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Partnership sustains rivershore enhancement

Although there appears to be little activity along the Tri-Cities shoreline, it's been anything but quiet, according to Gary Crutchfield, Pasco city manager and chairman of the Tri-Cities Rivershore Enhancement Council.

Significant work is under way to transfer about 2,300 acres of river shoreline from federal control to local ownership. Crutchfield discussed land transfer efforts and the status of future rivershore enhancement activities at a lunch for 150 community leaders sponsored by the Tri-Cities Visitor and Convention Bureau and Bechtel.

Bechtel has been the corporate sponsor of Tri-Cities rivershore enhancement activities for several years. Past sponsorship of rivershore legacy projects include phase 1 development of the Family Fishing Pond, the Children's Playground of Dreams and phase 2 improvements at the Family Fishing Pond, which included sod, lighting, furniture and fountain improvements.

Visitor and Convention Bureau Chairman John Givens said, "Bechtel has been a tremendous partner. Without their financial investment and volunteer commitment, we would not have been able to sustain our cooperative efforts toward shoreline enhancement." ♦



A young girl fishes at sunset at the Family Fishing Pond in Columbia Park. Development and subsequent upgrade of the Family Fishing Pond was one of the rivershore enhancement projects sponsored by the Tri-Cities Visitor and Convention Bureau and Bechtel, the corporate sponsor for the project.