



shade our streams

A CLACKAMAS RIVER BASIN COUNCIL PROJECT

What is Shade Our Streams?

Shade Our Streams is a multi-year community tree planting project to improve water quality in the Clackamas River basin. The project will plant more than 300,000 native trees along 30 stream miles, restoring streamside habitat at no cost to property owners. Shade Our Streams will focus on planting along the streams that need the most help - those areas that lack healthy habitats and are overrun with invasive weeds. Native trees improve water quality and create better habitat for plants, animals, and fish.



Douglas fir is a fast-growing native conifer.



Salmonberry boasts beautiful flowers, and berries attract songbirds.



Vine maple leaves turn a beautiful red-orange in the autumn.

Benefits for Landowners

Restoration creates many benefits for participating landowners. Native plants create beautiful streamside areas that provide a natural space for families to enjoy the outdoors. Removing aggressive invasive weeds such as blackberry and re-planting with native trees also improves access to your own property, making it easier to enjoy the creek (and increasing your property value).

As trees grow, their roots hold soil in place, which reduces bank erosion, keeping your land from washing away. Mature trees create shade, lowering water temperatures and reducing the risk of bacteria growth. This cleaner water is healthier to drink and healthier to play in!

Fast Facts

- We will work with landowners to create a buffer of native species along the stream.
- Streamside properties in the Clear Creek, Deep Creek, and Eagle Creek sub-basins are the top priority.
- Landowners will receive services to remove invasive weeds, replace with native trees, and provide site maintenance for two years following planting.
- Project activities will be arranged with willing landowners for no cost. Participants will be asked to sign a standard access agreement.

How do I get involved?

CRBC will be conducting outreach to priority landowners. If you're interested in the program and want to sign up, please call our office! We'll begin by setting up a one-on-one consultation with you, where we'll discuss the conditions of your property and more details about how Shade Our Streams can work for you.

We'll also discuss timing for when work will occur, and how we'll always contact you prior to setting up a visit. Typically, invasive weeds will be managed during the late summer and fall, and plantings will occur in the winter and spring. For two years after the first planting, we'll visit to check on how the trees have survived, and if any additional weed control is needed - we are committed to making sure our work together is a success!



“CRBC has been a great partner to work with as I've restored my property!”

-- *Jean Lensch,*
Goose Creek
landowner

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Did you know...?

Facts about the Clackamas Watershed

- The watershed is home to wild coho, Chinook, steelhead, cutthroat trout, and lamprey.
- Nearly 400,000 people drink water from the Clackamas River every day.
- 20 miles of the Clackamas are designated “Scenic,” and 27 miles are designated “Recreational.”
- Our watershed is home to old growth forest, and threatened species including bald eagles, spotted owls, and red-legged frogs.
- There are sixteen smaller “sub-watersheds” included in the Clackamas watershed, which is about 1,000 square miles in size.
- The Clackamas River is approximately 83 miles in length - almost the distance of a trip from Portland to Salem and back!



*A view of Olallie Butte,
in the watershed's headwaters.*