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



Be a Partner For Watershed Health

ur community is working together to enhance watershed health and our neighborhoods. All around us, the city is constructing Green Streets to manage stormwater runoff, planting trees, improving streams and removing invasive plants. Neighbors are working for clean rivers and healthy watersheds by building rain gardens, planting trees, landscaping with native plants and helping their neighbors do the same.

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 seek out additional opportunities.

What we can do for our watersheds (and make our communities even better!)

Plant Trees in Our Yards

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

Plant Street Trees with Neighbors and Friends of Trees

You can get a large property-enhancing tree, complete with permit and pre-dug hole, for a very low cost. Plus neighbors helping neighbors plant creates healthy watersheds and communities. Volunteer by inviting neighbors to plant trees on planting days, helping organize a planting event, planting trees and becoming a summer tree inspector to make sure trees stay healthy. friendsoftrees.org

Build a Rain Garden or Ecoroof

Check out the city's free videos, how-to guides and incentives, and learn how you can help the Willamette River while adding beauty and landscaping to your property.

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. You can sign up to be a Green Street Steward and adopt a green street near you. portlandoregon.gov/bes/greenstreetstewards







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Control Invasive Plants

Does it seem like invasive species are everywhere? Learn to identify and remove invasives in your yard and how to replace them with beneficial native plants.

portlandoregon.gov/bes/invasives www.4countycwma.org



Create Backyard Habitat

Certify your own yard and help your community do the same! This program provides technical assistance and discounts on plants, soil, amendments and tools to private property and small lot owners (less than one acre) to restore native wildlife habitat in their backyards and help manage on-site stormwater runoff.

columbialandtrust.org audubonportland.org/backyardwildlife/backyardhabitat



Attend or Host a Rain Garden, Naturescaping or Site Planning Workshop

East Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District shows you how to plan and construct rain gardens and landscape for habitat including attracting pollinators to help your garden. Bring your neighbors or community group together for a class. It's low cost, low effort and high reward! emswcd.org



Volunteer with Depave

Pavement increases stormwater runoff and the urban heat island effect. Depave is a Portland non-profit that promotes removing unnecessary pavement. Have fun with other community members on pavement removal projects that increase urban green space and protect water quality. Check the Depave website for information on depaving your own site. depave.org



Volunteer with SOLVE

SOLVE brings Oregonians together to restore healthy watersheds and sustainable communities through volunteer work. Volunteer at planting events and attend presentations focused on watershed health. solv.ora



For More Information about Events. **Projects and Funding Opportunities**

portlandoregon.gov/bes/watershed/willamette portlandoregon.gov/bes/tabortoriver portlandoregon.gov/bes/invasives portlandoregon.gov/sustainablestormwater

