



Nature in Neighborhoods

Capital and Conservation Education Grants 2015

CAPITAL GRANTS

City of Gresham \$ 290,000

Hogan Butte Nature Park Phase I

Partners: National Park Service and a variety of local community-based organizations

Hogan Butte Nature Park will begin to take shape with new trails and places where people can play, relax, learn about and enjoy this iconic forested butte in Gresham with views of five Cascade peaks - Mt. St. Helens, Mt. Adams, Mt. Rainier, Mt. Hood and Mt. Jefferson.

City of Hillsboro \$ 335,000

Oak Island Marsh Restoration

Partners: Clean Water Services, Ducks Unlimited, US Fish and Wildlife Service, Jackson Bottom Wetlands Preserve and Friends of Trees

Building on two previous grants from Metro, the restoration of an additional 185 acres of wetlands in Hillsboro will create a 270-acre, self-sustaining floodplain ecosystem that supports one of the region's premier bird watching destinations.

City of Portland \$ 650,000

Boones Ferry Fish, Wildlife and Trail Passage Partnership

Partners: Oregon State Parks & Recreation, US Fish and Wildlife Service, Friends of Tryon Creek State Park, Tryon Creek Watershed Council, Arnold Creek Neighborhood Association and SW Trails PDX

Tryon Creek at Boones Ferry Road will have improved access for fish, wildlife and humans alike, ultimately creating a better place for native salmonid to pass, opening a new wildlife corridor and establishing a safe and inviting pedestrian crossing.

Clackamas County Water Environmental Services \$175,228

Mt Scott Creek Oak Bluff Reach Restoration

Partners: North Clackamas Urban Watershed Council, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District, Clackamas Web Academy and COSTCO

Businesses are partnering with local and state agencies to address water quality and fish habitat in the Oak Bluff Reach of Mt Scott Creek in unincorporated Clackamas County by restoring stream structure, removing invasive plants, planting native species and engaging local school children.

Friends of Bull Mountain Park \$ 125,943

Bull Mountain Park Projects

Partners: Tualatin River Watershed Council, City of Tigard, and a variety of local community-based organizations

Bull Mountain Nature Park in Tigard will see children exploring a natural play area, picnickers enjoying the shade of a new shelter, volunteer stewards supported with a new tool shed and people of all physical

abilities enjoying nature in this 8-acre park. Soft-surface trails will be constructed within the park connecting neighbors to the local Pathfinder Trail and the Fanno Creek regional trail.

Oak Lodge Sanitary District

\$ 362,012

Boardman-Rinearson Wetland Complex Land Acquisition

Partners: North Clackamas Urban Watershed Council, North Clackamas Parks & Recreation District, and SOLVe

A new natural area located between Milwaukie and Gladstone will restore wetland and wildlife habitat, provide a nature trail for the local community and build upon existing conservation education programming that connects local schoolchildren of all ages to a field classroom within walking distance.

Verde

\$ 200,000

Let Us Build Cully Park: Play Area

Partners: Portland Parks & Recreation, Hacienda Community Development Corporation, Rigler School, Scott School and the Community Transition School

After many years without a park, a diverse population of minority and low-income children in the Cully neighborhood of Portland will soon spend hours interacting with natural elements in a playground their local schoolmates designed.

CONSERVATION EDUCATION GRANTS

Adelante Mujeres

\$93,940

Teaching the Importance of STREAM via Youth Engagement and Career Mentorship

Partners: Tualatin Riverkeepers, Friends of Fernhill Wetlands, Clean Water Services and Jackson Bottom Wetlands

Adelante Mujeres, Tualatin Riverkeepers and others will partner to prepare Latina girls to become conservation leaders through hands-on education and mentorship. They'll also help families empower their daughters to become our next generation of scientists.

APANO

\$25,000

Asian Pacific Islander Youth Leaders in Nature

Partners: Jade District, Audubon Society, OPAL Environmental Justice, Pacific Islander Student Association (PISA), Harrison Park School and Center for Diversity and the Environment

APANO's youth-led group will organize retreats and projects to connect high-school age students with nature, work on local environmental justice issues in their neighborhoods and help close the leadership gaps faced by their community.

Audubon Society of Portland

\$100,000

The TALON Program (Teach, Advocate, Learn, Observe, Nurture)

Partners: ROSE, Hacienda and Bienestar Community Development Corporations, Friends of Nadaka, City of Portland's Parks and Recreation and Leach Botanical Gardens

Through 20 weeks of training and paid employment, the TALON program is preparing a new generation of environmental stewards, conservationists, educators and naturalists from east Multnomah and northern Clackamas counties.

Community Partners for Affordable Housing \$25,000
Home is Where the Watershed Is: Conservation Education for Low Income and Housing Insecure Families
Partners: Tualatin Riverkeepers, Beaverton School District English Language Learners/Somali Program and Good Neighbor Center

Located in Washington County, CPAH's Home is Where the Watershed Is project will offer culturally rich, hands-on conservation lessons to children in low-income and insecure housing so that all children, no matter their ethnicity or income, can increase their scientific skills and learn in nature.

