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## HELLO TO ENTHUSIASTIC NEW BOARD MEMBERS

As long-time Board members Jennifer Thompson, Dan Clark, and Dolores Orfanakis move on, we wish them a warm “goodbye” and welcome Renee Spears and Dave Hepler. Renee is the owner of Rose City Mortgage and learned about Three Rivers when her company volunteered for an ivy pull. “We were so impressed we added them to our donation list. Three Rivers’ conservation areas are near our office and my home, so it’s something personal to me.” Dave Hepler is a real estate attorney with Schwabe, Williamson & Wyatt. “Having moved here from southern California, I truly appreciate the difference and want to keep nature close to home for the sake of my kids, myself and the whole Portland community.”



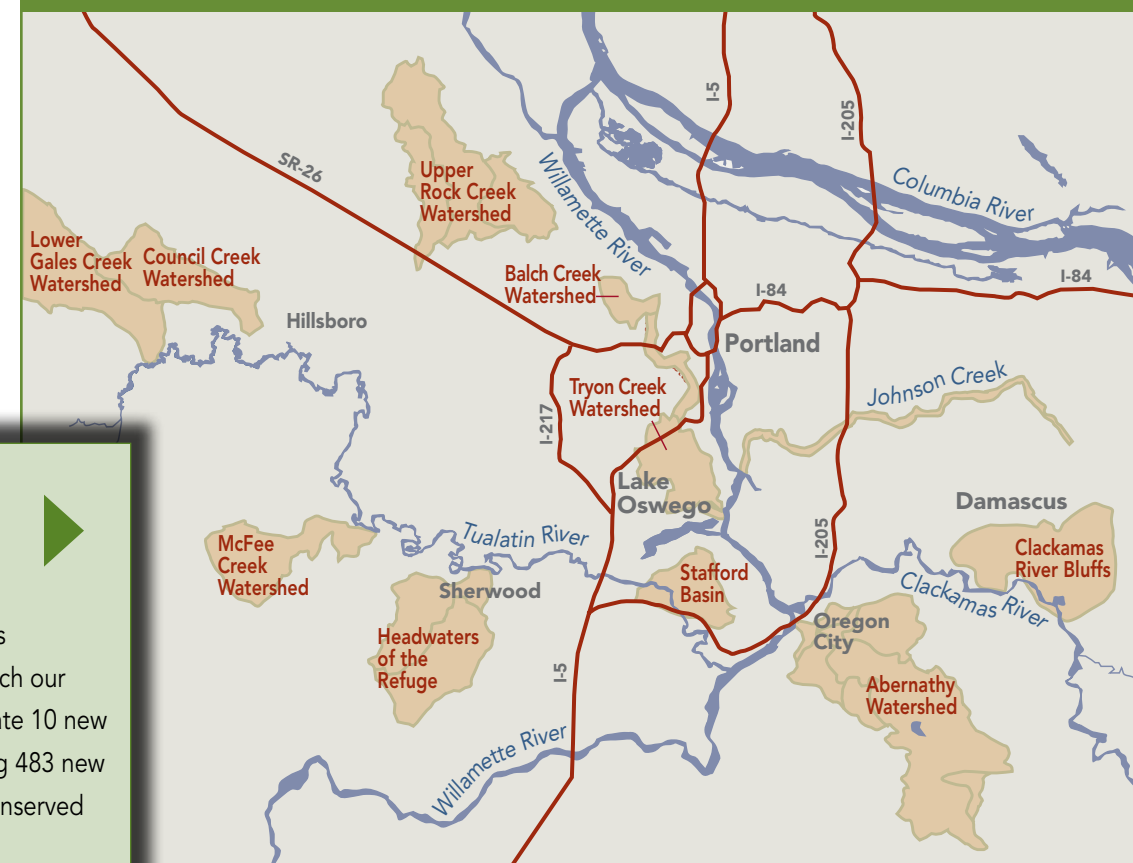
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▲ Board members tour Wilson Creek

Three-year Board member Dave Beckett, a Realtor with Prudential Northwest Properties, has moved into the role of Board president. “This is an organization that’s truly supporting environmental issues locally. Our particular niche—land conservation easements—we do better than anybody. We can make a difference right here.”

