The Tualatin River Watershed Council (Council) is a locally organized diverse group of volunteers from the Tualatin Basin. The coordinator salary and office support is primarily funded by the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB). By providing stewardship, education, information on watershed conditions, and doing restoration projects; the Council is ensuring continued improvement in watershed health. Its members represent the following interests: forestry, agriculture, urban, environmental, fisheries, education, local citizens, business & industry and local government. The Council’s Strategic Plan focuses on: education and outreach, restoration and enhancement, basin-wide issues, and Council capacity.

The Tualatin Basin covers 712 square miles (454,000 acres) and is home to more than 500,000 residents. The population is expected to exceed one million by 2040.

The land uses in the basin are 50% forestry, 30% agriculture, and 20% urban.

Staff, Officers and Meetings

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Meetings
First Wednesday of the month
7 PM to 9 PM

Council Expenses

Operating Expenses: $109,218
Cash 64% and In-Kind 36%
Volunteer Hours: 1441

Project Expenses: $100,115
Cash 51% and In-Kind 49%
Volunteer Hours: 945

Funding Sources & Partners

Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board
Clean Water Services
Washington County
Clackamas County Soil & Water Conservation District
Tualatin Valley Water District
Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District
U. S. Bureau of Reclamation
Network of Oregon Watershed Councils
City of Tigard
Shawn Morford
Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
Oregon Department of Forestry
Northwest Oregon Restoration Partnership (NORP)
Pacific University
SOLVE
Xerces Society
Community by Design, LLC
Waverly Meadows Homeowners Association
Tualatin National Wildlife Refuge
Tualatin Soil & Water Conservation District
Four County Cooperative Weed Management Area
Portland State University
SW Watershed Resource Center, SW Neighborhoods Inc.
Tualatin Basin Partners for Clean Water (TB-PAC)
Pendleton Creek Neighbors

Education and Outreach

Education and outreach are important components of the Council sponsored activities. This picture shows Forest Grove High School students looking for the presence of certain insects in stream samples to determine stream health. The Council also partnered with other organizations on activities such as Early Detection, Rapid Response classes that identify and stop newly invasive plant species in the basin.
Restoration and Enhancement

The Council continued its ongoing maintenance work at Rippling Waters on Gales Creek. In the picture above, Cascade Environmental Corps crews cut native stakes from onsite plant materials and planted them in the Gales Creek floodplain.

In addition to these projects, several OWEB small grant projects received support and plants from the Council.

The Council also conducted a tour for homeowners association (HOA) members to encourage the HOAs to initiate stream-side restoration on the HOA owned natural areas.

Issues

The Council was involved with the following issues impacting the Tualatin Basin: the Tualatin Basin Water Supply Project and the revision of the Tualatin Basin Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for temperature and phosphorus. It also heard presentations on the Oregon Water Resources Integrated Water Resources Strategic Plan, the Tualatin National Wildlife Refuge Planning activities, and the Agriculture Water Enhancement Program.