

Tualatin Basin Public Awareness Committee

Annual Report July 2019 – June 2020

The Tualatin Basin Public Awareness Committee (TBPAC) is a group of dedicated individuals with the single goal of protecting the Tualatin River Watershed through innovative stormwater public awareness and education activities. The TBPAC “Partners for Clean Water” have met since 1993 to leverage resources to deliver healthy watershed outreach programs at little or no cost to Tualatin Basin residents. The Fiscal Year 2020 participants included:

Sponsors

Colleen Mitchell, Portland Bureau of Environmental Services
Sonja Johnson, City of Lake Oswego
Luke Fullington, City of West Linn
Marissa Grass, City of Tigard
Lacey Townsend, Tualatin Soil & Water Conservation District
Courtney Threewitt, Washington County Operations & Maintenance
Todd Loggan, Clackamas County Water Environment Services
Ely O’Connor, Clean Water Services
Eli Bonilla, Clean Water Services
Karen DeBaker, Clean Water Services

In-Kind Partners

Scott McEwen, Tualatin River Watershed Council
Dana Schot, Tualatin Riverkeepers
Mark Fitzsimons, Tualatin Riverkeepers

Designated Management Agency Group

Sheila Ault, OR Department of Agriculture
Amin Wahab, City of Portland BES
Sonja Johnson, City of Lake Oswego
Roy Iwai, Multnomah County
Mike Cardwell/Beth Randolph, City of West Linn
John Nagy, Clackamas County WES
Andrew Swanson, Clackamas County WES
Todd Watkins, Washington County
Rocky Brown, Washington County
Donna Hempstead, Washington County
Brian Creutzburg, DEQ
Raj Kapur, Clean Water Services
Bob Baumgartner, Clean Water Services
Jerry Linder, Clean Water Services



Programs & Activities: \$5,040

Storm Drain Mural (\$1,000)

Tualatin Riverkeepers coordinated installation of a storm drain mural in Tualatin's Ibach Park. Artist Lehuauakea Fernandez created the mural which incorporates Native Hawaiian designs and language to highlight the connection between storm drains and the Tualatin River. It features a *kupu* (spiral form motif) that doubles as both a cascading river and a colorful rainbow, thus alluding to the critical role that waterways play in the overall health of our ecosystems.



Will Hornyak "Living Stream" School Presentations (\$4,040)

Storyteller Will Hornyak presented "Living Streams" presentations to 2,935 students in seven schools, averaging two assemblies per school. This year's target was to reach students across the watershed.

- Farmington View, Hillsboro
- Imlay, Hillsboro
- Terra Linda, Beaverton
- Cooper Mt., Beaverton
- Archer Glen, Sherwood
- Markham, Portland
- Sunset, West Linn

Terra Linda:

I have heard an overwhelming amount of positive feedback for both the K-2 and 3-5 assemblies. We loved that Will ran two separate assemblies and differentiated each for the different ages. Our students were very engaged throughout his presentations, some were still repeating phrases that they heard in the assembly at the end of the day. We really appreciated the perfect mix of important information with a fun presentation style. We would definitely love to have Will back again!

Archer Glen:

I just wanted to let you know how impressed I was with not only the content, but with Will himself, especially in terms of his presentation style and approach. As you likely know, Will is a master storyteller and this is unfortunately something that our kids seem to experience less and less these days. When I wrote a note home to our parents about the event I commented that in spite of the fact that there were no flashing lights, computer screens or raucous music, our kids were held spellbound for 40 minutes. This is really saying something these days!

In-Kind

Naturescaping Workshops

Partners helped promote the Tualatin Soil and Water Conservation District's Naturescaping Workshops on November 17 and December 7 (in person) and April 23 (virtual). 20 folks attended the in person events, 51 joined the live virtual event and 93 accessed the recorded version online.

Nature-friendly Home & Yard Care Brochure

Members continued distribution of the popular brochure. Included are healthy watershed tips such as roof treatments, car washing and composting along with natural recipes for insect control, weed removal and garden soil amendment.

Stormwater Tabletop Displays

Members continued shared use of two stormwater interactive displays local community events.