



2024-2025 WWRP Annual Report

The West Willamette Restoration Partnership (WWRP) brings together partners to coordinate and support vital ecological restoration efforts across the watersheds of the Westside Wildlife Corridor—a forested ridge in Southwest Portland that connects Forest Park to Tryon Creek. This corridor forms a vital spine of habitat in the West Hills, supporting both wildlife movement and ecosystem health.

This annual report summarizes the work accomplished by WWRP partners working in the Westside Wildlife Corridor from June 2024 to July 2025. The following is a list of all active core partners:

- City of Portland Bureau of Environmental Services
- West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District
- City of Portland Parks & Recreation
- Oregon Wildlife Foundation
- Forest Park Conservancy
- Columbia Land Trust
- Tryon Creek Watershed Council
- Friends of Terwilliger
- Westside Watershed Resource Center
- Oregon Health & Science University
- Friends of River View Natural Area

The WWRP held 3 quarterly partnership meetings during the fiscal year:

- September 30, 2024, 12 participants, topics included WMSWCD Demographic Survey and Mapping Analysis, Subcommittee updates, Strategic Planning updates
- March 5, 2025, 14 participants, topics included Funding Sub-committee updates, Goals and Objectives Discussion, Partner updates
- June 10, 2025, 10 participants, topics included WWRP Strategic Planning and Assessment Guide, Draft Communications Plan, Grant updates, Partner updates

The WWRP steering committee continued to guide partnership activities and strategic planning. Current 2024-2025 steering committee members include:

- Maha Guliani, Portland Parks & Recreation
- Tim Greseth, Oregon Wildlife Foundation
- Colleen Mitchell, Bureau of Environmental Services
- Ariana Scipioni, West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District

The WWRP continued to fund a part-time coordinator (Samara Group LLC, lead contact Fiona Smeaton) to strengthen partnership collaboration and capacity. The coordinator's responsibilities include enhancing organizational effectiveness through partner communications and strategic planning, providing facilitation support by coordinating and organizing meetings, and advancing fundraising efforts by identifying grant opportunities and preparing funding proposals.

Partner Key achievements include:

- Forest Park Conservancy & Portland Parks & Recreation (Marquam Nature Park): 27 work parties, 380 volunteers contributing 1,139 hours, 26,500 sq ft of invasives removed, and significant trail work.
 - Columbia Land Trust: Garlic mustard and knotweed control, and planning for a new public pedestrian trail.
 - Portland Parks & Recreation: Over 35 acres of natural area management, 10 acres of invasive species control, ash tree surveys, 12 volunteer events with 230+ volunteers contributing 640+ hours, and development of the Westside Wildlife Corridor Report.
 - Tryon Creek Watershed Council engaged 297 volunteers (including 100 youth) in restoration/land tending, with a total of 815 volunteer hours.
 - Friends of Terwilliger (2024 Year-End Totals): 46 events, 300 volunteers contributing 3,848 hours, 16,776 sq ft of invasive species removed, and 166 trees saved.
 - Westside Watersheds: Numerous outreach, stewardship, and education events, including significant area enhanced (over 10,000 sq ft) and plants planted (over 1,100).
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Notable accomplishments in Marquam Nature Park by both Forest Park Conservancy and Portland Parks & Recreation during June 2024 - July 2025:

- Total Work Parties: 27
 - Restoration Work Parties: 14
 - Trails Work Parties: 13
 - Total Volunteers: 380
 - Total Volunteer Hours: 1,139
 - Total Forest Ambassador Volunteers: 12
 - Total Forest Ambassador Hours: 35
 - Square Feet Invasives Removed: 26,500
 - Trails Benched: 2,269 ft or .43mi
 - Trails raked: 16,368 ft or 3.1mi
 - Trails brushed: 4,488 ft or .85 mi
 - Drains cleared: 49
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Notable accomplishments by Columbia Land Trust during June 2024 - July 2025:

- Restoration:
 - Garlic mustard monitoring and control in spring and fall; knotweed control in fall.
- Outreach:
 - Working with neighbors and partners (PP&R) to develop trail projects. New public pedestrian trail will have trailhead on Terwilliger at the NE corner of Keller Woodlands and will connect to trails on South Marquam; as well as to Northwood Ave on the west side of Keller Woodlands, which is part of the SW Trails #6. Currently working on trail design, planning and permitting. Will likely go to construction in 2026.