## THOUSAND-ACRE CHALLENGE

CONSERVE 700 ACRES • RESTORE 300 ACRES • BUILD 2 MILES OF TRAILS



### LAND CONSERVATION UPDATE

Since 1991, Three Rivers has conserved 517 acres. To reach our 1,000 Acre Goal we anticipate 10 new acquisitions by 2010 totaling 483 new acres. Last year alone we conserved 117 acres.

## Preserving Nature in Memory of William Wesley Carter, Jr.

“The thing Wesley really taught me was how you can get so much pleasure in life from just paying attention to the little simple things in nature around you,” recalls Elisa Williams Carter. Her 47-year-old husband Wesley was killed in a motorcycle accident when he hit a patch of black ice on his way to explore one of his favorite spots along the Clackamas River. Family, friends and Wesley’s co-workers asked how they could best honor him and Elisa suggested donations to Three Rivers. “I know how much nature gave to him and know that he would have wanted to give back in that way.” Contributions, mostly from his generous co-workers, totaled \$2,500.



“He would go out for a walk and come back and tell me the greatest stories, like watching a mother bird push the fledglings out of the nest for their first flight. He always said how lucky we are to have this wilderness at our back door.”

## TACKLING A THORNY ISSUE IN A BIG WAY

**Blackberry thickets** tangled 20 feet high. **Creeping ivy** smothering every plant in its path. Swaths of **garlic mustard** spreading, well, like weeds. Multiply these alien invaders and their ilk over hundreds and thousands of acres. What’s to stop them in their tracks?

Only a gargantuan effort, and that’s what’s in the works. The **West Willamette Partnership** is a sophisticated collaborative effort including—besides Three Rivers—14 partner agencies and businesses as well as two neighborhood associations. The entire effort is aimed at restoring the health of the forests of Portland’s southwest hills. By 2009, it’s estimated that \$500,000 will be raised in cash and in-kind contributions, and 7,500 volunteers will take to the woods and trails eradicating these on-the-ground menaces, improving the health and vegetation of the forests and their habitats.

To volunteer for one of the work parties for Keller Woodlands, Marquam Nature Park, George Himes Park, or Terwilliger Park, visit [www.trlc.org/westwillamette/](http://www.trlc.org/westwillamette/) then email Amanda at [awilson@trlc.org](mailto:awilson@trlc.org) to volunteer.

### PARTNERS

- City of Portland Bureau of Environmental Services
- Commissioner Sam Adams
- Commissioner Dan Saltzman
- Commissioner Randy Leonard
- Friends of Marquam Nature Park
- Friends of Terwilliger
- Hillsdale Neighborhood Ass’n
- Metro Regional Government
- NW Natural
- Oregon Department of Agriculture
- Oregon Health and Science University
- Portland Department of Transportation
- Portland General Electric
- Portland Parks and Recreation
- Portland Water Bureau
- Private individuals
- SW Hills Residential League
- US Fish and Wildlife Service
- West Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District

## Meyer Memorial Trust awards \$135,000 grant

Three Rivers has been awarded the largest single infusion of funding in its history, a \$135,000 grant from Meyer Memorial Trust. These much-needed dollars give us a leaping start at conserving opportune properties for the 1,000 Acre Challenge and beyond by increasing our ability to focus on high level, major fundraising. We anticipate that this grant will be the springboard to achieving \$200,000 in contributions from private donors and another \$150,000 from grants and government sources.

Executive Director Jayne Cronlund estimates that ultimately the Meyer Memorial Trust grant will enable Three Rivers to complete ten land conservation easement transactions, adding an estimated 500 acres of significant natural lands, by 2010. The Meyer grant increases Three Rivers’ capacity to conserve land by 250%. In awarding the grant, the Trust is recognizing the role of Three Rivers in preserving key natural areas for the benefit of the entire region.

## You're Invited!

### Closer to the Land Fundraising Luncheon

Wednesday, May 21, 2008  
Noon to 1:00 pm

World Forestry Center  
Cheatam Hall

Join us for this  
inspiring presentation  
and free gourmet lunch.

RSVP [awilson@trlc.org](mailto:awilson@trlc.org)

## WINE AND LAND BENEFIT – SEPTEMBER 7, 2008

### Save the Date for Splendid Food and Wines, Auction and Raffle!



Ty Downing

Dozens of exceptionally talented Oregon chefs and winemakers will present their best for the hundreds of guests at our sixth annual Wine and Land Benefit. Scrumptious entrees from 20 of Oregon's best chefs are paired with exquisite varietals

from 20 Oregon winemakers in a beautiful vineyard setting, to the accompaniment of live jazz music. The evening includes a restaurant gift certificate raffle and silent auction. Order your tickets now, and help with the event's success by sponsoring a table or volunteering.