Ecology in Classrooms and Outdoors \$24,900
Ecology Education in North Clackamas
Partners: North Clackamas School District, Milwaukie Elementary, Oak Grove Elementary, Riverside Elementary, Ardenwald Elementary, Bilquist Elementary, Lewelling Elementary, Clackamas Water Environment Services, North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District, Oak Lodge Sanitary District, Portland State University and Institute for Permaculture Education for Children

47 classrooms of budding scientists in North Clackamas' School District will develop their critical thinking skills through hands-on ecology lessons and outdoor field experiences in their local natural areas.

Friends of Tryon Creek \$91,869
Friends and Neighbors for Environmental Diversity
Partners: Neighborhood House, Center for Diversity and the Environment and the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

With programming taking place at Tryon Creek State Natural Area, one of the region's healthiest and most in-tact natural areas, this three-year program represents an investment by the Friends of Tryon Creek in their organizational mission to connect low-income individuals and people of color with outdoor nature learning in their own backyard.

George Middle School \$93,676
St. Johns Community Conservation Program
Partners: Portland Metro STEM Partnership, Portland State University Graduate School Of Education, Portland State University Leadership and Sustainability Education, Slough School, Sauvie Island Center, Portland Public Schools, Wind & Oar Boat School, Clean Rivers Education and the City of Portland

The St. Johns' Community Conservation program for George Middle School will develop personalized learning strategies for 3,000 K-12 students – activities include building school gardens, field trips to Sauvie Island Organics farm and exploring the Columbia Slough.

KairosPDX \$15,478.50
Kairos Learning Exploration Garden
Partners: Portland Community Reinvestments Initiative, Independence Gardens and Ask Mr. Science, LLC

KairosPDX, a non-profit charter school north Portland, is creating a local learning garden in this rapidly developing urban neighborhood. Programming will provide hands-on nature-education opportunities for students in their K-5 Learning Academy.

Momentum Alliance \$15,000
Opportunity Corps & Beyond
Partners: Northwest Youth Corps, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Foundation, Bureau of Land Management, Open Meadow and Outside In

This partnership will create a pilot internship, and a year-round training and coaching program, for 10 underrepresented youth leaders. While increasing their connection and knowledge of nature, the program will improve students' leadership, community engagement and environmental stewardship skills. It will also be used as a new model for social justice education in the region.

People-Places-Things, LLC \$7,608
Exploring Language, Exploring Nature, Curriculum for Immigrants & Refugees
Partners: City of Gresham Natural Resources Program, Portland Bureau of Environmental Services Green Street Steward Program, Multnomah County Libraries and Friends of Nadaka

This partnership will use Gresham's Nadaka Nature Park as an outdoor classroom to teach real-world language and life skills to English-language learners from around the world.

Portland OIC/Rosemary Anderson High School \$25,000
Friends of Trees Student Crew Leader Training Program
Partners: Friends of Trees, Portland Parks and Recreation, Friends of the Columbia Children's Arboretum and Ecology in Classrooms & Outdoors

Portland Opportunities Industrialization Center, Rosemary Anderson High School and Friends of Trees will develop this school-based nature program to help at-risk minority youth build their self-confidence, foster a strong work ethic and focus on their personal and community success.

Urban Greenspaces Institute \$15,478.50
OakQuest Phase 2: Expanding Education, Empowering Citizens & Native Youth
Partners: Native American Youth and Family Center (NAYA), Kingfisher Ecological Services LLC (KES), Mark G. Wilson, consultant, Portland State University Indigenous Nations Studies, Metro, The Intertwine Alliance, Tualatin Hills and North Clackamas Park and Recreation Districts, City of Portland Parks and BES, West Multnomah, East Multnomah, Clackamas, and Tualatin Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Conservation Biology Institute, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, US Fish and Wildlife Service, Portland Audubon Society, Oregon Wildlife Heritage Foundation

In phase two of this successful program, three Native American youth will gain hands-on conservation leadership experience and career training. These three interns, will lead activities of approximately 50 citizen scientists who will be fact-checking a map detailing the location of the region's remaining Oregon white oak and teaching more than 45 private landowners how to enhance oak habitat in their neighborhoods.

Verde \$25,000
Verde Landscape
Partners: East Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District, Metro Science & Stewardship Division, Portland Parks & Recreation, BestHQ, Innovative Changes and Hacienda Community Development Commission

Verde Landscape, a nonprofit social enterprise, offers stable work and education for Latino men from the Cully neighborhood. By helping build environmental literacy and habitat restoration skills, Verde boosts their workers' future long-term employment prospects.

Wisdom of the Elders, Inc.

\$75,000

Wisdom Workforce Program

Partners: Native American Youth and Family Center (NAYA), Beaverton Schools Indian Education, Metro, Portland Parks and Recreation (City Nature East), Portland Bureau of Environmental Services, Portland Bureau of Planning & Sustainability, Johnson Creek Watershed Council, Highland Park STEM Middle School, Oregon Health Authority, Portland Community College Career Pathway Program, Mt Hood Community College Workforce Development and Ecotrust

Wisdom of the Elders' Workforce Program will educate and train Native adults and youth to become future conservation leaders. Through meaningful, culturally relevant, hands-on learning experiences in local natural areas, they will strengthen careers, cultural identity and boost health and wellness.

Zenger Farm

\$67,050

Farm School

Partners: David Douglas School District, Lent School and East Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District

Zenger Farm will develop new partnerships with schools and organizations in underserved communities of outer Southeast Portland, particularly Lents. Their work will expand their already successful Farm School program where students observe, experience and study the seasonal changes of the farm and local wetlands.