

TUALATIN RIVERKEEPERS

2025 ANNUAL REPORT



OUR MISSION

Tualatin Riverkeepers protects, restores and expands access to the Tualatin River watershed through advocacy and fostering broad community engagement.

For many reasons, 2025 felt like a watershed (pun very much intended) year for Tualatin Riverkeepers.

The organization experienced a number of milestones and accomplishments that leave us poised to protect and restore the Tualatin River watershed well into the future. Our accomplishments - many of which you'll read about in this report - include the expansion of our Restoration Leader program, the relaunch of our River Runners program, and establishment of new partnerships that will ensure our ability to protect clean, cold water.

Because we know that people protect what they love, 2025 also saw significant progress in our ongoing Wayfaring and equitable access work. Our multi-year Wayfaring project, with strong support from the National Park Service, achieved its first milestones in 2025, with the launch of the Tualatin River Water Trail website and the completion of an updated *Paddler's Guide to the Tualatin River*. Our Wayfaring project is a natural extension of our ongoing equitable access work, which expands opportunities for historically marginalized communities to explore the river. This Wayfaring work is critical to our mission to protect and restore the watershed, as it advocates and provides opportunities for upper watershed communities to experience and learn to love the Tualatin River.

While 2025 saw significant expansion in our restoration and river experiences programs, our advocacy work remains at our core. In 2025, we experienced success in the Oregon legislature, helping pass bills to protect beavers and advance recreational immunity. We worked with King City residents to advocate for a UGB expansion that limits the impact to the Tualatin River and with SW Portland neighbors to oppose the Portland Golf Club's proposal to store solid waste dredgings along a wetland contiguous to Fanno Creek. We had further success in encouraging the Oregon Department of Agriculture to enforce regulations that protect the river and tributaries.

Finally, our work is not possible without the support of our community. We are incredibly thankful to the dozens of donors who stepped up to help us meet a stretch challenge from an anonymous donor. Thanks to 32 gifts of \$1,000 or greater (the amount needed to qualify for our match), we raised \$93,000 to unlock the \$90,000 pledge from our donor. We're grateful to all of our members, partners, and supporters, and we look forward to expanding this important work well into the future.

See you on the river,



Glenn Fee
Executive Director



TRK HABITAT RESTORATION ACTIVITIES GREW SIGNIFICANTLY IN 2025

2025 was a year of tremendous growth for TRK habitat restoration activities.

Caring for the land takes a connected effort, and we couldn't do it without ongoing community support from our habitat restoration crew leaders, community partners and more than 1000 volunteers who joined us over the past year to engage in habitat restoration projects! Collectively, we cared for 16 sites throughout the watershed, adding over 7000 native plants back to the landscape, and learning from the land and each other along the way.

One area we were fortunate to spend extensive time connecting with in 2025 was Dirksen Nature Park, located just minutes from downtown Tigard along the Fanno Creek trail. The park is home a wide variety of unique habitats, and thanks to a Tualatin SWCD TREE grant, along with support from the City of

Tigard, Ash Creek Forest Management, Clean Water Services, and hundreds of volunteers, nearly seven acres in the park are slowly transitioning from habitats overgrown with ivy, holly and reed canary grass to areas that can support beaver, pollinators, and numerous bird species.

This work has also made parts of the park more accessible for human access, and has supported mature tree health throughout the park to benefit water quality in Fanno and Summer Creeks and climate resilience in surrounding neighborhoods.

We're grateful for the passion and commitment of all our volunteers, program partners, and supporters that make our habitat restoration work throughout the Tualatin River Watershed possible. We can't wait to do more to connect and care for the land with you all in 2026!



VOLUNTEER JORGE OROZCO-ROLLER

What began as an opportunity for Jorge to connect his Lewis & Clark College students with a nonprofit in 2024 has blossomed into a deep relationship. Jorge has been trained as a Restoration Leader, and he's taken a lead in his own community, organizing the restoration of a 1/2 acre beaver pond across from the Tigard Library near the confluence of Fanno Creek. Jorge has described his work with TRK as a mental refuge, and a way of taking direct action to make our state a healthier place for everyone.



