

## ***Stream Smart (TMDL and Stormwater) – Highlights***



- **Meetings**
  - **Next Meeting Wednesday June 18th, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.**
    - Meeting invite sent. Let Greg know if you did not receive an invite and would like one.
- **Rogue Basin Salmon Watch Program – May -10 field days**
  - Talent Middle School (150 students). Scenic Middle School (250 students).
  - Partners – PPRV, STPW, RRWC, CP, ODFW, BCWEP, RVCOG
- **Articles, Press, Blogs, and Presentations**
  - January Post - Detection and Rapid Response (EDRR) within the Rogue Valley: An Invasive Weeds Success Story ([Early Detection & Rapid Response \(EDRR\) within the Rogue Valley: An Invasive Weeds Success Story – Stream Smart](#))
  - February Post – Upcoming Activities focused on the Clean-ups ([Upcoming Spring Opportunities Along Bear Creek and the Rogue River! – Stream Smart](#))
  - March Post – Walk for Water this March ([Walk for Water this March – Stream Smart](#))
  - *Press Release – Bear Creek Stewardship Day (April 11<sup>th</sup>)*
- **Events and Volunteer Activities**
  - Eco-Explorers Workshop (2/27/25). Attended a workshop with educators from local schools. Participated in the community partners portion and in the project development program. *45 attendees*
  - Working with Crater High School on a small restoration project along Bear Creek in Central Point. Planted 6 plants on 3/20/25.
  - Staffed a small booth at the Medford CO-OP as part of their positive change program. *25 visitors.*
  - Created a sign for pollinators for installation in Reinhart Volunteer Park (Grants Pass).
  - **Earth Day at Blue Heron Park. Exhibit featured Salmon Watch Activities and games, Stream Smart, and the Stormwater Pollutants Activities. (70 visitors). Pictures in appendices.**
- **Coordination and Meetings**

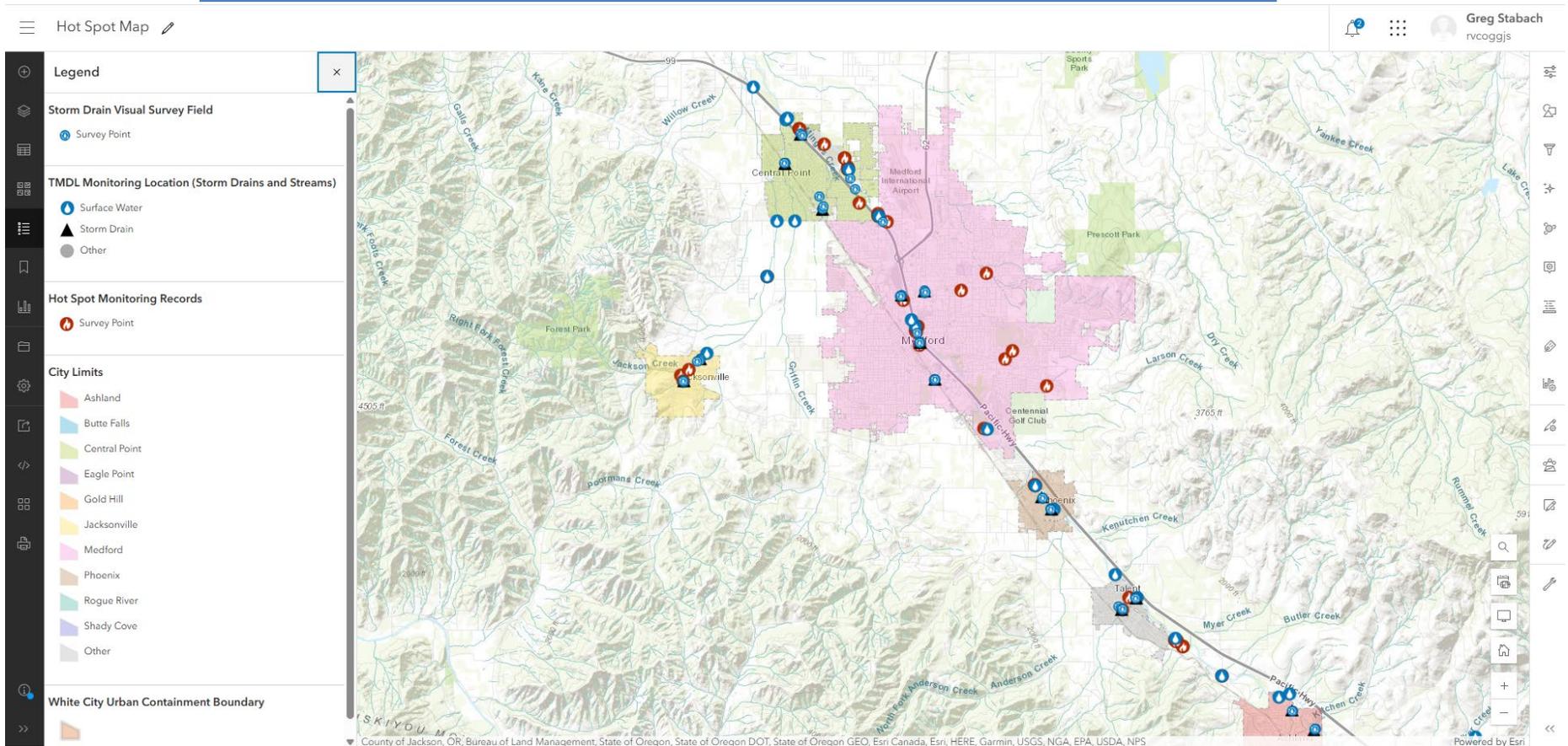
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- Bear Creek Stewardship Day (BCSD) Planning Meeting #2 – 2/14/25
- Rogue Drinking Water Partnership (RDWP) 2/18/25
- Cooperative weed Management Area Meeting (CWMA) – 2/25/25
- Bear Creek Restoration Initiative (BCRI) Meeting 3/5/25
- BCSD Planning Meeting #3 – 3/19/25
- **Clean-Ups (upcoming)**
  - Bear Creek Stewardship Day – April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025
    - Close to 100 people registered. **At Pine Street, there were 38 registered and we picked up 5 yards of trash. Pictures in appendices.**
    - Register on the Stream Smart site ([Bear Creek Clean-Ups \(Bear Creek Stewards\) – Stream Smart](#))
  - 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Rogue River Clean-Up & Let’s Pull Together! – May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025

