



**TUALATIN RIVER
WATERSHED COUNCIL**

Living Sustainably

**Growing Healthy
Connections and Habitats**



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Overview

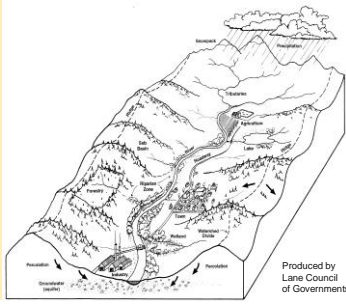
**The benefits of using
native plants in your
landscaping to help
your watershed**






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What is a Watershed



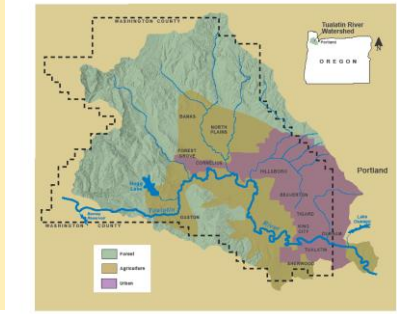
Area of land that drains into a lake or river.

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Tualatin River Watershed




**50 %
Forestry**

**30 %
Agriculture**

20 % Urban


**Population
500,000**



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We All Live Downstream

- We all impact our watershed -- everything we put on our land, around our homes and elsewhere, eventually soaks into the groundwater or runs off into the stream and rivers of our watershed.
- Each person's actions helps improve our water quality which results in cooler and cleaner water in our streams and rivers.



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Benefits of Native Plants

- Reduce storm water runoff
- Reduce water pollution
- Reduce water use
- Improve the health of the watershed
- Increase and improve wildlife habitat
- Increase community livability



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Reducing water use, fertilizers and maintenance

Native plants are part of our landscape. They don't need the "extra care" of plants from other regions or countries.



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Improving water quality

By reducing fertilizer and pesticide use, we reduce the amount of chemicals going into our streams.



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Increasing wildlife habitat

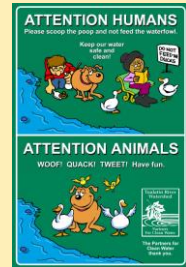
Changes in our landscape result in decreased habitat for our native wildlife. If we increase native plants in our yards by 20%, we're helping solve this problem.



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Do your part to protect the environment

- Take a Naturescaping or Rain Garden Class
 - Replace invasive plants with native plants
- Learn how to conserve water
 - Indoors and outdoors
 - Conserveh20.org
- Pick up after your pet



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Volunteer

- Check our web site for opportunities
 - www.trwc.org
 - ❖ Tree Planting
 - ❖ Spawning Survey
 - ❖ Work with Students
 - ❖ Native Plant Nursery



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