

Portland-area Agencies or Organizations That Can Provide Expertise, Referrals, Funding, Plants, or Labor for a School Natural Landscaping Project

- **East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District and Portland Bureau of Environmental Services (BES)**, Naturescaping for Clean Rivers Program
(503) 261-9566 (Linda Robinson, E. Mult. Soil and Water Conserv. Dist.)
(503) 823-7236 (Diana Hinton, BES Clean Rivers Program)
Offer free “Naturescaping for Clean Rivers” training workshops for homeowners, including basic workshops and site planning workshops. Basic workshops focus on using native plants, and landscaping techniques for increasing wildlife habitat and reducing pollution, stormwater runoff, and water use. Workshop participants receive a workbook, *Naturescaping for Clean Rivers*, which includes a Native Plant Selection Guide and list of commercial sources for western North America native plants and seeds.
- **Lynn Vanderkamp, Portland Bureau of Environmental Services** Environmental Education Specialist and Stewardship Grants Program
1120 SW Fifth Ave., Room 1000, Portland 97204; (503) 823-5281 or (503) 823-5625.
Web: www.enviro.ci.portland.or.us.
E-mail: lynnv@bes.ci.portland.or.us
Makes grants of up to \$5,000 available to community and school groups for stream restoration, watershed enhancement, environmental education, and other Clean River projects in Portland. Projects must improve watershed health, raise awareness of watersheds, and involve the community in taking care of Portland’s rivers and streams. Provides classroom presentations on native and invasive plants and plant identification, can consult on school natural landscaping projects.
- **Metro Greenspaces Grants Program**, (503) 797-1781
Web: www.metro-region.org/parks/parksgroups.html
Provides funding for urban projects that emphasize environmental education, habitat enhancement, and watershed health.
- **Dee White, President, Portland Chapter, Native Plant Society of Oregon**
(503) 775-2909
E-mail: deewhite@teleport.com
All-volunteer group may be able to offer referrals to native plant experts, native plant salvage projects, or landscapers to assist a school-based natural landscaping project.
- **Glen Andresen, Portland Metro Regional Services**, Natural Gardening Program
(503) 797-1811
E-mail: glen@pacifier.com
Can offer information, consultation, or referrals on school natural landscaping projects. Also have natural gardening publication, conduct free workshops for homeowners on natural gardening and composting.
- **Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board**, Salem, OR
(503) 378-3739; Web: www.oweb.state.or.us
Offers grants program for watershed restoration, enhancement, and education projects. Any landowner, organization, institute of higher education, or local government may apply. The application form and

process is substantial. For education projects, priority is given to grants that involve cooperative ventures between local groups (e.g., Soil and Water Conservation districts or watershed councils) and school districts.

- **Beth Stout, National Wildlife Federation Schoolyard Habitat Stewards Program**
(503) 693-8596

E-mail: stout@nwf.org

Provides training via Schoolyard Habitat Stewards program. Nominate someone from your school to take the 40 hour training course and become a steward for your project.

- **Eann Rains, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service**
(503) 231-2270 x 104

Offers Backyard Conservation booklet and kit.

- **Mitch Luckett, Portland Audubon Society**
(503) 292-6855; Web: www.audubonportland.org

Holds an annual (spring) native plant sale.

- **Julie Magers or Bonnie Gretz**

Cascade Earth Force, Portland State University-Center for Science Education

(503) 725-8288 (Julie), E-mail: magersj@pdx.edu or

(503) 725-8767 (Bonnie), E-mail: gretz@pdx.edu

Web: www.earthforce.org, cascade@earthforce.org

Provides training to support adult leaders and teachers in how to work with youth to enrich students' environmental education through hands on learning. Community Action and Problem Solving (CAPS) program.

- **AmeriCorps Northwest Service Academy, (503) 736-4541**

Web: www.northwestserviceacademy.org

Members are placed with sponsoring organizations to do (paid) full-time or part-time service projects. Projects involve environmental education, watershed restoration, public land enhancement including trail building, tree planting, and building community gardens or naturescapes.

- **Esther Lev, Corps Restoring the Urban Environment (CRUE)**

(503) 691-1394

Alternative high school program involving at-risk youth in environmental restoration and education projects. Organizations can pay CRUE a daily stipend to help cover expenses for a crew of students to help with blackberry removal, planning, planting, seed collection, and other aspects of environmental restoration projects.

- **Pacific Habitat Services, Wilsonville, OR (800) 871-9333; (503) 570-0800**

E-mail: info@pacifichabitat.com

Consulting service for environmental restoration projects.



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