


Shady project continues on Clackamas River

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The Shade Our Streams project is planting more than 86,000 native trees and shrubs this winter at 25 different sites along the Clackamas River.

It's part of a six-year effort to plant more than 300,000 native trees and shrubs along 30 miles of the river, removing invasive weeds along the way.

Shade Our Streams, a program of the Clackamas River Basin Council, has enlisted support from more than 75 private landowners to participate, and invites others to sign up. Landowners can take advantage of free invasive weed removal at the same time native vegetation takes its place. That improves the river's health for aquatic species and provides shade — and perhaps higher property values — for landowners.

“Shade Our Streams brings together landowners, local partnerships, nurseries, volunteers and restoration crews to improve fish, wildlife and human habitats,” says Jenny Dezso, Clackamas River Basin Council project manager.

By the end of this winter, the project expects to have completed plantings along 11.5 stream miles of the Clackamas River, more than a third of the way to meet the goal.

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