



## Riparian Restoration Rebate Program

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**\*Office use only\***  
 Application Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 District Rep: \_\_\_\_\_

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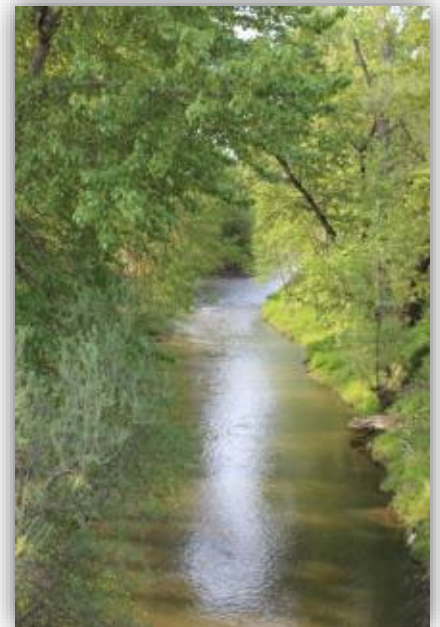
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### Project Location & Size

Stream name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Downstream confluence: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Upstream confluence: \_\_\_\_\_  
 TRS & Taxlot: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Riparian area size (ft<sup>2</sup>): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Rebate Amount: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Permit Number: \_\_\_\_\_

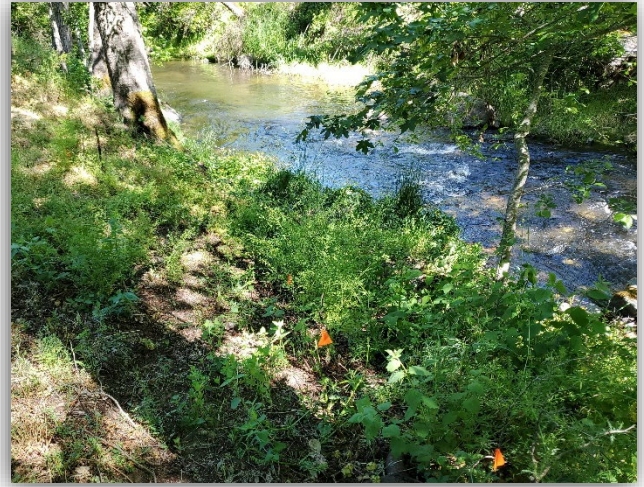
### Rebate Program Information

Jackson Soil & Water Conservation District (JSWCD) offers a \$115 per 1000 ft<sup>2</sup> up to 1 acre (43,560 ft<sup>2</sup>) rebate to remove invasive plant species from riparian areas and replant those areas with native trees and shrubs. The landowner is responsible for all project costs above the rebate amount. Please read the eligibility criteria, terms and conditions, and project requirements below and follow the instructions carefully. Work with JSWCD staff during the development of your project to ensure that you meet all incentive requirements. JSWCD is a non-regulatory agency that promotes voluntary conservation practices primarily on private lands.



## **Why Restore Riparian Vegetation?**

Riparian areas are vegetated areas found between aquatic and terrestrial habitats. The vegetation along streams, wetlands, and lakes can all be considered riparian vegetation. Often the plant species found here are adapted to living in this zone of fluctuating water availability. Healthy riparian zones provide a variety of benefits for water quality, wildlife (both aquatic and terrestrial), and people. These areas are distinguished as “buffers” because of the role they play in filtering pollutants and absorbing flood water, as well as providing food and shelter for wildlife. More specifically, riparian zones:



- Stabilize streambanks with plant roots
- Provide corridors for migrating wildlife
- Help maintain water tables
- Play a role in terrestrial and aquatic food webs
- Provide shade to maintain water temperatures for aquatic organisms
- Improve water quality by trapping sediment which can be harmful to aquatic animals
- Slow flood waters, thereby protecting waterfront properties
- Reduce the risk of destructive wildfire

By planting native trees and shrubs in the riparian zone on your property, you are providing numerous benefits to the landscape around your property. Native species improve habitat for birds, mammals, fish and other aquatic animals, and protect the water quality of our beautiful streams.

## **Eligibility Criteria**

- Project area is 1 acre or less in size.
- Project area needs riparian restoration, including removal of invasive and/or non-native plant species, establishment of native vegetation, or planting bare riparian areas.
- Project location does not include severely eroded stream banks or require in-stream engineering; consult with JSWCD for alternative funding opportunities.
- Applicant owns the land or has authorization to implement the project.
- Applicant has legal access to a source of water to irrigate the plantings.
- Applicant can demonstrate the ability to maintain the planting area for 5 years.



## Space For Project Map

## **Project Process**

### ***Part 1 – Pre-application project assessment and design***

- Applicant reads the entire application.
- Applicant requests a site visit with JSWCD staff for an assessment of the potential project area.
- JSWCD staff creates a layout of the project.
- JSWCD staff determines the invasive species to be removed, the plants to be planted and to what densities, and how to protect and water them with applicant input.
- Applicant signs Authorizing Signatures section below and submits this application to JSWCD staff.
- JSWCD staff circulate the application to state and local regulatory authorities and to the Executive Director for approval.
- Applicant receives a countersigned copy of the application.
- JSWCD staff rank projects submitted on or before July 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. JSWCD staff notify awarded applicants by July 31<sup>st</sup> of each year.

### ***Part 2 – Implementation (Can be completed by the landowner or a qualified contractor)***

- Applicant removes invasive plants per recommendations.
- Applicant plants native vegetation per recommendations.
- Applicant saves all receipts to submit to JSWCD staff. Copies of receipts are acceptable.

