Stormwater runoff can impact water quality in rivers and streams. Portland uses green streets, ecoroofs, trees and other green infrastructure to increase sewer system efficiency, and protect water quality, public health, and the environment. Green infrastructure keeps stormwater out of the sewer system, filters pollutants, provides habitat and increases neighborhood green space for healthier watersheds.

Our community is working together to enhance watershed health and our neighborhoods.

All around us, the city is constructing green streets to manage stormwater, planting trees, restoring streams and removing invasive plants. Neighbors are working for clean rivers and healthy watersheds by building rain gardens, planting trees and landscaping with native plants.

Please join in the fun and be a partner for watershed health! Your efforts make a difference. Select a project below or create one of your own. Your local neighborhood groups, neighborhood coalition or watershed council are great places to learn about additional opportunities.

Volunteer opportunities in your community

- **West Willamette Restoration Partnership**
  Volunteers can make a huge impact in southwest Portland natural areas. The partnership hosts ongoing work parties throughout the year. If you would like to have a deeper connection to these natural areas by making a long-term commitment to care for a plot, contact the partnership at wwrpcoordinator@gmail.com.

- **Plant Yard Trees**
  Every tree planted in Portland contributes to clean rivers and healthy watersheds. Plant a tree in your yard and get a Treebate! portlandoregon.gov/bes/treebates

- **Volunteer with Friends of Trees**
  Volunteer during the planting season at a watershed restoration project site, help organize a planting event in your neighborhood, or become a summer tree inspector to make sure trees stay healthy. friendsoftrees.org

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Build a Rain Garden or Ecoroof
Get information about incentives and learn how you can help local rivers and creeks while adding beauty and landscaping to your property. [www.portlandoregon.gov/sustainablestormwater](http://www.portlandoregon.gov/sustainablestormwater)

Be a Green Street Steward
Green streets are small rain gardens in the public right-of-way that manage stormwater runoff from streets. Portland has hundreds of them and many neighbors are interested in learning how they work and how to keep them operating. Learn more at [portlandoregon.gov/bes/greenstreetstewards](http://portlandoregon.gov/bes/greenstreetstewards).

Control Invasive Plants
Learn to identify and remove invasives in your yard and how to replace them with beneficial native plants. [portlandoregon.gov/bes/invasives](http://portlandoregon.gov/bes/invasives) and [www.4countycwma.org](http://www.4countycwma.org)

Create Backyard Habitat
Columbia Land Trust and Portland Audubon host this program by providing technical assistance and discounts on plants, soil, amendments and tools to private property and small lot owners (less than one acre). Restore native wildlife habitat in your backyard and help manage on-site stormwater runoff. [columbialandtrust.org](http://columbialandtrust.org) and [audubonportland.org](http://audubonportland.org)

Learn How to Protect Natural Resources
The West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District offers programs and free technical assistance to help you remove invasive weeds, restore native plants and plant trees for healthy streams and wildlife habitat. [www.wmswcd.org](http://www.wmswcd.org)

Visit the Watershed Resource Center
The Southwest Watershed Resource Center promotes watershed health in southwest Portland neighborhoods. Stop by the center in the lobby of the Southwest Community Center at SW 45th and Vermont to get technical information on healthy watershed practices or to learn about local volunteer groups. [swni.org/southwest_watershed_resource_center](http://swni.org/southwest_watershed_resource_center)

Volunteer with Depave
Depave is a Portland non-profit that promotes removing unnecessary pavement. Have fun working with other community members on pavement removal projects that increase urban green space and protect water quality. [depave.org](http://depave.org)

Volunteer with SOLVE
SOLVE brings Oregonians together to restore healthy watersheds and sustainable communities. Learn more at [solv.org](http://solv.org)

Volunteer with Surfrider
Surfrider hosts summer storm drain marking parties, green street steward days, ocean-friendly gardening workshops and more. [portland.surfrider.org](http://portland.surfrider.org)

Additional Resources
Portland Parks Volunteer Coordinators
Mary Verrilli, 503-823-5904
Marissa Dorais, 503-823-7016

Friends Groups
Bridlemile Creek Stewards
Steve Mullinax, 503-768-9065
Friends of April Hill Park
Jill Gaddis, aprilhillpark@gmail.com
Friends of Dickinson Park
Tony Hansen, 503-317-3914
Friends of Marquam Nature Park
Robin Jensen, 503-799-8435
Friends of Marshall and Maricara Parks
John DeLance, friendsom2p@gmail.com
Friends of Terwilliger
Robin Vesey, 503-293-1069
Friends of Tryon Creek State Park
503-636-4398
Friends of Vermont Creek
Jen Seamans, 503-823-2862
Friends of Woods Park
Kevin Duff, 503-998-9417

Multnomah Village Gateway Project
Randy Bonella, 503-803-5963
PCC Habitat Team at Sylvania Natural Area Park
April Ann Fong, afong@pcc.edu
Stephens Creek Stewards
Jen Seamans, 503-823-2862
Tryon Creek Watershed Council
Corrina Chase, tcwc@tryonfriends.org
503-636-4398
West Willamette Restoration Partnership
wwrpcoordinator@gmail.com

Grant and Learning Opportunities
Community Watershed Stewardship Grants
Shannon Jamison, 503-823-7917
[www.portlandoregon.gov/bes/stewardship](http://www.portlandoregon.gov/bes/stewardship)

Treebate – Plant a Tree in Your Yard and Get a Rebate
Jennifer Karps, 503-823-2263
[www.portlandoregon.gov/bes/treebate](http://www.portlandoregon.gov/bes/treebate)

Naturescaping Workshops
503-797-1842, [www.naturescape.org](http://www.naturescape.org)

Southwest Watershed Resource Center
Jen Seamans, 503-823-2862, [wrc.swni.org](http://wrc.swni.org)

Backyard Habitat Certification
Audubon Society
Nikkie West, 503-292-6855
[audubonportland.org](http://audubonportland.org)
Columbia Land Trust
Gaylen Beatty, 503-841-5918
[www.columbialandtrust.org](http://www.columbialandtrust.org)

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