



Columbia Slough Watershed Council

Annual Report

July 2009 - June 2010

Program Highlights

Education

Two new Education interns helped to increase Slough School's student contacts by over 11%.

Slough School added a preschool program for children 3-5 years old with their parents called Tadpole Tales.

Two family bird walks were offered to coordinate with Portland Public School's late starts on Wednesdays.

Slough School offered programs in three new sites in the watershed.



A new bridge was installed at Whitaker Ponds to improve water connectivity between the ponds and the Slough.

Outreach

Aquifer Adventure, Evening Canoe the Slough, the Slough Celebration, and Cycle the Well Field all had record-breaking attendance.

Summer outreach interns and two Latino Promotion interns helped with promotion and volunteer management for summer events.

The Council started a Facebook page with over 100 fans, and new temporary tattoos and window clings were designed as giveaways.

Two brand-new Owl Prowls were added to the event calendar.



A record-breaking 53 participants learned about the Slough and groundwater at Cycle the Well Field.

Stewardship

The Council hired the Multnomah County Drainage District to remove a culvert and replace it with a bridge at Whitaker Ponds.

A new raingarden and naturescaped area was designed and installed at the new Watershed Education Center.

One acre of blackberry was removed and 500 native plants were planted along four riparian properties involved with the Whitaker Slough Project.

Eroding bank along Fairview Creek was removed of turf grass and replanted with over 350 native shrubs to prevent erosion.

2500 native trees and shrubs were planted around East Whitaker Pond, and invasive Yellow-Flag Iris, Teasel, and Herb Robert were prevented from seeding.

By the Numbers

5,669 Student contacts

51 Schools/organizations involved

233 Children canoed on the Slough

2054 Contacts made at Council events

307 Event volunteers

47 Sponsoring or partnering organizations

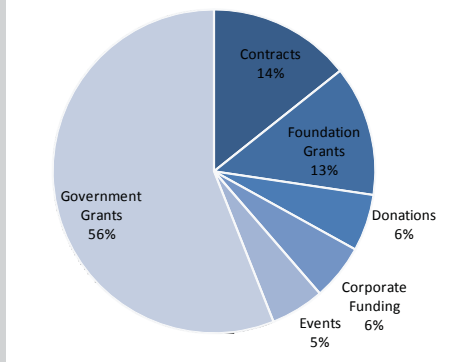
232 Stewardship volunteers put in over **796** hours

3,330 Native plants planted in the watershed on 8 different sites

2 Oil spills reported by Eyes on the Slough monitoring volunteers

Funding and Support for Operations

Income Sources



New temporary tattoos were given out to children at Council events.



Education Interns offered weekly Tadpole Tales programs to preschoolers.

Major Financial Supporters

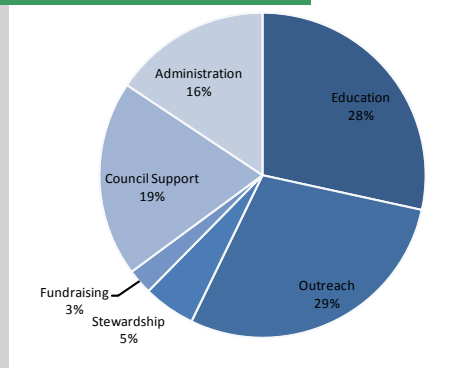
The Boeing Company
City of Fairview
City of Gresham, Watershed Management Division
City of Portland Bureau of Environmental Services
City of Portland Parks and Recreation
East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District
Metro Nature in Neighborhood Program
Meyer Memorial Trust
Multnomah County Drainage Districts
Oregon Community Foundation
Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board
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Expenses



A new rain garden was designed and installed to catch water runoff from the roof of the Council's garage and new office space.

Staff

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Our mission: to foster action to protect, enhance, restore and revitalize the Slough and its watershed.

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