

Forest Glen Park



Tree for All engages communities large and small in conservation projects throughout the Tualatin River Watershed in Oregon.

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Tributary as Teacher— Students as Stewards

AS GALES CREEK FLOWS ACROSS FARMS AND FORESTS,

under highways and railroad bridges, it receives many small creeks, including the tributary that flows through Forest Glen Park. Through Tree for All, the park, one of several nature and recreational facilities owned and managed by the City of Forest Grove, has become a place of learning and partnership.



The Site

SIZE	4 acres	FIRST PLANTING	2011	
STREAM LENGTH	1,312 feet	PLANT COMMUNITIES	Upland Forest	



Habitat Connectivity



Recreation & Human Health



Community Involvement



Working Lands Partnership



Protects Water Quality

The Challenge

A 2010 restoration ecology class taught by a Pacific University professor served as the impetus for Forest Glen Park to join the Tree for All challenge.

The class identified a number of problems associated with the site, including many invasive weeds, steep and eroding banks, and ornamental fruit trees. Although Forest Glen Park retained some remnant native vegetation, it was overrun with an understory of invasive Himalayan blackberry and reed canary grass. The riparian corridor supported little biodiversity. Despite the location of the project site—within a highly visible and visited park—no safe access existed for people to reach the water's edge, nor anything to showcase its importance for birds and other wildlife. The ecology class was challenged to prepare an executable restoration plan that would likely outlive their engagement. Forest Glen Park was overrun with an understory of invasive Himalayan blackberry and reed canary grass, and the riparian corridor supported little biodiversity.

The Transformation

Pacific University students and faculty began restoring the site with help from Clean Water Services (CWS) and SOLVE, a community-based organization. Over the course of a few years, SOLVE became the primary community partner, inviting Forest Grove residents and school groups to help transform the site.



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CWS and SOLVE shared the tasks required for managing this work, with SOLVE coordinating volunteer education, outreach, and planting activities and CWS involved in site prep, maintenance, and some planting. Eventually, these planting and restoration efforts will connect upland and riparian habitats, improve water quality and create a more attractive place for people to enjoy nature.

This project demonstrates how college students, community volunteers and government agencies can partner together in a mutually beneficial way. The project provided Pacific University students with a hands-on, real-world experience that forced them to consider all of the environmental and social challenges inherent in a developed site. SOLVE was also able to provide Forest Grove residents and others with an enjoyable and satisfying volunteer experience. This site is helping make the Tualatin River a healthier place for all.

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Learn More

Explore the change in native plants on the project map online: www.jointreeforall.org/forest-glen-park

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Key Partners







