



Nature in Neighborhoods

Restoration and Community Stewardship Grants 2015

Expand, Diversify and Steward Backyard Habitat Certification Program

Recipient: Audubon Society of Portland and Columbia Land Trust

Grant Amount: \$ 34,380

Partners: APANO/Jade District, Friends of Tryon, City of Gresham, East Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District, West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District, and community-based organizations

The Backyard Habitat Certification Program is an initiative that engenders community stewardship and improves habitat in developed areas through the efforts of private landowners. This project will spread the program to 550 new households and pilot a targeted outreach project with APANO, aimed at increasing program participation among Jade District residents.

Badger Creek Culvert Fish Passage Restoration

Recipient: Johnson Creek Watershed Council

Grant Amount: \$ 25,000

Partners: Portland Parks & Recreation (landowner), Clackamas County Dept. of Transportation, Inter-Jurisdictional Committee of the Johnson Creek Watershed (multiple agencies with natural resource interests in the watershed-technical assistance), Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife, and Portland Bureau of Environmental Services.

This project will restore access for salmon to 1.6 miles of lower Badger Creek, a primary tributary to Johnson Creek, by replacing two adjacent undersized steel culverts with a properly sized culvert under the Springwater Trail in 2016. This fish barrier is ranked within the top ten out of 275 identified barriers for restoration in the watershed, barriers.

Riparian and Wetlands Restoration on the Springwater Corridor

Recipient: Johnson Creek Watershed Council

Grant Amount: \$ 19,866

Partners: Portland Parks & Recreation, Oregon Bhutanese Community Organization, Impact Northwest, Wisdom of the Elders, Walker Emulsions, Crystal Springs Partnership

Engage watershed residents, including members of underserved communities, in maintaining recent riparian planting sites, and new plantings in riparian and wetland areas along the Springwater Corridor.

Partners Restoring Strategy Habitats in Lake Oswego

Recipient: City of Lake Oswego

Grant Amount: \$ 45,000

Partners: Adelante Mujeres, Association of Women in Science (AWIS), Backyard Habitat Program, Clean Water Services, Friends of Trees, Friends of Tryon Creek, The Lake Corporation, Lakeridge High School, Lewis & Clark College, Tualatin River Watershed Council, Tualatin Riverkeepers, Ash Creek Forest Management/Ecology and Scholls Valley Native Nursery

On 66 acres within a 270-acre South Lake Oswego Habitat Cluster, the project will engage local non-profits, schools, agencies and businesses to reestablish resilient, native plant communities on lands identified as regionally significant for recovery of native species and ecological processes.

KelipiCamas: A Cultural Confluence of Landowners and Native Americans Fostering Community Conservation and Stewardship of Oak and Prairie Habitats

Recipient: Portland State University, Indigenous Nations Studies Program

Grant Amount: \$ 48,041

Partners: Kingfisher Ecological Services LLC, Mark G. Wilson consultant, Urban Greenspaces Institute, Metro, Native American Youth and Family Center, Native American Community Advisory Council, The Intertwine Alliance, City of Portland Parks and BES, West Multnomah, Clackamas, and Tualatin Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Natural Resources Conservation Service, USFWS, Audubon Society of Portland

Provide paid internships for two Native youth in natural resources stewardship and engage local Native Americans in development and implementation of culturally-relevant stewardship activities at one or two natural areas. Train 45+ urban landowners from Western Washington and Clackamas counties in naturescaping to restore and reconnect fragmented oak habitats in strategic oak-rich neighborhoods.

Sandy River Delta Restoration II

Recipient: Sandy River Basin Watershed Council

Grant Amount: \$ 73,043

Partners: The Confluence Project, US Forest Service, Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife, Friends of the Sandy River Delta, Reynolds School District, Friends of Trees, Ash Creek Forest Management, Jubitz Foundation, FedEx, Portland Trail Blazers

Expands the Sandy River Basin Watershed Council's efforts engaging a diverse community of students, scientists and residents in stewardship of strategic habitats at the popular, 1,500-acre Sandy River Delta.

Springwater Meadows Pilot Project - A Sellwood-Moreland Community Pilot Project for Meadowsclaping Along the Springwater Corridor Trail

Recipient: Sellwood-Moreland Improvement League (SMILE)

Grant Amount: \$ 12,000

Partners: Portland Parks & Recreation, Columbia Land Trust, Meyer Boys & Girls Club, Metro

Springwater Meadows will engage an urban community in stewardship efforts to improve wildlife habitat on the first of six public properties adjacent to the Springwater Corridor Trail in the heart of Portland's Sellwood-Moreland neighborhood and inspire neighbors to improve habitat in their own backyards.

