Leadership Award
- Randy Belston-City of Portland-Bureau of Environmental Services-Water Pollution Control Lab Initiated partnership with Roosevelt High School to connect students with the lab and promote environmental awareness and environmental family wage job careers.

Achievement Award
- Colwood Property Project: Don Goldberg—Trust for Public Land, with support from the City of Portland Parks and Recreation, Warren Jimenez, Bureau of Environmental Services, Shannah Anderson, and Trammell Crow Co., Steve Sieber. Project that overcame difficult circumstances, differing objectives, and opposing parties to create an effective private-public solution.
- Mason Flats Stormwater-Wetland Restoration Project: Dave Helzer, Chris Lastomirsky, Sean Bistoff, Brad Huard, Lynn Barlow, Mart Hughes, Patty Nelson, Ryan Durocher, Ken Finney, and Susan Barthel, City of Portland A flat reed canary grass dominated site transformed into a stormwater facility with open water, large snags, turtle nesting material, and native plants creating a complex habitat.

Nadaka Nature Park and Garden
Project partners, public officials, and community members joined in the Grand Opening for the Nadaka Nature Park and Garden in April. In addition to the forest and trails, children can now explore and enjoy a nature based play area, gardeners can grow their own food, and families can celebrate at the picnic shelter.
**Outreach Event Sponsors**
- AAA Oregon
- City of Portland Bureau of Environmental Services
- East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District
- City of Gresham Watershed Management Division
- Multnomah County Drainage District
- Fairview Lake Property Owners Association
- Multnomah County Sheriff’s Office
- Alder Creek Kayak & Canoe
- Barry Brigham
- The Boeing Company
- Casa Bruno
- Portland Water Bureau
- EVRAZ NA – Portland
- Pfriem Family Brewers
- Mondelēz International
- Next Adventure
- Oregon Screen Impressions
- Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board
- Pacific Office Automation
- Port of Portland
- Portland Parks and Recreation
- Sheraton Portland Airport Hotel
- Tualatin Riverkeepers
- Leatherman Tool Group, Inc.
- Verde
- ESA Vigil-Agrimis

**New Leatherman Sponsored PFDs**

**Contacts & Highlights**
- **Community Contacts**
  - We met 2760 community member contacts, our largest annual number yet, by performing additional outreach in the community.

- **Volunteer Support**
  - 143 volunteers made the Council’s 3 largest events possible.
  - 4 unpaid interns supported Outreach and Events with over 525 hours of service in the office and at community events.

- **Highlights**
  - In November 2014 we hosted a oral history sharing event, Slough stories with over 40 individuals in attendance.
  - Generous individuals and businesses donated over $4000 through the special appeal at our annual Slough Celebration Gala.

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Above: Center for Intercultural Organizing paddling event. Below: Slough Stories

Above: Aquifer Adventure

Below: Regatta
**Education Program Highlights FY 2014-15**

**Education Partners**
- **Community Partners**
  - City of Portland’s Clean Rivers Education
  - Portland Parks & Recreation
  - City of Gresham
  - Metro
  - Portland Water Bureau
  - Portland State University
- **Student Mentors**
  - Multnomah Youth Cooperative
- **Funding Sources**
  - The Boeing Company
  - City of Gresham Storm water Division
  - EPA
  - Gray Family Foundation
  - Metro
  - Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board
  - Portland Water Bureau

Slough School engages K-college students from the watershed in hands-on field, classroom, and canoe programs about the history and ecology of the watershed and its inhabitants.

**Contacts & Highlights**

**Slough School Contacts for FY 2014-15**
- 6,059 Student Contacts
- 827 Teacher & Adult Contacts
- 44 Different Schools/Programs
- 4 School Districts
- 997 Volunteer Hours
- 3 High School Mentor Programs
- 2 Field Trips at Nadaka Nature Park

**Highlights**
- Canoe the Slough 2015 brought 356 students + 62 adults on the water
- 11 high school student mentors
- 6 classes from 3 schools participated in the SERVE program
- Programs offered at Whitaker Ponds Nature Park, Water Pollution Control Lab, Kelly Point Park, Peninsula Crossing Trail, Salish Ponds Wetlands Park, Wilkes Park and Wilkes Headwaters and other sites.

**Slough School Participants**

**The World of Slough School: Investigation, Stewardship, Observation, and Discovery**

![Slough School Participants Graph](image)

**SERVE students plant at Kelly Point Park**

**MYC student teaches about adaptations**

**Water quality testing**

**Young scientists explore the natural world**
The Council held 29 community stewardship events, including 8 Stewardship Saturdays. In total, 176 volunteers contributed 517 hours to perform stewardship and monitoring activities.

### Stewardship Events

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### Partners

Central City Concern, City of Portland Bureau of Environmental Services, Conifer Park HOA, East Multnomah SWCD, Friends of Force Lake, Leatherman Tool Group, Inc., Multnomah Youth Cooperative (MYC), Sumner Association of Neighbors, Portland Parks Foundation, Metro, Meek High School, Oregon Department of Agriculture, Port of Portland, Portland Christian School, Portland State University, Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board, Portland Parks & Recreation, ConTech Engineered Solutions, SOLVE, Verde, Northwest Youth Corps, and Wilkes Community Group.

### Stewardship Numbers

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### Projects

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<td>Whitaker Ponds Nature Park</td>
<td>Turtle habitat restoration by clearing nesting habitat for native Western Painted Turtles. Hired MYC to harvest and install cuttings. Hired Verde to maintain plants and manage weeds. Volunteers and students helped with ongoing weed management, mulching, and beaver caging.</td>
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<td>Kelley Point Park</td>
<td>Volunteers and students planted natives, and managed invasive weeds with volunteers.</td>
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<td>Volunteer weed management, mulching, fence building and litter removal.</td>
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<td>Wilkes Headwaters Natural Area</td>
<td>Volunteers and students planted native plants, mulched, managed weeds, and watered.</td>
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<td>Columbia Children’s Arboretum</td>
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**Program Highlights**

- Volunteer Coordinator made a staff position September 2014
- Intake and tracking system for new volunteers designed
- 4 new business partnerships sent volunteers to events
- 10 continued relationships
- Newly designed Paddle Team training supports 12 volunteers

**Volunteer Hours**

- 1829 total hours
- Equivalent to 1 full time staff member
- $40,219 value, estimates Bureau of Labor Statistics

**Volunteer Partners**

Willamette Rotaract, Lewis & Clark, Friends of Trees, Geocachers, Cub Scouts, Multnomah County Corrections, Sapa Extrusions, The Boeing Company, Parks and Recreation, Contech Engineered Solutions, Portland Christian School, Leatherman Tool Group, Portland State University Sustainability Leadership Center, Wilkes Community Group

**'14-'15 Volunteer Hours by Program**

- Slough School: 4%
- Stewardship: 22%
- Office: 20%
- Events: 9%
- Other: 45%

Table 1, Percent volunteer hours contributed to each program. The most hours were contributed during large events like Aquifer Adventure and Explorando. At 22% and 20% Stewardship and other programs come in second and third. Other programs include unpaid internships and individual volunteer projects that cross programs.

**Want to help?**

Would your business or organization like to volunteer with us for an event? Become a volunteer partner! Get in touch with us and learn more today!

(503) 281-1132 or email Hanna.Davis@columbiaslough.org.