



URBAN RIPARIAN RESTORATION

Riparian and In-stream Habitat Restoration Project

As part of the Community Rivers Program, the Upper Deschutes Watershed Council works with landowners to restore riparian and aquatic habitat conditions along the Deschutes River. This riparian restoration project occurred within the urban growth boundary of the City of Bend. The project uses native riparian planting and in-stream habitat restoration to improve water quality, decrease erosion, increase fish and wildlife habitat, and provide a long-term educational opportunity for the landowners and surrounding community.



STREAMSIDE STEWARDS

As it meanders through the City of Bend, much of the Deschutes River corridor is privately owned creating unique opportunities to engage interested landowners in the process of fish and wildlife habitat restoration. When informed about watershed health and the needs of the river and its riparian zones, riverfront landowners can become important long-term streamside stewards.

The project highlighted here provides an outstanding example of how communities can balance habitat restoration with urban growth and development.

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- Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board
- Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council
- Forest Concepts LLC

OBJECTIVES

- Restore riparian habitat conditions
- Reduce erosion and land loss
- Improve fish habitat



Before

Woody material and native plants provide bank stability and improved habitat.

After



The Upper Deschutes Watershed Council is a 501(c)3 non-profit community organization committed to protecting and restoring clean water, healthy fisheries and overall watershed health in the 2,000,000-acre upper Deschutes River watershed.

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