

MAKING AMAZON CREEK TROUT FRIENDLY



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QUICK FACTS

Since Spring of 2016 The Urban Waters & Wildlife Program completed substantial projects at **5 businesses**, managing over **9,300 square feet of storm water!**

Certified four businesses as “Trout Friendly” & continues to work with the City of Eugene Parks and Open Space Department on a **Salmon Safe Certification for the City’s P&O properties!**

Collected pesticide data in Amazon Creek for the 5th year to help guide our outreach efforts to improve water quality! *(pictured below)*



GROWING TO MEET THE NEED

As of this week, our Urban Waters team is currently working on ten new storm water projects, with three more on deck! To meet the demand, recent University of Oregon Landscape Architecture Graduate Jiaqi Li was recruited for a stipended internship. Jiaqi, and volunteer Landscape Architect Lindsay Smith-Ramsey, are assisting Urban Habitats & Stormwater Specialist Sarah Whitney with designing these stormwater facilities. Habitat & Water Quality Specialist Amanda Reinholtz continues to lead our Pesticide Stewardship Partnership work in Amazon Creek!

THE POWER OF COMMUNITY SUPPORT

In addition to the on-the-ground work completed and underway, your strong financial support for this vision has helped the council secure additional outside funding through FOUR new grants totalling \$81,000! Being successful for these highly competitive grants depends upon community support – your contributions enable the council to have secured match funds in-hand, and demonstrate the importance the watershed community places on this work.

OWEB - Small Grant Program

A total of \$20,000 has been awarded from the OWEB Small Grants Program to support work on stormwater retrofit projects at 2Form Architecture and HIV Alliance! These grants help fund technical assistance for these urban storm water projects – local match is an important part of being able to secure these funds!

DEQ 319 Grant Program – Communities Big & Small

The council was awarded \$30,000 from the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality to engage commercial and industrial businesses in communities throughout the watershed to participate in voluntary storm water retrofit projects. This grant will help expand our work begun in Eugene, to the small communities of Junction City, Veneta & Monroe to ensure that Urban Waters Program technical assistance can be received in communities throughout the length of Amazon Creek, and watershed wide.

OWEB Technical Assistance Grant – Designing For Downstream

Improving water quality in Amazon Creek requires a strategic approach. Through this \$31,000 Technical Assistance award, the council and expert partners will develop a prioritization matrix and map to help guide our outreach and implementation for habitat and water quality projects in the Amazon Creek sub-watershed. This tool will enhance our strategic approach to maximizing the Urban Waters Program efforts on water quality and urban habitat improvements.



*Trout Friendly Certified Landscape at
Café Yumm on Franklin Boulevard*

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MAKING AMAZON CREEK TROUT FRIENDLY: UPDATE!

Last spring, the watershed community gave generously to our “Make Amazon Creek Trout Friendly” campaign and helped us raise over \$12,000 toward the council’s work, and our long-term vision to make Amazon Creek Trout Friendly. So how have we put your gift to work over the last year? Check-out our Urban Waters Program “Quick Facts” inside, and read-on to learn about the positive impacts for habitat and water quality your gift continues to make in for Amazon Creek and the Long Tom Watershed.

THE VISION

Amazon Creek is home to heron, otter, amphibians, insects, native fish like sculpins, and about 166,000 residents from Eugene to Junction City, but where are the trout? When seasonal flows are right, native cutthroat trout are knocking at the door of Amazon Creek where it meets Fern Ridge Reservoir and the Long Tom River. But the creek isn’t quite ready yet. In the spring of 2016, The Long Tom Watershed Council put forth a vision for a Trout Friendly Amazon Creek. We continue to work toward that vision, with many important partners, through our Urban Waters & Wildlife Program. It’s a big vision, and it will continue to take a community of partners, like you, to improve water quality enough to support seasonal cutthroat trout swimming through the heart of Eugene. **Learn more at www.amazoncreek.org**



Celebrating 20 Years of Community Support!