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Friends of Trees launches new season of streamside restorations

More than 40 volunteer events will replant local natural areas—with new projects in Troutdale, Forest Grove and Salem

Now through April, Friends of Trees will lead more than 40 weekend events to replant natural areas around the Portland-Vancouver metro area—all powered by volunteers.

The next event is Saturday at the Sandy River Delta in Troutdale. New projects this season in Forest Grove, Salem and Troutdale join an extensive list of restoration sites that include Wilsonville, Hillsboro, Happy Valley, Tualatin, Durham, Beaverton, Tigard, Damascus and Milwaukee.

Volunteers of all ages are welcome—just check the calendar and show up, or call (503) 595-0213 for more information. To view the schedule visit <http://www.friendsoftrees.org/plant/calendars/portland-vancouver>. No prior experience is needed. Trained volunteer crew leaders will guide volunteers through safe, proper planting of native trees and shrubs.

“Trees mean clean water—it’s true in our cities and in the green spaces around us. Our goal is to replant these natural areas with native plants so they can filter pollutants, ward off harmful invasives and provide a place for people to reconnect with nature,” said Logan Lauvray, Green Space Initiative Manager for Friends of Trees.

Friends of Trees’ Green Space Initiative brings together public and private landowners and volunteers to restore watersheds around the metro area. Last season, the program guided 2,000 volunteers to plant 39,000 native trees and shrubs in more than 38 locations around the metro area.

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About Friends of Trees

Friends of Trees brings people together to plant and care for city trees and green spaces. Through its Green Space Initiative, trained crew leaders guide volunteers at weekend events to restore green spaces across the Portland-Vancouver metro area. In addition, the Neighborhood Trees program provides homeowners with discounted trees to plant with their neighbors in the Portland, Vancouver, Eugene and surrounding areas. www.friendsoftrees.org