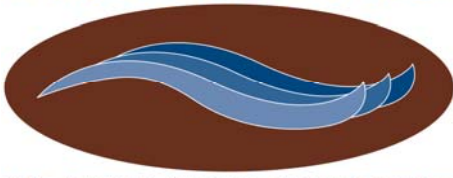


WEST MULTNOMAH



SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR CONSERVATION WORK

The West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District (WMSWCD) announces the next deadline for its FISH Grant funding cycle is **Monday, August 17, 2009 at 1:00 p.m.**

Applicants must address one or more of the following: water quality, watershed health, flora health, wildlife habitat, fish habitat as well as an educational component.

Recently funded projects include \$1,648 for an on-the-ground restoration project to improve watershed health and wildlife habitat along Vermont Creek; \$9,992 to remove invasive plant species such as garlic mustard and Japanese knotweed in the Tryon Creek Watershed; and \$7,680 for an education and outreach project to build awareness of watershed ecology and stewardship in SW Portland.

The Financial Incentives for Sustainable Habitats (FISH) grant program advances the mission of the District by leveraging District funds through conservation-related work that is carried out by cooperators.

Please see <http://www.wmswcd.org/content.cfm/What-We-Do/Grant-Funding/WMSWCD-Grants> for grant information. For more information about the FISH program or to inquire about the application process, contact WMSWCD Conservation Planner/Technician, Mary Logalbo, 503/238-4775, ext. 103, mary@wmswcd.org.

West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District's mission is "to conserve and protect soil and water resources for people, wildlife and the environment."

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