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# A Year in Review

July 2009 - June 2010

New events, partnerships, and funding opportunities, along with the continuation of successful programs define TCWC's past year. We have expanded our programs and services to include an Early Detection/Rapid Response effort for eradicating highly invasive Japanese Knotweed, launched two new revegetation projects on high habitat-value private properties, and celebrated the establishment of an annual Tryon Creek Watershed Wide Event; a day of hands-on restoration and celebration. These new programs are thanks in part to a new funding partnership with the West Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District. Additionally, successful Restoration Mentor program has expanded to log an outstanding 50 site consultations to landowners in the watershed, including planting projects at over 10 of these sites. Finally, through a new partnership with Hands On Portland, we have increased our volunteer resources, amassing over 1,200 volunteer hours contributing to on-the-ground restoration work. These volunteers dramatically increase our ability to accomplish on-the-ground restoration projects, and to attract new funding opportunities.



## Fiscal Year 2009- 2010 Grant Awards

- **Knotweed Eradication Program** (\$10,000) WMSWCD FISH grant. Funding through July 2011.
- **Deer Creek Restoration and Clematis Demonstration Project** (\$7,500) WMSWCD FISH grant. Funding through January 2011.
- **Restoration Mentor program** (\$6,100) City of Portland CWSP grant. Funding through June 2010.
- **Tryon Creek Watershed Wide Event** (\$2,000) SWNI Neighborhood Small Grants. Funding through December 2010
- **SW 4th Ave. Restoration Project** (\$10,000) OWEB Small Grants. Funding through December 2011.

TOTAL = \$35,400

WMSWCD = West Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District  
CWSP = Community Watershed Stewardship Program  
SWNI = Southwest Neighbors, Inc.  
OWEB = Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board



# Restoration Mentor program

*grant funded by the City of Portland's Community Watershed Stewardship Program*

## BY THE NUMBERS

- 2330 native plants installed
- 1000 volunteer hours donated
- 50 landowner site visits
- 1 acre of invasive plants removed
- 13 properties planted
- 15 properties planning for future work
- 12 Mentors
- \$17000 cash and in-kind contributions

**ABOUT** Since 2008, trained volunteer "Mentors" from the community assist and advise landowners on completing stream-side restoration projects, native gardening, and stormwater management.



Mentors trained at a native plant ID workshop.



# Knotweed Eradication program

*grant funded by the West Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District's FISH program*

## BY THE NUMBERS

- 32 patches identified
- 14 patches treated by TCWC
- 18 patches treated by City of Portland
- 6 sites re-vegetated

**ABOUT** TCWC works with partners on an Early Detection/ Rapid Response program for Knotweed in the watershed. Knotweed patches are located, mapped, and treated, and in riparian areas, replanted with native species to help ensure this aggressive plant does not decimate our watershed.



Japanese Knotweed is surveyed at a TCWC treatment site.

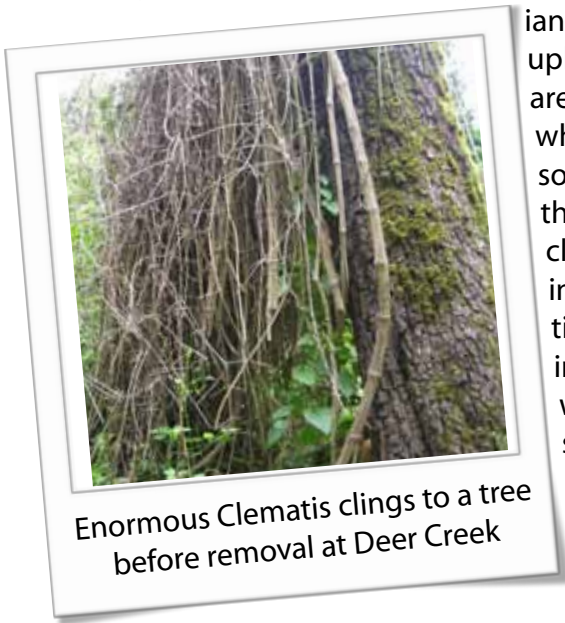


# Re-vegetation grant projects

**DEER CREEK** grant funded by the West Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District's FISH program.

**ABOUT** Situated on over 1.5 acres of three private properties along a tributary stream upstream of Marshall Park, this project will restore a healthy native plant community

to riparian and upland areas on what was some of the worst clematis infestations in the watershed.



Enormous Clematis clings to a tree before removal at Deer Creek

**SW 4th AVENUE** grant funded by the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board

**ABOUT** Over 1 acre of dense blackberries and 3 acres of ivy will be removed and replanted with native trees and shrubs on this joint partnership between two private property owners and Tryon Creek State Park just west of the SW 4th Avenue entrance to the State Park.



Big Leaf Maples exposed after blackberry is cleared at the 4th Ave. site



## Watershed Wide Event

grant funded by Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc. and the Portland Office of Neighborhood Involvement

**ABOUT** TCWC organized the first-ever Tryon Creek Watershed Wide Event, a day of hands-on restoration and celebration of the Tryon Creek watershed. Volunteers from surrounding neighborhoods and beyond spent the morning cleaning up parks and streams across nine sites in the watershed and gathered for a community celebration afterwards.

### BY THE NUMBERS

- 9 sites
- 210 volunteers
- 850 native plants installed
- over 1 acre of invasive plants removed
- 10 partnering organizations



# TRYON CREEK

## Watershed Council

