



# Columbia Slough Watershed Council

## Annual Report

June 2008 - July 2009

### Program Highlights

#### Education

Slough School delivered a record-breaking number of classroom visits and field trips to students within the watershed.

Slough School partnered with teachers at Woodland Elementary School to create a field-based educational program along Fairview Creek for second grade students.

Canoe the Slough 2009 took 171 students on the water.

Partnerships with 3 alternative high school classes included mentoring elementary students during field programs.

Slough School partnered with Willamette Riverkeeper on additional canoe trips for 22 local high school students



Local students enjoy a canoeing field trip with Slough School. All Slough School classroom visits and field trips are offered free to schools in the watershed.

#### Outreach

This year saw record-breaking attendance at Cycle the Well Field, Soup on the Slough, and Aquifer Adventure.

Three new and popular events were introduced to the Council calendar: Brew on the Slough, Birdsongs at Whitaker Ponds, and the Paddle Club.

Birdwatching played a major role in this year's weekday programs, with three morning Birdsong walks and one Brunch with the Birds. People of all ages and levels of birding experience joined experts for guided tours of Whitaker Ponds Nature Park.

#### Stewardship

Two Slough Clean-up events removed over 3000 pounds of trash from Whitaker Slough.

Test plot removal of invasive yellow-flag iris at Whitaker Ponds Nature Park continues with the help of Portland Parks & Recreation.

The new wildflower meadow at Whitaker Ponds was cleaned, planted, mulched, watered, and weeded. As the plants bloomed, hundreds of pollinators were attracted to the area.

New maps from BES and updated monitoring forms helped Eyes on the Slough volunteers report all locations of invasive knotweed along the Slough.

#### By the Numbers

**5,100** Student contacts

**752** Teacher & adult contacts

**46** Schools in **4** School districts

**502** Education volunteer hours

**1523** People at one of four major events: Regatta, Explorando, Aquifer Adventure, and the Slough Celebration

**99** Soup on the Slough attendees

**115** Workshop attendees

**187** Outdoor recreation participants

**2,768** Additional community outreach contacts

**259** Event volunteers

**175** Stewardship volunteers

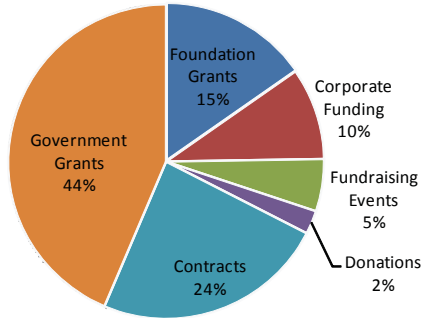
**637** Total stewardship volunteer hours

**2100** Native plants planted in the watershed

**52** Eyes on the Slough reports

# Funding and Support

## Income Sources



30 volunteers at the Great Slough Clean Up hauled old TVs, tires, buckets, and scrap metal from Whitaker Slough.

## Major Financial Supporters

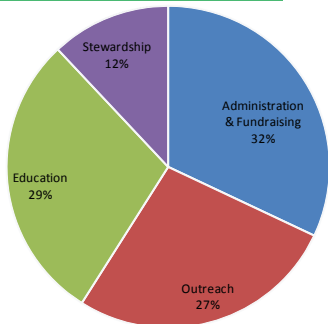
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City of Gresham, Watershed Management Division  
City of Portland Bureau of Environmental Services  
City of Portland Parks and Recreation  
East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District  
Metro Nature in Neighborhood Program  
Multnomah County Drainage Districts  
Oregon Community Foundation  
Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board  
Port of Portland  
Portland Water Bureau  
Spirit Mountain Community Fund

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## Expenses



Explorando attendees enjoyed live dancing, canoe rides, activities and a free t-shirt.

## Staff

Jane A. Van Dyke, Executive Director  
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Melissa Sandoz, Outreach Director  
Nathaniel Talbot, NWSA AmeriCorps  
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**Our mission: to foster action to protect, enhance, restore and revitalize the Slough and its watershed.**

## Contact the Council

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