▲ Top: Guest mingling between wine and restaurant stations  
Bottom: Nick Peirano of Nick's Italian Cafe and Ken Wright of Ken Wright Cellars make fresh pasta

## SPONSOR A TABLE!

Sharing a table for eight is an even more festive way to enjoy Wine and Land Benefit with your friends and family.

A reserved table is \$1,000.  
Call us at 503 699-9825.

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Nature Close to Home!**

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## Keeping nature close to home

Three Rivers Land Conservancy envisions the conservation of thousands of ecologically significant natural areas and miles of trail, enhancing and sustaining the human, natural and economic vitality of the north Willamette Valley.

Our mission is to inspire and involve people in conserving privately owned natural areas in the watersheds of the Clackamas, Tualatin and lower Willamette Rivers for current and future generations.

We believe that individuals can make a difference in preserving and protecting natural areas. We believe that the regulatory framework is not sufficient to protect and preserve key natural features in areas threatened by development. We believe that Three Rivers should be a role model in stewardship. We believe the time to protect local landscapes is *now*.

To donate, go to [www.trlc.org](http://www.trlc.org)

## Saving the World—One Backyard at a Time

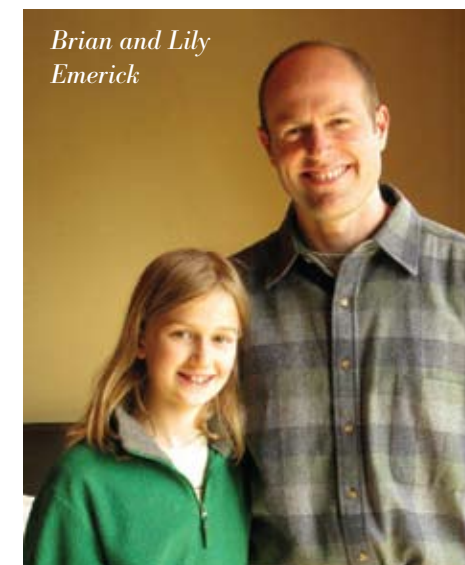


“It was overwhelming. The trees were totally covered in ivy. The place was infested with blackberries.” Anyone whose property is overrun with invasive plants recognizes Brian Emerick's lament.

The problem and the solution extend far beyond one backyard. These thorny, nasty, prickly, weedy nuisances engulf and smother, creeping from private property to conserved natural areas. Native plants and native wildlife disappear. Like a horror film turned real, more than 50% of the forested hills of southwest Portland are covered at a medium level of infestation.

Now anyone with a backyard, no matter how small, can get help to truly make a difference through the West Willamette Restoration Partnership's programs. While the partnership tackles the problem on an ecosystem level [see page 3], homeowners in the pilot project area can join in the Backyard Habitat Certification Program and find assistance with invasive species removal, replanting with natives, and advice for ideal habitats, leading to an official certification. Everyone can sign up for an e-newsletter with the latest on native plant sales, naturescaping, classes and more. [For details, write to [gbeatty@trlc.org](mailto:gbeatty@trlc.org).]

Architects Brian and Melody Emerick designed a home that's Portland's first LEED-certified residence, on property that juts like a finger into Keller Woodlands, a Three Rivers' preserve, so their invasives' connection to a natural area is strikingly obvious. Along with daughters Lily, 10 and Iris, 8, they started



Brian and Lily  
Emerick

Duane Bolland

clearing ivy right away. The Emericks signed on to the Backyard Habitat program and eventually brought in an AmeriCorps crews for two days. Brian points out, “Now there's only a tiny bit of ivy left. You can see the end.”

With the invasives' removal and the addition of native plants like Indian plum and wild currant, wildlife abounds on the Emericks' property. Already a skilled birder, Iris spotted a peregrine falcon overhead, and hiking through the woods they discovered an Oregon ensatina, a small salamander.

Lily adds, “There was a lot of ivy to pull and get rid of. It feels good because you know you're doing something good for the environment.”