INCREASING ACCESS

The River Runners program unites all three of TRK's pillars—advocacy, river experiences, and restoration. Using the skills and tools of our river experiences program, **volunteers collect data to inform our advocacy and restoration work.**

In 2025, the River Runner Program restarted with 18 volunteers who collectively monitor 51 river miles. These volunteers paddle their sections at least once per season, observing changes such as bank erosion, litter, invasive plants, new input or outfall sites, and unusual water conditions. River Runners report this information using surveys developed in partnership with PSU Masters student, Travis Anglin-Dodd. The surveys are built using ArcGIS and accessed with the Survey123 app,

which allows paddlers to send geotagged reports while on the river.

Between program implementation in September and the end of year, we received 474 individual observation reports. With these reports, Travis and TRK staff are developing a StoryMap and dashboards for each observation type.

The goal is to share data with partner organizations in the watershed, such as the Tualatin Soil and Water Conservation District, and to use it internally to plan restoration and clean up events, pursue concerns regarding water rights and water quality, and provide paddle safety information to relevant agencies and the Tualatin River Water Trail website.

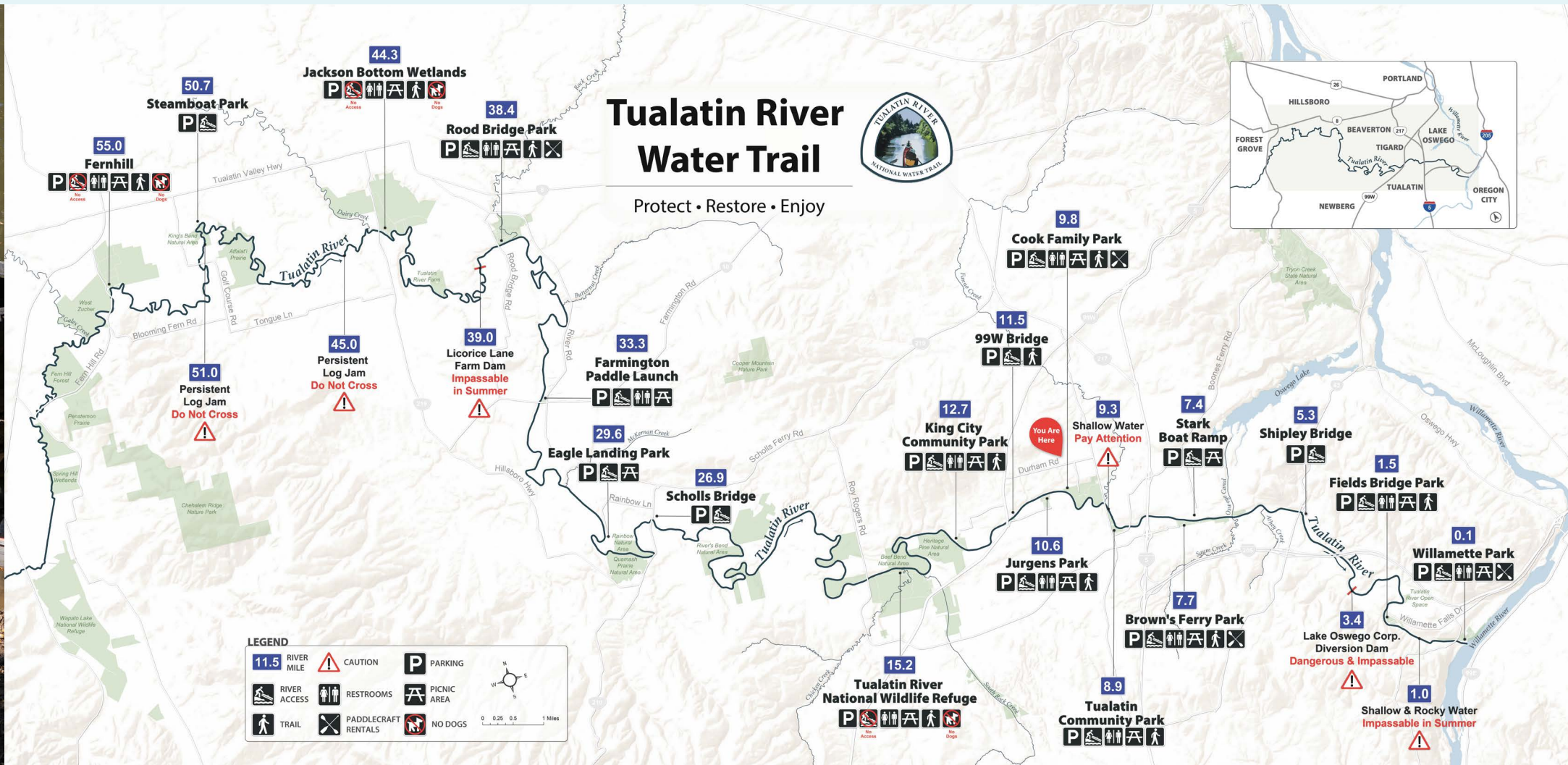
BUILDING PROTECTION

In collaboration with the National Park Service - and with support from Explore Tualatin Valley, Oregon State Marine Board, and Oregon Parks and Recreation Department - our Wayfaring project focuses on updating and improving the Tualatin River Water Trail navigation infrastructure to ensure a safer and more inclusive experience for all paddlers.

The summer of 2025 saw the rollout of the initial Wayfaring materials. We worked with our NPS partners early in the year to create a more comprehensive map of the Tualatin River, extending beyond the official National Water Trail (the lower 38 miles) to Fernhill in Forest Grove. The new maps are designed to help paddlers navigate the river's segments

more effectively and alert them to challenging areas. The dedicated Tualatin River Water Trail website - with an interactive version of the new map embedded - was launched in June to serve as a central hub for real-time information, launch updates, and natural and cultural history.