## NPDES Phase II

- Brochure and other items distribution ongoing (250 items distributed)
  - Event-driven (e.g., Earth Day), front counters, libraries
  - As requested for projects/partners and DMAs
  - QR Codes for waste free events and to direct users to websites.
- Ongoing tracking of implementation activities using ArcGIS Survey123 and spreadsheets
  - Survey for features (LID and BMP)
    - <https://rvcog.maps.arcgis.com/apps/mapviewer/index.html?webmap=018eec42042b4216b7812956b974593f>
  - Activities map (TMDL and Phase II)
    - <https://rvcog.maps.arcgis.com/apps/mapviewer/index.html?webmap=d8fb1ae656254f8a92d78dff3545782d>
- Loaned materials to ODFW for an educational program.
- Created new materials for use in presentations at the Medford CO-OP and upcoming Earth Day Events.
- Web – working updates/updates
  - Stormwater programs on Stream Smart
    - Link to MS4 preferred location
    - List of contact(s)
  - Stormwater 101 (RVCOG)
    - Updated (brochures)
    - SWAT general information
- Updated hot spot survey and map. Combined TMDL information with other reported and observed hot spots. A copy of the map is shown on page 4.
  - Survey link (to use survey) - <https://arcg.is/OnHOv0>
  - Survey link (to see results) - <https://arcg.is/00TWeD>
  - Map of hot spot locations (map includes monitored storm drains and inspection records) - <https://rvcog.maps.arcgis.com/apps/mapviewer/index.html?webmap=d40e64a223b941d1ad87696345ecd2c8>
  - Storm Drain Monitoring Survey form (<https://arcg.is/W0juz>)

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## **TMDL- Regional Implementation Actions**

### **General TMDL**

- Coordinating the Jackson + Josephine Counties Cooperative Weed Management Area (JaJo CWMA)
  - Next meeting April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025 @ RVCOG
  - Newsletter (monthly/every other month)
- Bear Creek Restoration Initiative (BCRI) – Restoration Activities
  - General Coordination of advisory team
  - TMDL restoration needs and activities included in the program (restoration, outreach)
  - Updated maps on BCRI activity ([story maps](#))
    - Restoration
    - Invasive Species work (completed, ongoing, planned)
    - General Riparian Conditions (Future)
    - Priorities and other general information
  - AC Meetings (first Wednesday every other month) – March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025 previous. May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 next. Agenda will include a discussion from Klamath Bird Observatory on resources and activities in the riparian are.
  - Restoration workshop #2. Follow up in development.

