



# Volunteer opportunity

**Position Title:**

Water Watcher

**Division/Program**

Conservation Program, Metro Parks & Nature

**Purpose:**

As part of the Amphibian Monitoring within the Metro Natural Areas, assessment of the right environmental conditions is fundamental to plan field surveys and make efficient use of our volunteers. One of the most important indicators is the water level in the wetlands. Weekly collection of water levels data will help us to improve the effectiveness of the community science program.

**Key Responsibilities:**

- Twice a week visit sites and take pictures of the water levels.

**Qualifications:**

- Self-directed and responsible with great follow-through on commitments.
- Methodical, organized, and able to follow data collection instructions.
- Have a cell phone with camera capabilities.
- Must provide own transportation to assigned Metro sites.
- Experience, education, or interest in biology.
- Undeterred by inclement weather, knee-deep water, thorns, or mud.
- Comfortable working in remote, isolated locations.

**Background Check:**

This position is a [Tier 2 volunteer opportunity](#). Applicants will complete a standard background check through OpenOnline.

**Physical/Mental Demands:**

- Ability to walk on uneven surfaces without defined trails.

**Time Commitment:**

Two to three month commitment required, between February and April. A minimum of one weekly water level survey required. Time estimated: 2 to 3 hours weekly.

**Training Provided:**

On the job training provided depending on level of expertise. Resources are available to facilitate independent study of the Amphibian Monitoring program.

**Receives Guidance From / Reports To:**

Katy Weil, Senior Management Analyst - Metro Parks & Nature  
[Katy.Weil@oregonmetro.gov](mailto:Katy.Weil@oregonmetro.gov)

Diego Gioseffi, Volunteer Coordinator II – Metro Parks & Nature  
[Diego.Gioseffi@oregonmetro.gov](mailto:Diego.Gioseffi@oregonmetro.gov)