Engaging Diverse Communities in Restoration & Stewardship Volunteerism at Council Creek

Recipient: SOLVE

Grant Amount: \$ 18,081

Partners: City View Charter School, Landowner (Hilja Davis), Clean Water Services, Tualatin River Watershed Council, Centro Cultural, Adelante Mujeres

SOLVE will enhance restoration and stewardship of Council Creek with opportunities for volunteers from traditionally underserved communities in Cornelius through strong partnerships with culturally diverse organizations, offering summer camp watershed education field trips and weekend community tree planting and stewardship events.

East Fork Tryon Creek Fish Habitat Restoration

Recipient: Tryon Creek Watershed Council

Grant Amount: \$ 75,000

Partners: Tryon Creek State Natural Area, Friends of Tryon Creek State Park City of Portland BES, and adjacent landowners

An earthen dam and undersized culvert will be removed to restore fish passage in Tryon Creek State Natural Area. The creek bed will be reconstructed and riparian area replanted with native trees and shrubs. A footbridge and path will be installed to accommodate the well-used trail.

Willow Creek Greenway Enhancement

Recipient: Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District

Grant Amount: \$ 25,025

Partners: Five Oaks/Triple Creeks Neighborhood Association Committee, Parsons Brinkerhoff Green Team, Clean Water Services

This project will improve water quality, and amphibian habitat in Willow Creek, a tributary of Beaver Creek in the Aloha area. Stewardship activities will engage youth and other community members through weed removal, native plant installation, and site monitoring.

Whitaker Ponds Restoration

Recipient: Verde

Grant Amount: \$ 25,000

Partners: Columbia Slough Watershed Council, Portland Parks and Recreation, Hacienda CDC, Multnomah Youth Cooperative

The Whitaker Ponds Restoration project utilizes Verde's most mature social enterprise, Verde Landscape, to comprehensively restore Whitaker Ponds Nature Park through engagement of underserved communities. Three primary habitats will be restored involving five areas of the Park, consistent with the Whitaker Ponds Master Plan.

Hummingbird Hill Forest Restoration

Recipient: West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District

Grant Amount: \$ 25,000

Partners: Verde Landscape, Turnstone Environmental Consultants, Homeowners of NW Riverview Drive

A collaborative neighborhood forest restoration project designed to control invasive ivy and blackberry and revive native understory in the Tualatin Mountains. The project engages land owners and volunteers, as well as providing job training to Verde crew members recruited from local, low-income communities in methods of invasive plant control, native planting, maintenance, monitoring, and project reporting.

Connecting Portland's Urban Forest

Recipient: West Willamette Restoration Partnership and Portland Bureau of Environmental Services

Grant Amount: \$ 98,500

Partners: Portland Parks & Recreation and Bureau of Environmental Services, Audubon Society of Portland & Columbia Land Trust's Backyard Habitat Certification Program, Oregon Health & Sciences University, Friends of Marquam Nature Park, SW Watershed Resource Center, West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District, Friends of Terwilliger and Homestead Neighborhood Association

Connecting Portland's Urban Forest is a collaborative project with diverse stakeholders bringing together restoration, stewardship, and interactive learning across public and private properties to enhance 85 acres of habitat in the Westside Wildlife Corridor located between Forest Park and Tryon Creek.

Nyberg Herptile Project

Recipient: The Wetlands Conservancy

Grant Amount: \$ 14,011

Partners: Clean Water Services, Cascade Education Corps, New Avenues for Youth

The Nyberg Herptile Project will add and enhance key habitat features at The Wetland Conservancy's Nyberg Wetland Preserve to attract the northern red-legged frogs and Western pond turtles found upstream and downstream. The project will create habitat and connectivity in a watershed supporting Oregon Conservation Strategy species.

Restore Ross Island

Recipient: Willamette Riverkeeper

Grant Amount: \$ 62,000

Partners: Portland Parks & Recreation GRUNT, Jr. GRUNT and Youth Conservation Corps Programs, Portland Bureau of Environmental Services, Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership, Audubon Society of Portland, Groundwork Portland

Restore Ross Island is a partnership effort focused on restoring ecological function to a wildlife corridor and floodplain forest on the publically owned Ross Island Natural Area located within the heart of Portland and the Willamette River Greenway. Partners will work with youth crews and school groups, community volunteers and groups in restoration, monitoring and habitat enhancement activities.