

Pure Water Partners Naturescaping Pathway



EWEB's Pure Water Partners program (PWP) is designed to reward landowners who protect high quality land along the river, assisting EWEB in protecting water quality and helping to avoid future water treatment costs. The program also helps to connect landowners who wish to engage in restoration on their land with technical and financial assistance.

For landowners with a small amount of acreage within the PWP boundary and adjacent to a stream, the program offers a third option for participation referred to as *Naturescaping*. Within this pathway, landowners can sign an informal agreement in which they agree to apply naturescaping principles on their property over the length of the agreement (7 years).

The PWP Program offers the following incentives under the naturescaping pathway:

- 1) **Free naturescaping classes**, which explain basic naturescaping concepts and how to apply these concepts on-the-ground
- 2) Up to **2 hours of funding for an initial consultation** with the McKenzie Watershed Council around developing a naturescaping plan.
- 3) Reimbursement for **50% of the cost to develop an implementation-ready naturescaping design** for a landowner's property, up to \$250. The landowner can use the McKenzie Watershed Council or other qualified landscape designer to accomplish the naturescaping design.
- 4) Up to **2 hours of funding** for the landowner to receive technical assistance from the McKenzie Watershed Council during or following implementation of the naturescaping design, if needed.
- 5) **One-time access to free invasive removal or planting assistance** using the Northwest Youth Corps (NYC) during the initial two years of the agreement, as funding allows. EWEB will coordinate the use of the NYC teams as part of its contract with NYC.

Landowners are responsible for implementing (or paying a contractor to implement) plantings on their properties but would not be subject to any detailed planting or maintenance requirements. By agreeing to this pathway, landowners are considered Pure Water Partners and would receive the same discounts on products and services from businesses (such as native plants and landscaping services) as other participants in the protection and restoration pathways.

For more information, please visit: purewaterpartners.org

Naturescaping Consultation

For landowners who are in the PWP boundary, but not adjacent to a river or stream, you are entitled to a naturescaping consultation. This consists of an hour or so of a site visit to your property by knowledgeable staff from EWEB, the McKenzie Watershed Council, or Upper Willamette Soil & Water Conservation District and recommendations for incorporating naturescaping principles on your property. These might include suggestions for native plants, what to plant where, how to remove invasive plants, and other considerations to save water, reduce chemical use, while maintaining an aesthetically-pleasing landscape.