### ***Part 3 – Post-Installation inspection and submission for rebate***

- Applicant requests a post-implementation inspection from JSWCD staff.
- Applicant reviews implementation with JSWCD staff to confirm that the implementation meets or exceeds the objectives in this application. If approved, both Applicant and JSWCD staff sign Completion Report and Rebate Request section below.
- Applicant provides JSWCD staff with all receipts to confirm the total cost of the project.
- Applicant completes a W-9 form to submit with receipts and invoices.
- JSWCD staff submits application for reimbursement with W-9 and all receipts and invoices.
- Applicant receives a rebate check for the amount specified below within 2 weeks.
- Applicant and JSWCD staff meet annually to inspect the project site for 3 years after project completion.

## **Terms & Conditions**

- **All rebate funds are reimbursements to the landowner and will be paid out after the project is complete.**
- The amount of the rebate will not exceed the total project cost. The applicant will provide receipts and invoices for the project to demonstrate that the rebate amount does not exceed the total cost of the project. The applicant cannot include receipts dated before the project approval date in the total cost of the project.
- Projects must comply with any federal, state, local, or other ordinances that may apply.
- Only projects with a minimum cost of \$100 may apply.
- JSWCD offers a \$115 per 1000 ft<sup>2</sup> up to 1 acre (43,560 ft<sup>2</sup>) of riparian restoration. JSWCD staff will determine the size of the eligible project area.
- Rebate funds can be used for manual, mechanical, and chemical invasive plant removal, planting materials and labor, plant protection materials and installation labor, and irrigation supplies. Landowners can use rebate funds to pay contractor costs for these services.
- All applicants must complete the application in consultation with JSWCD. The applicant (or landowner if different), a JSWCD representative, Jackson County Development Services staff (or other local municipality staff), Oregon Dept. of Fish & Wildlife or Oregon Dept. of Forestry staff (depending on project location), and the JSWCD District Manager must sign this application before the project may begin.
- JSWCD staff will perform a pre- and post-project inspection to determine project eligibility, specify design requirements, and approve the project for reimbursement after project completion.
- All applications submitted before July 1<sup>st</sup> will receive a ranking by JSWCD staff. JSWCD ranks projects on:
  - if the project occurs within a Priority watershed (currently the Little Butte Creek and Reese Creek Watersheds),
  - the stream perenniality (perennial, intermittent, or ephemeral) and location within a watershed (i.e. above or below known fish passage barriers),
  - the fish-bearing status of the stream (as determined by Dept. of State Lands Essential Salmonid Habitat maps),
  - adjacency to another current or completed and actively maintained restoration project,
  - and if the project has additional grant or cost-share funding assistance.
- All projects submitted by July 1<sup>st</sup> will receive a ranking and award notification by July 31<sup>st</sup> of the

same year.

- The applicant permits JSWCD to collect photographs of the project prior to and after installation to document the project. Photos may also be used for promotional or educational purposes.
- All projects must be completed within 2 years of application approval. Projects will be inspected every year for 3 years after completion to monitor new plant survival and invasive plant regrowth.
- No rebate reimbursements will be disbursed prior to project completion as determined by JSWCD staff.
- All approved applicants will complete a W-9 form for tax reporting purposes.
- JSWCD does not endorse any manufacturer, contractor or product in promoting this program. JSWCD does not warranty any materials or services used during project implementation.
- JSWCD offers rebate programs on a first come first served basis, contingent upon available grant funds. The approved JSWCD annual budget and JSWCD staff determine the availability of funding. Projects that do not qualify for this rebate program may be eligible for other financial assistance programs. JSWCD staff can assist landowners with identifying these other funding sources and, where appropriate, assist the landowners with the planning and application process.

### **Project Design Agreement**

Signatures on the next page indicate that the Applicant has reviewed the above plan with a Jackson Soil and Water Conservation District (JSWCD) representative, assumes all responsibility for this plan, and agrees to carry it out to the best of their ability. Any changes to this plan will be addressed with JSWCD prior to implementation. The Applicant also indicates that they indemnify and hold harmless JSWCD, its officers, directors, agents and employees, against any and all losses, claims (including third-party claims), damages and expenses, including reasonable and necessary attorney's fees, to the extent any such losses, claims, damages and expenses are due to the acts or omissions of the Applicant, its officers, directors, agents and employees. The Applicant shall have no obligation to indemnify JSWCD should any such losses, claims, damages and expenses result, in whole or in part, from willful misconduct or gross negligence of JSWCD, its affiliates, officers, directors, agents and employees.

**Authorizing Signatures**

_____ Applicant Signature	_____ Print Name	_____ Date
_____ Landowner Signature (if different than Applicant)	_____ Print Name	_____ Date
_____ JSWCD Representative Signature	_____ Print Name	_____ Date
_____ ODFW/ ODF Representative Signature	_____ Print Name	_____ Date
_____ Local Jurisdictional Authority (City/County) Signature	_____ Print Name	_____ Date
_____ JSWCD Executive Director Signature	_____ Print Name	_____ Date

**Completion Report and Rebate Request**

W-9 Received:

Total riparian vegetation restored: _____ <i>ft</i> <sup>2</sup>	Total Amount Requested: _____
Rebate amount per 1000 <i>ft</i> <sup>2</sup> \$ _____	Check Payable To: _____
Rebate total: \$ _____	Recipient Address: _____

Signatures below indicate that the Applicant has completed installation of the project as outlined in this application according to the below terms, conditions, and project requirements. JSWCD agrees to release an incentive for the above total within 30 days of the signing of this agreement.

_____ Applicant Signature	_____ Print Name	_____ Date
_____ Landowner Signature (if different than Applicant)	_____ Print Name	_____ Date
_____ JSWCD Representative Signature	_____ Print Name	_____ Date
_____ JSWCD Executive Director Signature	_____ Print Name	_____ Date