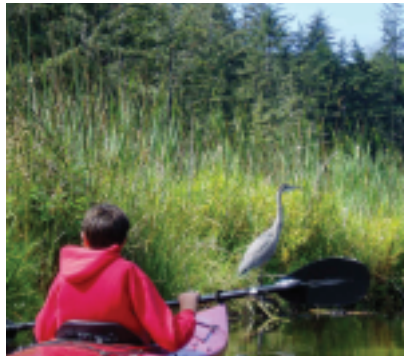


2006/07 projects & accomplishments

CENTRAL COAST

Yaquina Estuary and Beaver Creek Marsh



Project Goals

- Conservation of intact salt and brackish marsh
- Restoration of marsh areas and adjacent timber lands
- Expansion of partnerships and conservation opportunities

Project Partners

Non-Governmental Supporters

- The MidCoast Watersheds Council
- Green Diamond Resource Company
- The Central Coast Land Conservancy
- Oregon Habitat Joint Venture
- The Nature Conservancy
- Pacific Forest Trust
- Private Landowners

Governmental Supporters

- Lincoln County
- Oregon Dept of Fish and Wildlife
- US Fish and Wildlife Service
- National Marine Fisheries Service
- Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission
- Lincoln County Soil and Water Conservation District
- OWEB
- Oregon State Parks

Current and Completed Tasks

- Obtained conservation easement on 36 acres owned by Lincoln County
- Acquired 410 acres in McCaffrey Poole and Johnson Sloughs and Upper Yaquina River
- Discussed joint management strategy with Pacific Forest Trust

Next Steps

- Create a plan that identifies properties for acquisition, conservation and restoration opportunities in Yaquina Estuary and Beaver Creek
- Acquire additional fee title and conservation easements in Yaquina, and Beaver Creek (some discussions have already begun)
- Provide restoration and conservation technical assistance to private landowners

SCAPPOOSE BOTTOMLANDS

Project Goals

- Implement the Scappoose Bottomlands Conservation and Restoration Plan

Project Partners

- Scappoose Bay Watershed Council
- The Nature Conservancy
- LCREP (Lower Columbia River Estuary Partnership)
- Columbia County Soil and Water Conservation District
- Private Landowners



Current and Completed Tasks

- Characterized the remaining higher quality wetlands in the Bottomlands
- Published Scappoose Bay Conservation and Restoration Plan
- Started conversations about conservation and restoration of 150 acres of wetland in the bottomlands
- Support watershed council in Scappoose Creek Restoration Initiative

Next Steps

- Work with watershed council and other partners to find funding to implement the plan
- Provide restoration and conservation technical assistance to private landowners
- Work with PGE on wetland management plan for Trojan wetlands

TUALATIN

Project Goals

- Restore Hedges Creek Marsh.
- Build community support for wetland stewardship
- Expand partnerships and conservation opportunities in Tualatin and Sherwood

Project Partners

Non-Governmental Supporters

- Tualatin Heritage Center
- Tualatin Chamber of Commerce
- Local Businesses
- Tualatin Schools
- Kaiser Permanente
- REI

Governmental Supporters

- City of Tualatin
- Clean Water Services
- Department of State Lands
- Metro

Current and Completed Tasks

- Developed restoration Plan for Hedges Creek Marsh
- Participated in Tualatin Vision Process
- Developing joint education programs with Tualatin Heritage Center
- Planning spring/summer event

Next Steps

- Implement Hedges Creek Restoration Plan
- Acquire additional land acquisitions and conservation easements in Hedges Creek and Sherwood
- Restore Nyberg Creek wetland
- Develop art and wetland interpretation brochures with Kaiser Permanente



OREGON WETLAND EXPLORER

Project Goals

- Build an integrated web portal, called the Oregon Wetlands Explorer, containing tools to support and improve wetland restoration and conservation planning and implementation, streamline permitting and to provide a location for all information on wetlands in Oregon.



Non-Governmental Supporters

- Institute of Natural Resources
- Oregon State University Libraries
- The Nature Conservancy
- Oregon Habitat Joint Venture

Governmental Supporters

- Oregon Department of State Lands
- Oregon Dept of Fish and Wildlife
- Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board
- Environmental Protection Agency
- US Fish and Wildlife Service

Next Steps

- Facilitate a process to engage professionals and stakeholders in a discussion about what information is needed and why
- Complete and integrate available statewide wetland data.
- Develop an online permitting tool which includes the ability to allow developers to pre-screen projects before investing in a project to avoid areas which are likely to impact significant wetlands or threatened and endangered species. The tool would link to other permit streamlining efforts and would simplify permitting when impacts to wetlands or at-risk species were not present.
- Develop tools for wetland restoration, conservation, and mitigation that will help prioritize sites and habitats, and improve restoration goals and methods.
- Collect and produce stories of Oregon landowners who have conserved and restored their wetlands.
- Host trainings and informational workshops on how to access and use the information on The Oregon Wetland Explorer.