

Tualatin Basin Public Awareness Committee

Annual Report July 2022 – June 2023

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 2023 participants included:

Sponsors

Colleen Mitchell, City of Portland Bureau of Environmental Services
Lacey Townsend, Tualatin Soil & Water Conservation District
Dan Norton, City of West Linn
Gail Shaloum, Clackamas County Water Environment Services
Todd Loggan, Clackamas County Water Environment Services
Ely O’Connor, Clean Water Services
Karen DeBaker, Clean Water Services

In-Kind Partners

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

Programs & Activities: \$6,700

Honoring Our Rivers Student Anthology (\$1,000)

TBPAC provided funding to help reinvigorate [Honoring Our Rivers](#), a collection of student art and creative writing celebrating Pacific Northwest rivers and watersheds. The anthology aims to encourage stewardship of rivers and watersheds and to nurture the next generation of civic and conservation leaders by engaging the creative capacities of local youth.

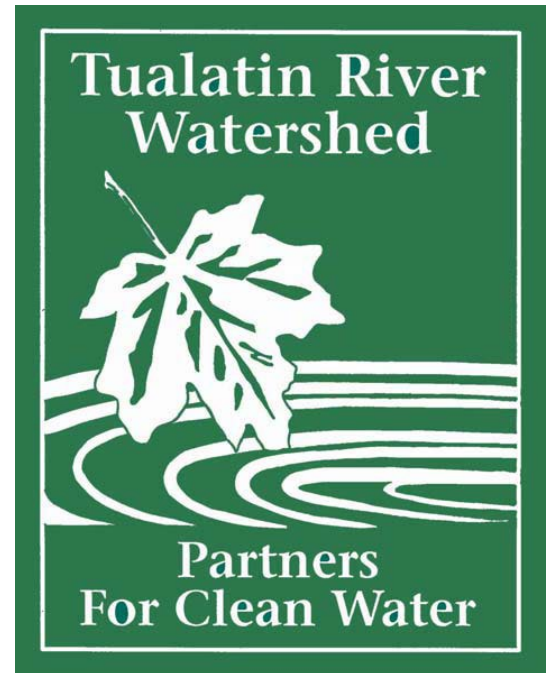
Will Hornyak “Living Stream” Presentations (\$4,200)

Storyteller Will Hornyak delivered twelve in-person assemblies to 2,170 students in five schools across the watershed.

- Farmington View Elementary (Hillsboro) 550 students
- Willamette Primary (West Linn) 520 students
- River Grove Elementary (Lake Oswego) 350 students
- Markam Elementary (Portland) 500 students
- International Middle School (Beaverton) 250 students

“We recently had the privilege of welcoming Will Hornyak to our school to present four storytelling workshops to our students during our Culture Week. I have heard nothing but praise from students and staff who were able to attend or witness Will’s presentations. He did a fantastic job of engaging our students of various ages and teaching them about the power of storytelling and the importance of protecting our environment. We really look forward to having him back again in the future and recommending him to other schools. Thank you!”

- Rory Williamson, International School of Beaverton



Tualatin Riverkeepers Discovery Day (\$1,500)

TBPAC support helped put 125 community members on the river in 89 boats during the 34th annual Discovery Day on June 24 hosted by the Tualatin Riverkeepers. This included 12 community scholarships, many of which going to members of Adelante Mujeres. Forty volunteers donated their time to assist paddlers, drive shuttles, promote and manage the event.



In-Kind

Watershed Navigator Website

Partners continued to promote the watershednavigator.org website, a resource for people who live and play in the Tualatin River Watershed. It includes tools for homes, yards and communities and information about where to access parks, trails and the river.

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.

Naturescaping Workshops

Partners helped promote the Tualatin Soil and Water Conservation District's in-person and virtual Naturescaping workshops. 137 people attended live virtual and in-person workshops and 462 people viewed workshop recordings.

River/Stream Crossing Signs

Partners provided one replacement sign for a project in Hillsboro along Dawson Creek.