### **Other Activities**

- Implementation Tracking Maps
  - <https://rvcog.maps.arcgis.com/apps/mapviewer/index.html?webmap=d8fb1ae656254f8a92d78dff3545782d>
- Website updates (TMDL 101)
- Regional Project Updates/Other Meetings
  - Aquatic Trash Prevention Partnership – Winter/Spring 2025
    - Looking for grant funding for 2 “trash trout” devices (~\$30,000)

### **Monitoring/Monitoring Related**

- Monthly TMDL runs
  - Monthly sample collection for main stem of Bear Creek
  - Data sent out (quarterly). In the next week or so.
  - Water Quality Data Library on Stream Smart ([Water Quality Data Library – Stream Smart](#))
- Storm drains (3 times per year)
  - July 10<sup>th</sup> – Dry Weather Storm Drain Run
  - November 13<sup>th</sup> – First Flush Storm Drain Run
  - Storm drain inspection (ArcGIS Survey123) in dry weather, in addition to sample collection (dry)
- DEQ Split Sampling (external QA/QC)
  - March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025

- Hot spot
  - Part of the TMDL program.
  - Serve as contact for water quality concerns.
  - Follow up and investigate. Collect samples and track.
  - Report as needed.
  - Continue to Inventory and map.
  - Updated tracking form (Survey 123) and created map of incidents.
    - Tracking – <https://arcg.is/0nHOv0>
    - Map - <https://rvcog.maps.arcgis.com/apps/mapviewer/index.html?webmap=d40e64a223b941d1ad87696345ecd2c8>
- White City Patrols (MWC). Working with MWC and RVSS. Revised locations and routes to focus on the greater White City Area and Eagle Point.

**Meetings**

- BCRI Meetings – March 5, 2025 and April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025
- CWMA Meetings – 2/12/25, 4/25/25
- Rogue Drinking Water Partnership Meeting – 2/18/25

**Additional Volunteer and Educational Activities**

- Online TMDL restoration maps created (ArcGIS and searchable app)
- Blogs and Articles
  - Reported under Stream Smart:
    - <https://www.stream-smart.com/recent-posts/>
    - <https://www.stream-smart.com/news-and-events/press-releases/>

**Hot Spots/Calls of Concern/investigations**

- Landowner concern (Medford) regarding construction activities and impacts to a local wetland/riparian area. Referred to City of Medford.

## Appendices

### Facebook Post Examples

 **Stream Smart - a clean water project is at North Mountain Park.** February 13 · Ashland · 🌐

🍏🌱🍏 If you've never been to this beautiful park, it's time to come check it out. The nature center is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. 🌱🍏🍏



Boost this post to get more reach for Stream Smart - a clean water project. [Boost post](#)

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 Stream Smart - a clean water project  
February 18 · 🌐

🌱💧🌿 Our next big clean-up and restoration event is Bear Creek Stewardship Day in celebration of Earth Day on Saturday, April 19th! Come join in on the fun!

Wa... See more

## DÍA DE LA ADMINISTRACIÓN DE BEAR CREEK STEWARDSHIP DAY



*¡Voluntario!*  
Sábado / Saturday  
19 de abril / April 19th  
9am–12pm  
*Volunteer!*

Más información



Learn more

**BEAR CREEK STEWARDS** 

Únase a nosotros para la limpieza de basura y la restauración ribereña en  
CENTRAL POINT, MEDFORD, PHOENIX, TALENT, ASHLAND  
Join us for trash clean-up and riparian restoration!

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**Outreach Material Examples**

 **About Stream Smart** 

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**What is STREAM SMART?**

An educational program that promotes increased awareness of how everyday choices may impact local streams and rivers. Simple habit or behavior changes can make a big difference. Stream Smart empowers everyone to do their part to turn our streams from **brown** to **blue** – change starts with you!

**Programs include**

- Salmon Watch 
- Creek and River Clean-ups 
- Volunteer Programs
  - \*Adopt-A-River 
  - \*Adopt-A-Greenway
  - \*Planting (native trees, shrubs, pollinators)



## Funders and Partners





## Donations Support Activities



### How Positive Change Funds Help



- **Support Classes and Programs**

- Salmon Watch Field Trips (more!)
- Creek and River Clean-ups
  - Adopt-A-River
  - Adopt-A-Greenway
- Planting Native Trees, Shrubs, and Pollinators

- **Support Volunteers**

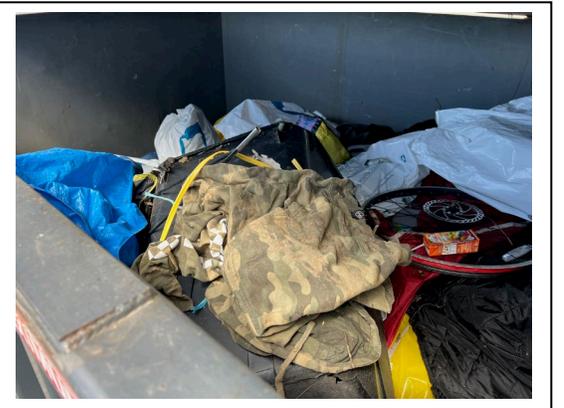
- Tools, plants, gloves, safety equipment
- Transportation, trash picker uppers
- Food and snacks

- **Educational materials**

- Test Kits
- Hands-on supplies (jaws, skulls)

**Activity Photos**

***Bear Creek Clean-up (Pine Street in Central Point Section)***



***Earth Day at Blue Heron***

