

Be a Partner



for Watershed Health

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 wwwrpcoordinator@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

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.

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 and 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 and 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

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

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

Volunteer with SOLVE

SOLVE brings Oregonians together to restore healthy watersheds and sustainable communities. Learn more at solve.org

Volunteer with Surfrider

Surfrider hosts summer storm drain marking parties, green street steward days, ocean-friendly gardening workshops and more. 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

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Grant and Learning Opportunities

Community Watershed Stewardship Grants

Shannon Jamison, 503-823-7917

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

Naturescaping Workshops

503-797-1842, www.naturescape.org

Southwest Watershed Resource Center

Jen Seamans, 503-823-2862, wrc.swni.org

Backyard Habitat Certification

Audubon Society

Nikkie West, 503-292-6855

audubonportland.org

Columbia Land Trust

Gaylen Beatty, 503-841-5918

www.columbialandtrust.org