

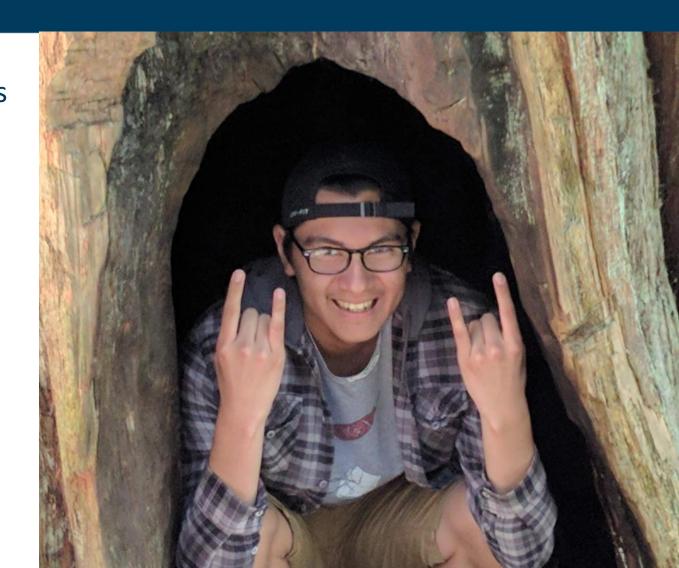
Nature in Neighborhoods restoration and community stewardship grants Metro Council – June 13, 2019

# Thanks to voters!

2018 Natural Areas Levy renewal

Five-year levy

2018 to 2023



# Racial equity, diversity and inclusion

Metro Council 2013 Levy Resolution

Metro Racial Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Strategy

Metro Racial Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Action Plans



## Purpose

**Restoration and** community stewardship grants support and create partnerships in local communities that improve water quality, fish and wildlife habitat and connect people with nature.



# Goals

Goal 1: Improve water quality, fish and wildlife habitat

Goal 2: Community partnerships

Goal 3: Economic and environmental equity





#### M&M Marketplace's Green Community Plaza – Hillsboro, Oregon - 2017













Conservation is for everyone.





















#### Inukai Girls & Boys Club – Hillsboro, Oregon - 2018















Superior Hardscape Specialist LLC



#### Rosemary Anderson High School Friends of Trees Student Crew Leader Training Program

2006 - partnership formed between RAHS and FOT with the help of Portland Development Commission

- Crew Leaders trained in Neighborhood Plantings
- No Green Space training
- No ecology education



### Today - Rosemary Anderson High School Friends of Trees Student Crew Leader Training Program

- In 2018-2019 SCLTP provides crew members with 30-40 hours of ecology education.
- Crew Leaders are trained in Green Space plantings and Neighborhood plantings.
- Crew Leaders are trained in pruning techniques.
- Crew Leaders Lead 5 greenspace plantings.
- Two participants in Urban Forestry with FOT.



# Numbers over the years

### > 2015-2016

- 134 Volunteer Hours
- 330 Native Plants Planted
- 9 Crew Leaders Hired
- > 2018-2019
- 940 Volunteer Hours
- 2200 Native Plants Planted
- 14 Crew Leaders Hired



# 2019 Grants review committee

- Charlotte Trowbridge, Tualatin Soil and Water Conservation District
- Danielle Jones, KairosPDX
- Gabrielle Haber, Opal Creek Ancient Forest Center
- Jeff Merrill, Metro
- Jennifer Wilson, Metro
- Jihane Nami, Institute for Sustainable Solutions, Portland State University
- Patty Lyons, The Wetlands Conservancy
- Ruby Bucholtz, Tualatin Riverkeepers
- Shannah Anderson, Bureau of Environmental Services, City of Portland
- Valerie Oster, Anchor QEA, LLC.

# **2019 Grants recommendation**

2019 Nature in Neighborhoods restoration and community stewardship grants





**Backyard Habitat– Washington County Expansion and Equity** Audubon Society of Portland, Columbia Land Trust - \$64,658

Young Black Environmentalists Internship Program Camp E.L.S.O. Inc. - \$100,000



Seiben Creek Landowner Stewardship Engagement Project Clackamas River Basin Council - \$22,000

**Depave the Centennial School District** Depave - \$42,000

**Collaborative Community Stewardship: Restoring Public Land through Traditional Knowledge** Ecology in Classrooms and Outdoors - \$75,452

**Gladstone Nature Park Butterfly Hill** Friends of Gladstone Nature Park - \$11,600

**Mitchell Creek Floodplain Restoration** Johnson Creek Watershed Council - \$36,750

**Re-Indigenizing the Urban Landscapes** National Indian Parent Information Center - \$49,819



**Green Job Workforce Development for High School Aged Youth** Northwest Youth Corps - \$86,751

**Student Crew Leadership Training Program** Portland Opportunities Industrialization Center Inc. - \$50,000



**SW 25th Ave ROW Community Trail Restoration** Oregon Wildlife Heritage Foundation, Friends of Fanno Creek Headwaters - \$12,500

**Balch Creek Restoration Partnership** The Forest Park Conservancy - \$100,000



From Labor to Leadership: Advancing People of Color into Restoration Careers Verde - \$30,599

**Restoration Equity: Stewardship and Job Skills for Immigrant Workers** Voz Workers' Rights Education Project - \$50,000

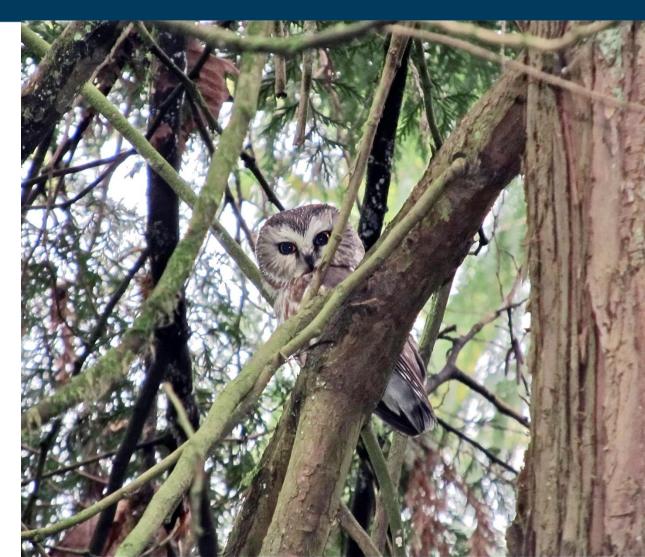
Westside Wildlife Corridor for People and Habitat West Willamette Restoration Partnership - \$63,000

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