



Letter from the Executive Director

Dear Friends,

2018 was my first full year as Executive Director & despite my steep learning curve, collectively we were able to accomplish a lot. We were guided by our mission to “Promote respect & understanding of the Molalla River Watershed through education & conservation for present & future generations.”

We capitalized on great educational opportunities to help students create habitat in our watershed by planting trees & host a community presentation on oak habitats. Our signature spring & fall river cleanups were well attended by generous volunteers. Plus, we were awarded two grants to start planning restoration work at Molalla River State Park with our partners at Oregon Dept. of Parks & Rec.

Our accomplishments in 2018 have spring boarded us into a full 2019 with new projects, partners, & supporters. I look forward to meeting more of you. Please join us by volunteering, donating, &/or signing up for our newsletter!



Sincerely,

Asako Yamamuro
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Executive Director

Education



Taught the importance of trees in creating habitat to elementary school students from Franciscan Montessori Earth School. **Students then planted trees** in the Molalla River Watershed. **They are budding watershed stewards!**



Outreach



Hosted **1 community presentation** on oak tree habitats

Published **2 MRW newsletters** for partners & members

Created **numerous Facebook posts** for **347 followers**

Restoration



Planting native species completed on a 2.5 acre riparian streambanks & floodplain project funded by Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board.



We donated over 400 trees for restoration at Canby Sand & Gravel. Bureau of Land Management donated bare root trees & Sunflower Farms donated pots, while MRW bought soil & potted the trees.



Collaborating with Oregon Parks & Rec. Dept. to prep for restoration work at Molalla River State Park by surveying water temperature & removing invasive plants. This work is supported by Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board, Bonneville Power Administration, & Willamette Water Supply Program.

Molalla River Cleanups: Our 26th Year!



93 volunteers picked up
1,370 lbs. of trash

3.5 miles of trail cleared of
debris

500 ft² invasive plants
cleared



Surveys

326 northern red-legged
frog, **20** northwestern sal-
amander, & **61** chorus
frog egg masses, plus **29**
adult rough skinned
newts observed in Aquila
Vista pond in one day!



***“This pond has a very high density of northern red-
legged frog egg masses compared to the other
ponds I’ve surveyed in Clackamas County”, says
Jim, the survey leader.***



Molalla River Watershed Facts



Molalla River is the **drinking water source** for Molalla & Canby.

The Molalla River is the Willamette River's **longest undammed tributary**.

Molalla's **spring Chinook salmon & winter steelhead** populations are listed as **threatened** on the Endangered Species Act.

The upper section of the Molalla River is designated **State Scenic Waterway & National Wild & Scenic River**.



Make a Difference in the Molalla River Watershed

Amazing volunteers helped us pick up trash, plant trees, pull weeds, maintain trails, cook for fellow volunteers, & mail out newsletters.

Please contact molallariverwatch@gmail.com to:



- **Volunteer with us.**
- **Make a donation.**
- **Join our mailing list.**