



Stormwater Program
City of Corvallis, Public Works
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Stream Plant Grant

Award:

- \$200/residence/year in native riparian plants
- Transportation of plants to your residence
- Initial and follow up site visit with recommendation of what, where, and how to plant

Eligibility:

1. Corvallis resident/property owner
2. Planting site located (all must apply):
 - Within Corvallis Urban Growth Boundary
 - On and/or near an urban stream with storm drains that flow to a nearby stream
3. Committed to long term maintenance of awarded plants (all must apply):
 - Spring weeding around planted riparian vegetation
 - Summer watering during establishment phase (3-5 years)
 - Fall replacement of any awarded plants which die (apply for plant grant again)
 - Applicants will be asked to sign an agreement to perform listed maintenance above
4. Not received this Plant Grant Funds for the current year (limit to 1 award/residence/year)

Overview:

The City of Corvallis Stormwater Program strives to educate and engage Corvallis citizens and businesses in improving water quality through pollution prevention best practices and stewardship of local waterways. This grant is funded through stormwater utility fees, and is available to Corvallis citizens who are invested in being stewards of a local stream stretch/improving water quality of nearby streams. The program's primary goals are to:

1. Provide landowners on or near streams, or residents abutting public riparian corridors, support and incentives to become better stewards of their property.
2. Improve water quality and streamside habitat by increasing the amount of appropriate and beneficial riparian vegetation.

Trees and shrubs in riparian areas (interface between land and streams) help to reduce water temperature, stabilize soils, prevent stream bank erosion, provide wildlife habitat, and improve water quality. Stream bank vegetation with large plant bodies/leaves reduces water temperatures through shading and evapotranspiration. Riparian plants also slow water velocity lowering bank erosion, and roots create rhizomes that filter the water that enters the stream via ground flow.

Completion of this application indicates that the applicant is agreeable to receiving a pre- and post-planting site visit by City Stormwater Program staff and will follow guidelines set forth by the City of Corvallis Stormwater Program.

Process:

1. Submit application (below or electronic version: www.ci.corvallis.or.us/stormwater.program) via email (Ted.Hart@corvallisoregon.gov, preferred) or by mail (Ted Hart, Public Works, 1245 NE 3rd St, Corvallis, OR 97330).
2. Public Works (PW) Stormwater Program staff will contact you to arrange site visit
3. During the site visit we will determine:
 - Hazardous riparian processes (e.g. bank erosion)
 - Inappropriate areas to plant (e.g. over utility line)
 - Location(s) and number of installed plants to optimize functions (page 1)
 - Timeline for planting and maintenance
 - Award of plant grant based on above determination
4. If awarded recipient will:
 - visit nursery, selects plants, and notifies nursery that plants will be paid for by PW (someone will call and use credit card)
 - notify PW staff via email (Ted.Hart@corvallisoregon.gov):
 - Name of nursery
 - Name (e.g. White Alder) and number of each plant
 - When (Fall date is best) and where (e.g. in driveway near garage) plants should be delivered

City of Corvallis Stormwater Program Streamside Plant Grant Application

Applications accepted year round. Incomplete applications will not be processed.

Date _____

Project Location (include closest street intersection in description) _____

Applicant Information (*contact information will not be shared with other parties except grant review committee)

Applicant(s):	
Applicant Address:	Zip:
Phone:	Email:

Objectives:

- What are the issues/hazards on your streamside property? (e.g. soil erosion, invasive species, water quality, litter, etc.)

- What do you want to do on your property? How would vegetation help?

Site Description:

- Please provide a simple sketch or an aerial photo of your property that includes approximate dimensions, location of the waterway, and any existing significant trees or shrubs. If you can provide one or two pictures of the site, that would be helpful.

Current Stream Stewardship Efforts

- What have you already done to improve you streamside property?

- Have you collaborated with neighbors or friends to improve your streamside property?

Awarded plant maintenance

- Awarded plants will require maintenance for 3-5 years after installation including:
 - Spring weeding by removing competing, invasive plants
 - Summer watering at least twice a month during the dry season (June - October)
 - Fall replacement of any awarded plants which die (apply for plant grant following year)



Signature of Applicant

Date

**By signing you agree to maintain the awarded plants as listed in the
“Awarded plant maintenance” section above.**