## Program Highlights

### Education

Four school districts were served through the Slough School program: Gresham Barlow, Reynolds, Parkrose and Portland Public Schools.

Education field programs were offered at Whitaker Ponds Nature Park, Columbia Boulevard Wastewater Treatment Plant, Kelley Point Park, Salish Ponds Wetlands Park, Wilkes Headwaters and other sites.

Canoe the Slough 2016 brought 305 students and 54 adults out on the water. Slough School engaged 11 high school mentors.

A new education steering committee was formed.

### Outreach and Donor Relations

The outreach program offered 37 free events to the community including educational workshops, guided walks and birding tours, bike rides, and three large festivals: Explorando, Regatta, and Aquifer Adventure.

Our Explorando el Columbia Slough planning committee meetings were held in Spanish and saw a significant increase in community participation.

Three valuable community partnerships were celebrated at our annual Slough Celebration Gala: Verde, the Iraqi Society of Oregon, and the Zoo Ecology team. Generous individuals and businesses donated over $5,000 through the special appeal.

Our two paid Outreach and Events interns contributed 480 hours of service in the office and at community events.

The council saw over 600 community contacts through a partnership with the Vanport Mosaic Festival, a 4-day multi-disciplinary celebration commemorating the 68th anniversary of the Vanport Flood.

### Stewardship

The stewardship program worked on 13 sites throughout the watershed, including Whitaker Ponds Nature Park, Smith & Bybee Lakes, and others.

33 businesses and organizations partnered with the Council on stewardship activities. 5,000+ native plants were planted, a 67% increase from last year.

### Additional Programs

Nadaka Nature Park manages 10 acres of forest, a community garden with Outgrowing Hunger, a picnic shelter, and a nature based play area. They provide environmental and garden education, stewardship opportunities, and community events for the Rockwood & Wilkes East neighborhoods.

Fiscal sponsorships of People, Places, Things and Resourceful Needs.

## By the Numbers

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Category</th>
<th>Number</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Student contacts</td>
<td>6,593</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Schools/organizations involved</td>
<td>53</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Teacher &amp; chaperone contacts</td>
<td>984</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Attendees at Council events</td>
<td>3,031</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Volunteers supported events</td>
<td>134</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Contacts at partner events</td>
<td>2,290</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Community stewardship events</td>
<td>29</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Hours contributed by volunteers</td>
<td>916</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Total volunteer hours</td>
<td>2,133</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>contributed; a 39% increase</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>from FY14-15</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
The council welcomed three new members to the staff team this year: Corrina Chase, Jennifer Starkey and Karen Carrillo.

BOARD MEMBERS

- Bob Dolphin, Chair
- Troy Clark, Vice Chair
- Susan Barthel, Secretary (former)
- Chuck Harrison, Treasurer
- Lisa Appel
- Erwin Bergman
- Corky Collier
- James Davis
- Nancy Hendrickson
- Kathy Shearin
- Travis Skidmore
- Meei Lum
- Maureen Minister
- Linda Robinson
- Mark Hansen
- Ron Wierenga
- Reed Wagner

STAFF

- Corrina Chase, Executive Director
- Jane A. Van Dyke, Executive Director (former)
- Jennifer Starkey, Education Director
- Christa Shier, Education Director (former)
- Sheilagh Diez, Education Director (former)
- Karen Carrillo, Outreach & Events Director
- Penny Beckwith, Outreach Director (former)
- Adele Rife, Stewardship Director
- Hanna Davis, Volunteer Coordinator (former)
- Monica McAllister, Nadaka Park Coordinator
- Kelsie Greer, North Portland Outreach Specialist
- Elaine Murphy, Bookkeeper
- Short-Term Staff: Lauren Smith, Education Coordinator
- Interns: Jules Nemish, Devon Snyder, Jenny Jones, Jeff Britain

OUR MISSION: TO FOSTER ACTION TO PROTECT, ENHANCE, RESTORE AND REVITALIZE THE SLough AND ITS WATERSHED.