



OUTREACH AND EVENTS HIGHLIGHTS 2017-18

Numbers & Highlights

- Science-based workshops: **11**
 - Community Outreach events: **38 events**
 - Paddle events: **10**
 - Biking Events: **2**
 - Fundraising events: **4**
 - Volunteer trainings: **2**
 - Large scale events and festivals: **4**
 - Total Outreach & Event Participants: **6843**
- Newsletters: **22**
 - Social media followers: **5946**
- Paid interns/assistants: **2**



Aquifer Adventure participants enjoy their edible aquifer model

Major Sponsors

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| Bureau of Environmental Services | East Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District |
| The Boeing Company | Multnomah County Drainage District |
| Apex Companies LLC | David Biggs |
| Port of Portland | Oregon Beverage Recycling Cooperative |
| McKinstry Company | Portland Event Photography |
| Miller Nash Graham & Dunn | Fairview Lake Property Owners Association |
| Next Adventure | American Chimney |
| Portland Parks and Recreation | Maul Foster & Alongi, Inc. |
| Otak Inc. | Parametrix |
| Verde | City of Gresham Water Resources Division |
| Metro | Beneficial State Bank |
| Brown and Caldwell | |

Partnership Spotlight

This year's *iExplorando!* programming was in support of the Cully Park opening, in partnership with Verde. CSWC took a leadership role in the nature & education activities, scavenger hunt, volunteer coordination and plant give-away. The goals of *iExplorando!* are to connect the Cully and Latinx Communities to natural areas in their neighborhood, including the Columbia Slough, hold a community co-lead event, and celebrate culture along with nature.



Highlights

- A record number of private paddles /culturally specific paddles, like *Friday Paddle* for the Vietnamese Community, were offered
- Our partnership with Next Adventure has allowed us to serve more people by providing more boats and expert staff at events
- Paddle Team had a record number of volunteer members who helped us to run our boating events. Our way of thanking them was to offer a free Paddle Sports Safety Facilitator certification course.



Dancers at the Cully Park Grand Opening, June 2018





EDUCATION PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS FY 2017-18

Slough School:

Authentic learning from the Columbia Slough and its Watershed



Rosemary Anderson POIC paddles the Slough with Parks' Yoko Silk



Confluence Americorps Jake Jarecki leading Astor 2nd Grade at Kelley Point with Henrietta

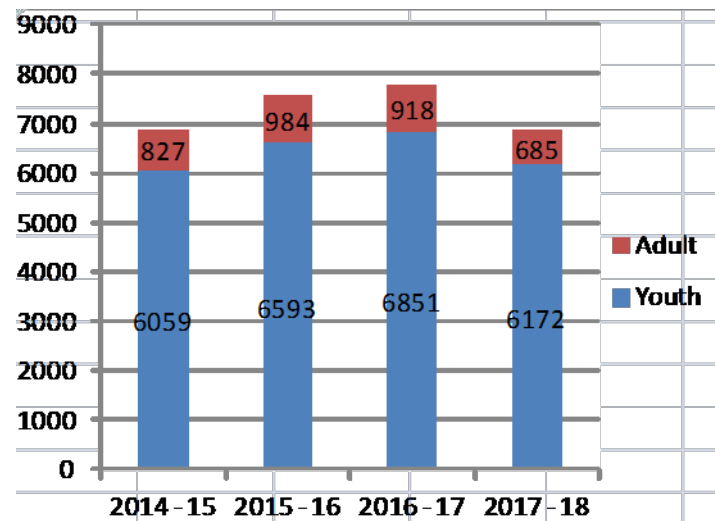


All Woodland 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders worked with CSWC and Wisdom of the Elders to create 3 new habitats on their



King 3rd/4th explores the community at Whitaker Ponds and removes huge piles of English Ivy

Slough School Participants 2017-18



Alliance at Meek HS students restore East Whitaker Pond

Contacts & Highlights

Slough School Contacts for FY 2017-18

- 6,172 Student Contacts
- 685 Teacher & Adult Contacts
- 300 programs for 33 Different Schools/Organizations
- 4 School Districts
- 648 Volunteer Hours
- 82% of student contacts are low income and 67% are students of color

Highlights

- Slough School brought 295 students + 57 adults on the water in canoes
- Continued regular after school programming at NAYA led by Educator Amira El-Cherbini
- All 5th Graders at Fairview Elementary had an in depth year of 17 programs, including 9 classroom lessons, 7 field trips to natural areas throughout the eastern watershed, and one beautiful canoe trip.
- All Woodland Elementary 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders created **three new habitats** on their playground with our

Community Partners : City of Portland's Clean Rivers Education :: Portland Parks & Recreation :: Portland Water Bureau :: City of Gresham :: City of Fairview :: Apex Companies

Mentors : Multnomah Youth Cooperative / Reynolds Learning Academy :: Wisdom Workforce / Wisdom of the Elders



STEWARDSHIP HIGHLIGHTS 2017-18

Numbers & Highlights

- **51** stewardship events with **54** community partners
- **13** Stewardship Saturdays
- **2300+** stewardship volunteer hours!!

