



COLUMBIA RIVER CARBONATES

A local family-owned business since 1985, CRC is committed to community values and environmental integrity while providing the highest quality mineral products within the Pacific Northwest and Western Canada.

Calcium Carbonate is Safe for People and the Environment

Marine Terminal will Reduce Rail and Truck Traffic

Calcium carbonate is a non-toxic natural compound found in numerous landscape settings, including rivers and oceans. The raw calcium carbonate stone used by CRC is a metamorphic limestone rock formed from skeletons and shells of sea animals that became pure white marble under high pressure and temperature. CRC is a supplier of high-grade ultra-fine ground calcium carbonate products for industries such as paper, paint, plastic, agriculture, and others throughout the Northwestern United States and Western Canada.



Calcium carbonate is an ingredient for many different products that you use every day.

CRC is proposing a new Marine Terminal near Woodland, Washington to transition away from rail transport of calcium carbonate from Northeastern Washington, to barge transport from a mine in Alaska. The new Woodland Marine Terminal will use a shorter trucking route, reducing fuel emissions and making operations more efficient. All potential impacts have been thoroughly evaluated by experts and, where required, will be fully mitigated as approved by regulatory agencies. Mitigation will improve aquatic, shoreline, floodplain, and riparian habitat at an off-site location. The Marine Terminal is located in an area designated by the State and County for port facilities and will allow CRC to continue to provide high-quality calcium carbonate product while maintaining our commitment to our customers and the environment.

Currently, shipments from Alaska arrive by barge in Portland, Oregon and are trucked **60 miles** round trip to the Woodland facility. With the new terminal, that trip will be cut down to **4.5 miles** a **93% reduction**.

Features, like a covered conveyor belt over the water, enhance the design to have minimal impact on fish, marine animals, and the environment.

Proposed truck route from CRC Facility to Woodland Marine Terminal



Barges planned to dock only 4 days a month.

- Used in filters for drinking water purification
- Helps adjust soil pH conserving fertilizer
- Provides nutrients for plants
- You have calcium carbonate in your bones