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restoration, monitoring,  
stewardship, and education!

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## Pollinator Garden at Row River Nature Park Progress

We want to extend a huge thank you to our amazing volunteers who joined us at the Pollinator Garden last Saturday! Your hard work helped us weed the existing bed and prepare the soil for planting.



We're excited to announce that we'll be planting native, pollinator-friendly plants on Saturday, March 15th. Your contributions have made this project possible, and we can't wait to see the beautiful results of our teamwork.

**Thank you again for supporting your local ecosystem!**



## MARCH EVENTS

### Science On Tap March 25th

Join us on Tuesday, March 25th at the Axe and Fiddle Public House from 5 to 7 PM for a presentation on Land Stewardship at Cerro Gordo: the First Fifty Years, featuring local author Eric Alan, and McKenzie River Trust's Stewardship Program Director, Jodi Lemmer.

In 1974, an idealistic and motivated group of people purchased approximately 1,150 acres on the north shore of Dorena Lake, with the intention of building shared, intentional community with a focus on living close to the land. While the Cerro Gordo community never developed as envisioned, land stewardship has continued to evolve beautifully.



**Coast Fork Willamette Watershed Council**

# SCIENCE ON TAP!

**CERRO GORDO, THE FIRST 50 YEARS**

Land stewardship at Cerro Gordo, a presentation by author Eric Alan and McKenzie River Trust Stewardship Program Manager, Jodi Lemmer

**4th TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH**

**AXE & FIDDLE PUBLIC HOUSE - 657 E Main St., Cottage Grove**

**FREE ENTRY - 10% of food & drink sales to benefit the CFWWC!**

**MARCH 25 5-7 PM**

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After the formation of Cerro Gordo Land Conservancy, the nonprofit successfully obtained two conservation easements covering 1,000 acres of Cerro Gordo's meadows, oak woodlands, mixed conifer forests, and riparian areas. Since then, a great deal of conservation and restoration work has been accomplished, with much more in process and planned.

Come celebrate Cerro Gordo's first fifty years of land stewardship, in caring for one of the region's most beautiful and precious areas.

**We host these family-friendly events on the fourth Tuesday of each month from 5-7pm at the Axe & Fiddle, 657 E. Main St. in Cottage Grove.**

**Events begin with informal socializing, trivia, and updates about the watershed and watershed council. The Science on Tap presentation begins at 6pm.**

**The event is free to the public, with a \$5 donation suggested.**

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# Coast Fork Volunteer Event – Pollinator Planting Party

March 15th



You're invited to our Pollinator Planting Party at the Pollinator Garden in Row River Nature Park!

Join us on Saturday, March 15th, from 10 AM to 2 PM as we continue our work from last month by planting new pollinator-friendly plants.

Enjoy tea and doughnuts while you help lend a hand to Mother Nature and enhance the environment for our native species. Come be a part of the fun!



# Bird Walk at Chambers Covered Railroad Bridge

March 22nd

Grace Fowler-Gore invites you to join the Coast Fork Birders for a March Bird Walk!

All of this walk is paved and is a great opportunity for individuals with mobility issues to participate in a bird outing.

Checkout our eBird checklists for March [2021](#) and [2024](#)



**Date:** March 22nd, 2025 Saturday

**Start:** 8 a.m.

**Duration:** Generally runs 2 hours.

**Location:** Chambers Covered Bridge and pond

**Parking:** Intersection of Whitman Blvd & S. River Rd.

**Wheelchair Parking:** Intersection of Whitman Blvd & S. River Rd.

**Please Note:** There are no restrooms available at Chambers Covered Railroad Bridge

Please contact Grace Fowler-Gore at 817-975-4936  
or [GraceLovesBirds1@gmail.com](mailto:GraceLovesBirds1@gmail.com) to RSVP,  
or with any questions.

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## NEWS CORNER

# The Freshwater Trust Shade Planting Program

The Freshwater Trust is planting 1,100 native trees and 3,300 native shrubs at two properties along the Coast Fork Willamette River in the next few weeks. Shade from these trees will improve water quality for native fish, other aquatic species, and people who use the river for recreation.



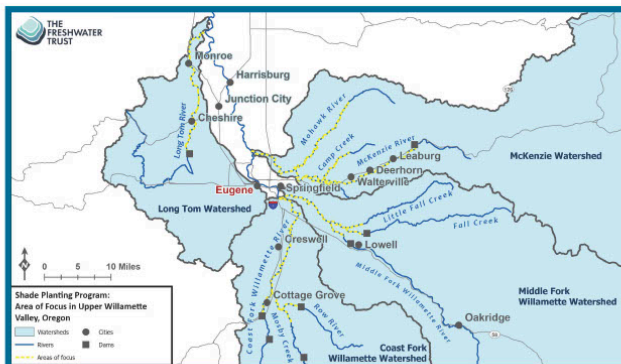
### Shade Planting Program

Available to landowners in parts of the Upper Willamette watershed.

The program pays for riverside trees and shrubs on your land for the long-term health of the watershed.

#### What are we offering?

- Specialized contractors plant and maintain an attractive, resilient mix of native trees and shrubs in a 30- to 60-foot buffer (or wider) along the river or stream edge. We work with you to layout the planting area.
- To pay all costs and obtain permits, including all plants, site preparation, plant installation, and maintenance.
- Long-term suppression of invasive weeds, including Himalayan blackberry and knotweed.
- To perform consistent maintenance and monitoring of all shrubs and trees to ensure full establishment.