Notable accomplishments by Portland Parks & Recreation during June 2024 - July 2025:

- Over 35 acres of active natural area management is completed across Marquam Nature Park, Terwilliger Parkway, George Himes Park, and Marshall Park.
 - Over 10 acres of invasive species control was conducted at Terwilliger Parkway, focusing on English ivy, clematis, and Himalayan blackberry.
 - Riverview Natural Area is now being transferred into Maha's management portfolio, with planning underway to align with WWRP habitat goals.
 - Initiated ash tree surveys with Youth Conservation Crew (YCC) to support early detection and monitoring of Emerald Ash Borer (EAB).
 - Developed and field-tested a habitat-based ash management framework to guide EAB response and inform Urban Forestry's citywide plan.
 - Coordinated 12 volunteer stewardship events across corridor sites in partnership with Friends groups and schools.
 - Engaged 230+ volunteers, contributing 640+ hours to ivy pulls, native plantings, trail maintenance, and outreach.
 - Supported an intern-led project comparing native vs. invasive vegetation cover across treatment units to guide adaptive management.
 - Contributed site observations to iNaturalist to refine WWRP wildlife species lists and track habitat use.
 - The Westside Wildlife Corridor Report is currently in development to summarize biodiversity, ecological assets, and site-specific management needs.
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Notable accomplishments by Tryon Creek Watershed Council during June 2024 - July 2025:

- Engaged 297 volunteers (including 100 youth) in restoration/land tending, yielding 815 volunteer hours.
- Through these projects & volunteer events, invasive plants were removed from 24,950 sq ft; 6,370 plants were installed (2,750 of these were restoration projects; the rest volunteers) including trees, shrubs, and forbs/grasses. 24 trees were air-gapped of ivy and 7 bags of trash removed.
- Plant numbers include ongoing restoration by Lewis & Clark College Watershed Conservation Activities PE Class; across these first two terms 30 students put in 707 hours in restoration work and planted 2,839 plants. The majority of the work area included invasive management across 1.02 acres on campus (this sq footage is not included in the above tally, but is where 240 of plants were installed); the remainder of plants were installed in TCSNA.
- Provided environmental education to 796 community members (164 through two Science Talks (Film Screening & Beavers in our Watersheds); 175 through Watershed 101 Workshops; 457 at other community events).
- Partnered with 14 different nonprofits, agencies, or volunteer groups in the course of our Watershed 101 workshops.
- Partnered with many groups also for the Watershed Wide Event.

Notable accomplishments by Friends of Terwilliger during 2024:

Quarterly Summary	
Q1 (Jan–Mar 2024): • Events: 15 • Volunteers: 70 • Volunteer Hours: 502.5 • Invasive Species Removed: 3,600 sq ft • Trees Saved: 41 • Trail Work: – • Coordination Hours: –	Q2 (Apr–Jun 2024): • Events: 14 • Volunteers: 116 • Volunteer Hours: 808 • Invasive Species Removed: 7,776 sq ft • Trees Saved: 78 • Trail Work: – • Coordination Hours: –
Q3 (Jul–Sept 2024): • Events: 9 • Volunteers: 85 • Volunteer Hours: 669 • Invasive Species Removed: 4,820 sq ft • Trees Saved: 33 • Trail Work: 20 linear ft • Coordination Hours: 237	Q4 (Oct–Dec 2024): • Events: 8 • Volunteers: 29 • Volunteer Hours: 785 • Invasive Species Removed: 5,600 sq ft • Trees Saved: 14 • Trail Work: – • Coordination Hours: 375

2024 Year-End Totals:

- Total Events: 46
- Total Volunteers: 300
- Total Volunteer Hours (Restoration + Other): 2,764.5
- Invasive Species Removed: 16,776 sq ft
- Trees Saved: 166
- Trail Work Completed: 20 linear ft
- Coordination & Admin Hours: 1,083.5
- Total FOT Volunteer Hours (all categories): 3,848

Notable accomplishments by Westside Watersheds during June 2024 - July 2025:

Outreach (15 events)

- Events: Zoo Nights, Multnomah Days, Sunday Parkways, Concerts, Fairs, Film Screening, Earth Day
- Total Participants: 720+
- Purpose: Community engagement, awareness, and visibility
- Highlights:
 - Largest outreach: Multnomah Days (125 participants)
 - Regular engagement at Zoo Nights and Sunday Parkways

Education (15 events)

- Events: Classroom lessons, outdoor education, field trips, workshops
- Total Students & Teachers Engaged: ~540
- Highlights:
 - Chapman Elementary Outdoor Education sessions reached over 300 students
 - Focus on watershed, salmon lifecycle, and stormwater education

Stewardship (18 events)

- Activities: Invasive removal, planting, mulching, trail work
- Total Volunteers: ~170
- Native Plants Planted: 650+
- Area Enhanced: ~10,800 sq ft
- Volunteer Hours: ~360

Stormwater Stars Workshops (7 events)

- Participants: 83
- Plants Installed: 975
- Area Enhanced: ~6,600 sq ft
- Volunteer Hours: 166
- Highlights:
 - Workshops conducted at residences and businesses across the region