



PORTLAND PARKS & RECREATION™
Healthy Parks, Healthy Portland

NATURAL AREA STEWARDSHIP

Fiscal Year July 2020—June 2021

IMPACTS

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

311 EVENTS IN 37 PARKS AND NATURAL AREAS



6,316
cubic feet of litter
removed.



231,555
square feet cleared of
invasive vegetation.



16,310
native plants and trees
planted.



110,747
linear feet of trails
and fences built or
maintained.



2,974 VOLUNTEERS donated over



18,724 HOURS restoring and enhancing Portland's natural areas.

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, wildfire smoke, and extreme weather, the Natural Area Stewardship program had to cancel multiple events in fiscal year 2020-2021. We extend our sincere appreciation to all the volunteers and partner organizations who continue to show up with flexibility and creativity.

Thank you for your dedication to Portland's natural areas!



PARTNERSHIPS

In FY 2020-2021, Natural Area Stewardship supported over **19 community initiated grants** to implement ecological enhancement projects in PP&R natural areas.

Natural Area Stewardship coordinators partnered with **80 groups**, including:

- **19 schools** (public, charter, private, job training),
- **35 community organizations/non-profits**,
- **16 friends groups and neighborhood associations**,
- **5 business/corporate groups**, and
- **3 government agencies**.

Natural Area Stewardship supports the work of other City of Portland programs. In FY 2020-2021, Natural Area Stewardship hosted:

- **2 events** in collaboration with PP&R Ecological Sustainable Landscape Initiative,
- **4 events** with PP&R Environmental Education (including field trips and Teen Nature Team programs), and
- **2 stewardship field trips** with the Bureau of Environmental Services Clean Rivers Education.

MENTORSHIPS

Natural Area Stewardship coordinators support long-term mentorship and career opportunities for young people by collaborating with multiple internship programs. In FY 2020-2021, Natural Area Stewardship in East Portland provided support for programs like the Green Workforce Collaborative, plus hosted:

- **2 interns** from the Adult Urban Forestry Internship Program in partnership with Friends of Trees,
- **3 interns** from Lents Youth Initiative, in partnership with Rose Community Development, and
- **1 intern** from PP&R Youth Conservation Crew (YCC) Internship Program.

In addition, Natural Area Stewardship coordinators sponsored the PP&R Youth Conservation Crew for eight weeks in the summer, helping to provide job skills and networking opportunities to young environmental leaders.



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