#### Stream Smart (TMDL and Stormwater Education, Volunteer Programs. Public Involvement and Participation)

- Advisory Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024
- Discussion Highlights
  - Activities Update/Accomplishments since September
    - **Salmon Watch** (1746 students (+150 in the spring), partners, and public reached overall)
      - Main season concluded in November (32 field days with 28 schools)
      - Salmon Watch Open House November 29<sup>th</sup>
        - Instructor feedback
        - Working on updates and revisions for Fall 2024
    - Salmon release with LOGOS school, SOLC, and RVSS (December)
    - Spring Program with Talent Middle School at Blue Heron Park on April 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. (150 students. Partners RVCOG, RVSS, PPRV, SOFRC. Additional help RRWC, ODFW and City of Phoenix)





- Topic Focused Meetings (Funders and Partners, About Stream Smart, RDWP)
- Volunteer Programs
  - Pine Street Pollinator Garden Planting with Crater Land Lab (12/15/23)
  - Reinhart Volunteer Park Pollinator Garden Planting with Dutch Bros. (1/26/24)
  - Adopt-A-Street Trash Pick up

#### • Adopt-A-River

- Josephine County
- Hog Creek County Park Check-in location for the Rogue River Clean-Up.
- CWMA Partnerships
- Adopt-A-Greenway
  - Jackson County
  - Pine Street through Upton Road
  - Plan developed by Crater Student
  - Pollinator Planting
  - Trash Clean-up
- Website and Social Media

#### • Networking and Expansion

- Adopt-A-River Expansion
  - Second clean-up
  - Connect activities in Reinhart Volunteer Park?
  - Expansion of CWMA Partnership
    - Clean-ups
    - Volunteer weed events
    - Training/Demonstrations Dean Creek
    - Postcards
- Gold Hill and Rogue River Clean-ups?
- Adopt Gold Hill Section (future)
- Articles and Press

#### • New Items

- Salmon Watch Traveling Roadshow Jackson County Libraries
- Signs
- Funding/Grants
  - ODFW Salmon Dissection "stuffies"
  - American Fisheries Society (AFS) Salmon Watch expansion
- Schwag -beanies, hats, t-shirts, banner

#### • Spring 2024 Events

- Events
  - Envirothon April 1<sup>st</sup>
  - Spring Salmon Watch with Talent Middle School April 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> at Blue Heron Park (5 station module)
  - Earth Day
    - At the Farm Ashland (April 19<sup>th</sup>)
    - Phoenix Blue Heron Park (April 20<sup>th</sup>)
    - RCC Redwood Campus (April 22<sup>nd</sup>)
    - RCC Downtown Campus (April 22<sup>nd</sup>)
  - Clean-ups (April and May)
    - Bear Creek April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024
    - Rogue May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024
    - Move for Water March 22<sup>nd</sup>
    - Change for Good Ashland Coop (June)

#### NPDES Phase II

- 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
- Brochure Distribution ongoing
  - Event driven, front counters, libraries
- Ongoing tracking of implementation activities using survey 1-2-3 and spreadsheets
  - Survey for features (LID and BMP)
    - <u>https://rvcog.maps.arcgis.com/apps/mapviewer/index.html?webmap=018eec4</u>
      <u>2042b4216b7812956b974593f</u>
  - Activities map (TMDL and Phase II)
    - <u>https://rvcog.maps.arcgis.com/apps/mapviewer/index.html?webmap=d8fb1ae</u>
      <u>656254f8a92d78dff3545782d</u>
  - Storm Drain Visual Survey Form (storm drain monitoring and surveys topic of TMDL meeting this afternoon)
    - https://arcg.is/W0juz

#### TMDL- Regional Implementation Actions

- Temperature (Restoration related)
  - Coordinating the Cooperative Weed Management Area (CWMA) covering Jackson and Josephine Counties
    - Next meeting April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024
    - Newsletter (every other month)
    - State Weed grant applications focusing on controlling garlic mustard and aquatic weeds
    - Title II funding for CWMA coordination
    - Western Invasive Species (WIN) Coordination
    - RAIN (Rogue Aquatic Invasive Weed Network)
  - o Bear Creek Natural Resources Plan (BCRI)
    - Being expanded for wider use along the corridor
    - High level planning effort to direct restoration including strategies that will meet riparian and TMDL program priorities and needs.
  - Riparian Maps

- <u>https://rvcog.maps.arcgis.com/apps/instant/interactivelegend/index.ht</u> ml?appid=187846d86be84230b5493c9905e78b7a&locale=en
- <u>https://rvcog.maps.arcgis.com/apps/instant/nearby/index.html?appid=</u> 7b64357d6e364e9eb5fc7c5829b3f0a9&locale=en
- Bear Creek Restoration Initiative (BCRI) Restoration Activities
  - General Coordination of advisory team
  - TMDL restoration needs and activities included in the program (restoration)
  - Bear Creek Restoration Summit on November 2nd
  - Updated maps on BCRI activity (<u>story maps</u>)
    - Restoration
    - Invasive Species work (completed, ongoing, planned)
    - General Riparian Conditions (Future)
    - Priorities and other general information
  - AC Meetings (first Wednesday) Next one May 1st.
  - Wings Across America Funding focused on native pollinator species (\$25,000)
  - Working groups restoration, pollinators, stakeholder engagement, work force
- General TMDL
  - Implementation Tracking Maps
    - <u>https://rvcog.maps.arcgis.com/apps/mapviewer/index.html?webmap=d</u>
      <u>8fb1ae656254f8a92d78dff3545782d</u>
  - Website updates (TMDL 101)
  - Regional Project Updates/Other Meetings
    - BCRI Technical Team Meetings January and March
- Monitoring/Monitoring Related
  - Monthly TMDL runs
    - Phosphorus analysis (April-Oct)
  - Storm drains (3 times per year)
    - Storm drain inspection (Survey 1-2-3) in dry weather in addition to sample collection (dry)
    - Revised noticing protocol to be consistent with dry level screening protocol and water quality standards.
  - 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.
  - Almeda Fire Monitoring Reporting
  - White City Patrols (MWC)
- Additional Volunteer and Educational Activities
  - Online TMDL restoration maps created (ArcGIS and searchable app)

- Blogs and Articles
  - Reported under Stream Smart
  - December 24<sup>th</sup> Restoration Article in the Rogue Valley Times. The article discusses the collaborative efforts of the BCRI and its efforts to restore the Bear Creek Riparian Corridor post the Almeda Fire.
- Hot Spots/Calls of Concern/investigations
  - OERS relay from DEQ
    - 500 gallons of cooking oil into the ground on I-5 MP 37 (2/15/2024)
    - Wet Concrete into Lone Pine Creek (3/26/2024)



### The Rogue Basin Salmon Watch Program Presents: Salmon Watch Traveling Roadshow

### Tuesday, July 2nd, 2024 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Jackson County Library Services - Ashland 410 Siskiyou Boulevard Ashland, Oregon 97520









# **Noxious Weed Alert**



GARLIC MUSTARD

Has been found on streambanks along the Rogue River & the Applegate River below Cheney Creek. We need your help to identify, locate, and remove this noxious weed.



GARLIC MUSTARD (*Alliaria petiolata*) is an Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) "B" -rated noxious non-native weed. It has been found on the floodplains of the Rogue River and the Applegate River up to the Cheney Creek watershed. <u>THESE PLANTS NEED TO BE REMOVED IN APRIL-EARLY MAY BEFORE THEY GO</u> TO SEED!