#### What are the benefits?

- There is no cost to the landowner and no work share.
- You receive an annual lease payment, typically \$1500 per acre, per year.
- Long-term suppression of invasive weeds.
- Trees and shrubs along the riverbank can help reduce erosion, moderate bank erosion and decrease flooding threats.
- Additional privacy from neighbors and other river users.
- Improved fishing, birding and wildlife viewing.

#### What is required to participate?

- Ownership of a riverside or streamside land parcel within the Upper Willamette Valley program area (see map above).
- A suitable site for our program.
- A 21-year lease or easement over the planting area. You retain full access to your land.
- Existing restoration or conservation projects may sometimes affect eligibility.
- You give the trees and shrubs every opportunity to grow and thrive.

Note to Agricultural Landowners: The plantings offered by this program are consistent with the goals of the Southern Willamette Valley Agricultural Water Quality Management Area Plan.



To learn more about the riparian planting program or to schedule a no-obligation site visit, contact your watershed council:

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## Details About The Planting Program and Eligibility

These projects are free to landowners who qualify — be on the lookout for a letter from them and tell your friends!



# 2025 Friends of Family Farmers

## 'Small Farms Mean Business' Rally Day March 4th

Farmers, ranchers, and local food system advocates from across Oregon will come together on Tuesday, March 4th at the Reed Ballroom in Salem for our seventh biennial Friends of Family Farmers 'Small Farms Mean Business' Day. Come hear from legislators, farmers and other stakeholders to learn about the details of our two proposed bills and other coalition bills we are supporting so you can take the issues you care about directly to decision makers. After convening at the Reed Ballroom in the morning, you will have an opportunity to meet directly with your legislators at the Capitol!

WHEN: Tuesday, March 4th, 9am–4pm



WHERE: In person at the Reed Ballroom in Salem, 189 Liberty St NE, Salem, OR 97301 and then we will head to the State Capitol (.4 miles away)

WHY: Show support for our small to midsized local farmers and ranchers!

[Get more information or register here!](#)

## Partner's Hiring Corner

LOCAL JOB OPPORTUNITIES - SEE WHO'S HIRING

### **Middle Fork Willamette Watershed Council**

**Community Engagement Coordinator**

[Full Post Description Here](#)

Application deadline: **March 17th, position open until filled**

Location: Eugene- Springfield

Status: Salaried, exempt position (1.0 FTE, 40 hours/week) Pay: \$48,000-52,000  
Desired start date: May 1st, 2025 (some flexibility)

#### **About the role:**

The Upper Willamette Stewardship Network (UWSN) & Middle Fork Willamette Watershed Council (MFWWC) seek a compassionate, skilled, dynamic individual to join our team as the Community Engagement Coordinator. This position will play a key role in collaboratively developing strategies for communication and outreach for large scale initiatives with partner organizations in the UWSN and has considerable opportunity for growth. We understand the essential role that effective communication plays in collaboration and the importance of cultivating community, shared purpose, relationships, and trust. This position exercises

strong judgment and professional experience in planning and implementing strategic communications for an array of UWSN initiatives including: Urban Waters Partnership, Working Lands Program, large scale restoration initiatives (floodplain and uplands restoration), general UWSN community building, and MFWWC engagement activities. The Community Engagement Coordinator will work with program staff to build relationships within the Upper Willamette region and across UWSN organizations through thoughtful and timely communication related to UWSN initiatives and issues. This dynamic and collaborative position is based at the MFWWC in Springfield, Oregon and will include travel within the Upper Willamette Basin.





# Plaza de Nuestra Comunidad

Garden Program Assistant  
(Bilingual Spanish/English)

[Full Post Description Here](#)

Position Type: Part-time/Non-Exempt

Reports To: Garden Program Manager

Location: Cottage Grove, Oregon with some meetings and programming in Eugene and Springfield.

Wage: \$22.00 /hour

Hours: Flexible hours but needs to have regular Saturday availability, as well as occasional evening hours.

Application Deadline: **Application review begins March 10, 2025. Position open until filled.**

Start Date: April

## About the role:

Plaza de Nuestra Comunidad (Plaza) is seeking a dedicated, and bilingual, Garden Program Assistant to support the Garden Program team in the maintenance and programming associated with our new Cottage Grove Garden as well as the administration of the Garden Program in general. This team is fully bilingual in Spanish and English and we are seeking a teammate who is also Spanish/English bilingual and preferably speaks or understands Mam.

## Oregon Wild

Development and Outreach Associate  
[Full Post Description Here](#)



Closing date: **Applications review begins March 3rd, position open until filled**  
Location: Based in Portland

Status:

Compensation: Salary range of \$45,000 – \$52,000

## About the role:

The Development & Outreach Associate works toward growing Oregon Wild's membership through community outreach and other strategies as well as maintaining the organization's donor database. This individual is passionate about Oregon Wild's mission, excited to engage with a variety of communities, enjoys meeting new people, brings a customer service mindset to their role, and loves the idea of growing Oregon Wild's membership and audience. The Development & Outreach Associate plays a leading role in conducting community outreach, while also providing support for the day-to-day management of the donor database, gift processing, and donor relations. The individual in this position will ensure that donor management is organized, efficient, and evolving with future best practices.

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