



Metro

Nature in Neighborhoods

Restoration and Community Stewardship Grants 2014

Backyard Habitat Certification Program: Portland Metropolitan Expansion

Audubon Society of Portland and Columbia Land Trust (Co-Applicants) \$ 25,000

Backyard Habitat Certification Program is an initiative within the Portland metropolitan area that engenders community stewardship and improves habitat in developed areas. Participants act as partners in conservation by integrating native plants, removing invasive plants, reducing pesticides, stewarding wildlife and managing storm water in backyards.

Partners: City of Gresham, Friends of Nadaka Nature Park, Friends of Tryon Creek, East / West Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District, City of Lake Oswego, Friends of Baltimore Woods, local green businesses and nurseries

Clackamas River Confluence Restoration Project

Clackamas River Basin Council \$ 95,626

Clackamas River Basin Council and partners seek to improve 9.5 acres of riparian/off-channel habitat in the highly visible Dahl Beach Park area, at the confluence of the Clackamas and Willamette Rivers. The project includes engineering designs, off-channel alcove habitat construction, floodplain revegetation, and community stewardship.

Partners: SOLVE, City of Gladstone, Clackamas Soil and Water Conservation District, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

Blue Heron Wetland Restoration Project

East Columbia Neighborhood Association \$ 8,900

Purpose of funding is to ensure eradication of the noxious weed aquatic primrose (*Ludwigia peploides* ssp. *montevidensis*) from the Blue Heron Wetlands of northeast Portland and further engage the residents of the East Columbia Neighborhood with the natural environment adjacent to their residences.

Partners: Bureau of Environmental Services, Multnomah County Drainage District, North Portland Community Works, Portland State University

Restore Forest Park

Forest Park Conservancy \$ 100,000

Restore Forest Park is a long-term invasive plant species control plan to address and control invasive plants throughout Forest Park. The Balch Creek Launch Project is focused on restoring 155 acres in the Balch subwatershed; prioritized for its ecological value and high visibility.

Partners: Portland Parks & Recreation, Balch Creek Partnership (multiple members), Linnton Neighborhood Association, Forest Park Neighborhood Association

South Riverboat Forest Restoration Project

Friends of the Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge \$ 25,000

The project will restore 60 acres of high quality riparian habitat and adjacent forest along the Tualatin River. Community engagement and environmental education will be incorporated into restoration activities. Completed restoration will permanently link the project site to adjacent properties currently undergoing similar habitat restoration.

Partners: US Fish and Wildlife Service-Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge, Clean Water Services, Friends of Trees, Tualatin Riverkeepers, Cascade Education Corps, The Reser Family Foundation (funding committed)

Building Community Partnerships in the Johnson Creek Watershed

Friends of Trees (Johnson Creek) \$ 43,000

Increase and expand native revegetation efforts within the Johnson Creek Watershed focusing on areas adjacent to previous or current revegetation projects and newly prioritized sites at eight natural area sites including site preparation and maintenance and engaging over 1,000 volunteers at 26 events.

Partners: Portland Parks & Recreation City Nature East, City of Gresham Natural Resources Program, Johnson Creek Watershed Council

Tryon Creek Forest Restoration Partnership

Friends of Tryon Creek \$ 34,000

Friends of Tryon Creek and partners will expand community restoration of the emerging Southwest Portland forest corridor, activate hundreds of adult and youth volunteers, while increasing capacity to authentically engage diverse communities.

Partners: Friends of Tryon Creek, Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, Lewis and Clark College, Neighborhood House, Center for Diversity and the Environment, Tryon Creek Watershed Council, Columbia Land Trust, Ash Creek Forest Management, Scholls Valley Native Nursery and Boskey Dell Native Nursery

Johnson Creek Fish Passage Restoration

Johnson Creek Watershed Council (Fish Passage) \$ 58,000

Based on the results of a comprehensive assessment and prioritization of fish passage, the JCWC proposes to work towards removing two high-priority fish passage barriers. Opening fish passage benefits all upstream natural areas and enhances the greater ecosystem for threatened salmon and trout.