Partners

- American Legion Post 134
- Americorp Confluence
- Apex Consulting
- Big Brothers, Big Sisters
- Boeing
- Boy Scouts, Troop 117 & 351
- City of Gresham
- City of Fairview
- Bureau of Environmental Services
- Clackamas High School Green Team
- Conifer Park HOA
- College Possible
- Creek College
- Dig In
- East Multnomah SWCD
- Friends of Baltimore Woods
- Grand Central Bakery
- Habitat 4 Humanity Portland
- Historic Parkrose Prosperity Initiative
- Hookset Automotive
- Key Bank
- Lever Architects
- McKinstry
- Meek Alliance High School
- Metro
- Multnomah County Drainage District
- Multnomah Youth Cooperative (MYC)
- Murraysmith Co.
- Nadaka Nature Park
- The Nature Conservancy
- New Seasons
- Northwest Academy
- Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance



Volunteers help plant the Alberta Park Nature Patch in the spring of 2018



Volunteers toss recycled Christmas trees into engineered log jams in the lower Slough



Verde, CSWC, MYC and Habitat 4 Humanity partner to build rain gardens in Cully

Projects

Project	FY 2017-18 Activities
Great Slough Cleanup 2017	Our 10th Annual in-water clean up was the biggest its ever been! Volunteers pulled over 12 cubic yards of trash and debris out of four different sites along the slough on the same day. Thank you to all of our partners who made this multi-site cleanup a success!
Cully Rain Gardens	In partnership with Verde, the Council constructed six rain gardens on low income private properties in the Cully Neighborhood. Habitat 4 Humanity identified eligible properties, while Verde staff conducted outreach and educational workshops to the homeowners. The Multnomah Youth Cooperative's workforce was trained in the design and construction of the rain gardens, giving them important technical skills to control stormwater runoff. Verde and the Council are working closely to continue building community support and funding for this great program.
Holiday Tree Toss	First annual event where the community tossed small woody debris (in the form of recycled Christmas trees) into engineered logjams constructed by the City of Portland in the Lower Slough for fish habitat. Over 65 trees were secured in the logjams, anchored along the shoreline and thrown in the slough to float downstream.
Alberta Park	Portland Park & Rec's new program called Ecologically Sustainable Landscape Initiative redesigns and plants native landscapes with large woody debris, rocks and paths in developed parks with underperforming lawns. The Council partnered with PPR on their first pilot project in Alberta Park. Volunteers planted over 3000+ plants to help create this space! Visit Alberta Park to check it out.
State of the Slough	First annual event at Portland Community College Cascade Campus. Agency and community partners shared current clean up efforts, research and restoration projects happening in the watershed through formal presentations, posters and outreach materials. We had 46 people show up, learn about the slough, and network with local partners who are making a difference in our watershed's health!



VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHTS 2017-18

Numbers & Highlights

- **1,365** Event volunteer hours
- **84** Slough School volunteer hours
- **2,365** Stewardship volunteer hours
- **30** Paddle team members
- **4,127** Total volunteer hours (an 85% increase from FY 16-17)

Business Partnership Spotlight

"I have fully enjoyed every experience I have had with Columbia Slough Watershed Council. We have worked with them for two years and every experience is rewarding and wonderful!

... If you ever have a chance to work with this team, I highly recommend it!"



Paddle Team volunteers remove trash from Whitaker Slough

New Partnership Spotlight

In partnership with Outside In we have held bi-monthly restoration events with youth (ages 17 to 25) who are in the "homeless youth continuum."

"These opportunities give youth a chance to build work skills, make a little bit of money, and build rapport with staff. They are also a great entry point into our other employment programming, which is set up to help youth exit poverty and homelessness." - Jake D. Outside In

- **13** unique restoration events
- **43** individual youth have participated
- **116** total hours

This partnership will continue to grow into the 2018-19 fiscal year.

"I've volunteered at many many places in a variety of "direct service" roles, and my experiences with CSWS this season have surpassed them all. I'll definitely be signing up to be a Paddle Team volunteer again next year. "

-Paddle Team volunteer



Stewardship Saturday volunteers planting at Alberta Park

Get involved!

Would you, your business or organization like to volunteer with us? We are always looking for new partnerships, please contact us to learn more!

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Volunteers and staff after the Cully Park Grand Opening June 2018