In conjunction with Tualatin River Discovery Day, we released our updated Paddler's Guide to the Tualatin River. Ultimately, this project has been a natural next step of our equitable access work. By improving wayfaring in the upper watershed—where formal launches and parks are currently scarce—TRK aims to invite underrepresented communities to engage with the river.



Equitable Access:
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Digital Integration:
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HONORING OUR PARTNERS



WATERSHED CHAMPION AWARD — ADELANTE MUJERES CHICAS

Adelante Mujeres, based in western Washington County, has become a close partner of Tualatin Riverkeepers through its Chicas program, and we were proud to present them with our Watershed Champion Award.

Through Chicas, Adelante Mujeres' engages Latine youth with support up to and through college. In July, we hosted Rumbo al Rio at Rood Bridge Park in Hillsboro, where 70 Chicas participants and their families paddled the Tualatin, picnicked, and learned about our work to protect the watershed.

As STEM is a primary focus of the program, the Chicas will not only join us on the river for multiple paddles in 2026 (including Rumbo al Rio), they'll be working with us on our ongoing restoration at Jackson Bottom Wetlands.



GREEN HERON AWARD — SUE MANNING

Each year, our Green Heron Award is presented to a volunteer whose passion continues to drive our work forward.

Sue Manning, our 2025 Green Heron winner, embodies the deep roots that nourish Tualatin Riverkeepers. Her involvement with Tualatin Riverkeepers began shortly after our founding when she was a teacher at Fowler Middle School in Tigard. Over the course of two decades at Fowler, Sue and her students planted thousands of trees in the large open space along Fanno Creek behind the school.

In a full circle moment, that open space is now the City of Tigard's Dirksen Nature Park, the heart of TRK's restoration efforts where we host more than 15 projects annually. Congratulations to Sue!

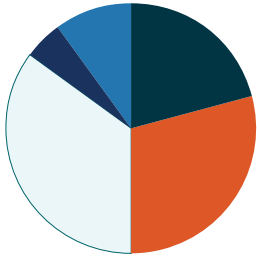
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Sources of Revenue



- Foundations: 21%
- Government: 29%
- Individuals: 35%
- Business: 5%
- Program: 10%

Revenue

\$725,900

Expenses

\$681,800

SUPPORT OUR WORK

- Contribute to our \$90,000 matching challenge in 2026
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