Partners: Centennial School District, Pleasant Valley Elementary School, Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife, Private Landowners, City of Portland, City of Gresham, Clackamas and Multnomah Counties, East Multnomah SWCD, PGE Salmon Fund, Portland State University Watershed Capstone Class, Portland Community College GIS Certificate Program, Saturday Academy Apprenticeships in Science & Engineering, Kingfisher Ecological Services, Aquatic Contracting, Johnson Creek Inter-Jurisdictional Committee

Riparian Reforestation in Johnson Creek Watershed

Johnson Creek Watershed Council (Riparian Reforestation) \$ 25,000

JCWC seeks Metro funding to support implementation of its Riparian Reforestation Strategy, primarily intended to provide shade to Johnson Creek and its tributaries and hence lower stream temperatures to levels that fully support native salmonids.

Partners: Wisdom of the Elders, City of Gresham, Clackamas County Soil and Water Conservation District, Private Landowners

Lower Errol Heights Wetland and Stream Restoration Project

Portland Bureau of Environmental Services \$ 85,000

Restore 1.5 acres of wetlands and 300' of stream through culvert, weir, and pump removal; earth excavation for amphibian habitat; removal of rock armoring; stabilization of stream banks; and native plant establishment, achieved by up to eight project partners.

Partners: Johnson Creek Watershed Council, Friends of Trees, Friends of Errol Heights, Portland Parks and Recreation

Sandy River Delta Restoration

Sandy River Basin Watershed Council \$ 85,800

The Sandy River Basin Watershed Council will coordinate two years of habitat restoration and public engagement on the next 100 untreated acres of Sandy River Delta habitat. The project will remove invasive vegetation while installing more than 132,000 native plants, and offering an array of educational and stewardship opportunities.

Partners: US Forest Service, Friends of the Sandy River Delta, Friends of Trees, Confluence Project, MHCC-Project YESS, East Multnomah County Soil & Water Conservation District, FedEx Corporation, Ash Creek Forest Management, Jubitz Foundation, PGE Habitat Fund

Expanding SOLVE Volunteer Opportunities in Washington County

SOLVE (Washington County) \$ 15,000

SOLVE is expanding volunteer restoration opportunities in Cornelius, OR to facilitate a new partnership with Centro Cultural through their summer camp, afterschool program, and weekend bilingual community restoration events for families.

Partners: City View Charter School, Landowner (Hilja Davis), Clean Water Services, Centro Cultural

Community Partners Restoring Strategy Habitats in Tualatin River Basin

Tualatin Riverkeepers \$ 99,450

This project will engage local agencies, non-profits and businesses in restoration of 60.7 acres of wetland, oak savanna and riparian forest at Cook Park/Thomas Dairy, located in a reach of the Tualatin River deemed regionally significant for public and natural resource values.

Partners: City of Tigard, CleanWater Services, Community Partners for Affordable Housing, Good Neighbor Center, Friends of Trees, Portland Community College, Tigard Public Schools, Intel, REI, Patagonia, Columbia Sportswear, Waggener Edstrom and Anthro Corporation, Intertribal Gathering Garden, Portland State University-Indigenous Studies Program, Cascade Environmental Corps

Sturgeon Lake Restoration Project

West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District \$ 100,000 (FY 2015-16)

The 3,000 acres of Sturgeon Lake, located just 12 miles from downtown Portland, is home to 180,000 wintering waterfowl and a refuge for juvenile salmonids. Historic levee and dam construction have cut off flows and, without action, the lake is in danger of disappearing.

Partners: Oregon Dept. of Fish & Wildlife, US Army Corps of Engineers, Bonneville Power Administration, Multnomah County, Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde, ODEQ, Ducks Unlimited, US Fish & Wildlife Service, Oregon Wildlife Heritage Foundation, Sauvie Island Academy, Sauvie Island Community Association