



PORTLAND PARKS & RECREATION™
Healthy Parks, Healthy Portland

NATURAL AREAS STEWARDSHIP

Fiscal Year July 2018—June 2019

IMPACTS

Portland Parks & Recreation's Natural Areas Stewardship program works with volunteers of all ages to restore and enhance Portland's parks and natural areas. Thanks to the efforts of our volunteers and partners, Portland's natural areas benefited from the following positive impacts this fiscal year.

688 EVENTS IN 44 PARKS AND NATURAL AREAS



33,343

native plants and trees
planted



844,964

square feet of "invasive"
vegetation removed



1,799

cubic feet of litter
removed



94,023

linear feet of trails
and fences built or
maintained



12,308 VOLUNTEERS donated over



52,500 HOURS restoring and enhancing Portland's natural areas!

"PP&R Natural Areas Stewardship engages young people with relevant, culturally responsive experiences that help foster awareness of environmental justice. Providing our students exposure to paid internships and job opportunities, combined with the experience to be competitive candidates, allows our partnership to further move the needle towards equity and representation in green industries."

JASON STROMAN, PROGRAM COORDINATOR
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PARTNERSHIPS

In FY 2018-2019, Natural Areas Stewardship supported over **17 community initiated grants** to implement ecological enhancement projects, community science, and education in PP&R natural areas.

Stewardship coordinators partnered with over **120 groups**, including:

- **46 schools** (public, charter, private, job training)
- **43 community organizations/non-profits**
- **16 friends groups and neighborhood associations**
- **9 business/corporate groups**
- **7 government agencies**

Natural Areas Stewardship supports the work of other City of Portland programs. In FY 2018-2019, Natural Area Stewardship coordinators hosted:

- **6 events** in collaboration with PP&R Native Gathering Garden
- **12 events** in collaboration with PP&R Ecological Sustainable Landscape Initiative
- **10 events** with PP&R Environmental Education (including field trips and GRUNT programs)
- **81 stewardship field trips** with the Bureau of Environmental Services Clean Rivers Education

MENTORSHIPS

Stewardship Coordinators support long-term mentorship and career opportunities for young people by collaborating with multiple internship programs. In FY 2018-2019, Natural Areas Stewardship provided support to programs like Audubon TALON and the Green Workforce Collaborative, plus hosted:

- **2 interns** from the PP&R Environmental Education Teen Program
- **6 interns** from the Lents Youth Initiative
- **1 intern** from the Friends of Trees Adult Urban Forestry Training & Internship Program

In addition, Stewardship Coordinators sponsored **2 paid PP&R Youth Conservation Crews (YCC)** for eight weeks in the summer, helping to provide job skills and networking opportunities to 18 young environmental leaders.



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