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Central Coast Land Conservancy receives two grants for Big Nestucca River restoration

The Central Coast Land Conservancy has been awarded two grants to enhance streamside conditions and diversify habitat in a floodplain of the Big Nestucca River in Tillamook County. The 7.2-acre parcel, acquired by the organization in 2009 through a land donation, is located along a sharp bend in the river that carries tremendous force during winter and spring flows and recent monitoring indicated it was time for remedial action.



One grant is an award of \$3,000 from the Tillamook Estuaries Partnership through its Local Grant Program.

The second grant of \$850 is from the Oregon Coastal Management Program (from funds provided by the Coastal Zone Management Act administered by NOAA's Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management).

The grant awards, along with native plants donated by the Northwest Oregon Native Plant Cooperative, and assistance from the Nestucca, Neskowin and Sand Lake Watersheds Council, the Tillamook Bay Watershed Council, and local community volunteers, will help diversify the trees and other native plants along property's riverbank riparian area and part of the floodplains. Interplanting of appropriate shrubs, grasses and trees will help stabilize the bank, add density to hold soil along the fluctuating shoreline, prevent sediment runoff, and provide additional food and cover for wildlife and waterfowl. Native trees and shrub plantings will include Sitka spruce, nine bark, elderberry, twinberry, Indian plum, and willow.

Although a professional crew will be hired to plant the shrubs, grasses and trees, volunteers will be needed in the spring of 2012 for monitoring and maintenance of the plantings. Community volunteers are encouraged to contact the Central Coast Land Conservancy if they would like to get involved with this or other land conservancy projects.

The organization also welcomes cash donations to help cover the costs involved with ongoing property monitoring and restoration on this and other properties. Donations can be made online through [Network For Good](#). Checks can be mailed to the Central Coast Land Conservancy, P.O. Box 1344, Depoe Bay, OR 97341. For additional information, go to centralcoastlandconservancy.org, contact cclc.perry@gmail.com, or call 541-574-7708.

The Central Coast Land Conservancy is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit and all donations are fully tax-deductible. The organization's purpose is to hold and manage for the benefit of the public, in perpetuity, lands that constitute the natural heritage of Tillamook, Lincoln, and western Lane counties. Its goal is to acquire title to, or obtain conservation easements over lands that form wildlife habitats, lands with plant communities unique to the Central Oregon Coast, lands with cultural and historic significance, lands that are scenic and/or provide open space, and lands that provide opportunities for outdoor recreation. The object is to restore, maintain and enhance the lands that surround us for the benefit of all residents and visitors to this area – now and far into the future.