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Whole Foods joins with Friends of Trees to restore new trail

Tigard, Ore. — A trail extension that connects downtown Tigard with natural areas along Fanno Creek will get a facelift this weekend thanks to Friends of Trees and Whole Foods.

Whole Foods employees will join other volunteers to plant 1,800 native plants along the creekside path. The event is also in partnership with the City of Tigard and Clean Water Services.

“We’re happy to be partnering with Whole Foods again this season and value the company's commitment to our community-building and tree-planting efforts,” said Andy Meeks, Development Manager with Friends of Trees.

Interested volunteers of all ages are encouraged to meet at 8:45 a.m. tomorrow at 12300 SW Grant Ave. in Tigard. Snacks, gloves and tools are provided.

This is the first of several plantings in the Portland-Vancouver metro area organized by Friends of Trees and sponsored by Whole Foods. Other upcoming plantings include:

- **March 1:** Planting about 100 street trees in Northeast Portland neighborhoods of Alameda, Sullivan’s Gulch, Irvington, Sabin and Grant Park. Interested volunteers can show up at 8:45 a.m. at Holladay Park Church, 2120 NE Tillamook Street.
- **March 15:** Planting about 60 street trees in all NE Vancouver Neighborhoods. Interested volunteers can meet at 8:45 a.m. at LeRoy Haagen Memorial Community Park in Vancouver.

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About Friends of Trees

Friends of Trees empowers people to improve the natural world around them through a simple solution: plant a tree. together. They operate in Portland, Vancouver, Eugene, Salem and surrounding areas. The Neighborhood Trees program provides homeowners with discounted trees to plant at their homes with their neighbors. Through its Green Space Initiative, trained crew leaders guide volunteers at weekend events to restore green spaces.

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