

Working Together through Challenging Times Workshop Resource List

Environmental Sustainability

This is a list of potential local community resources that may enhance your project idea. They are listed in alphabetical order. Please use this list for your own reference; it is not intended to be used for solicitation or marketing purposes. This is not a comprehensive list. If you know of any resources to add, email outreach@ourunitedvillages.org.

NAME	DESCRIPTION	CONTACT INFORMATION
Bark	Preserving forests, waters, and wildlife of Mt. Hood Natural Forest	PO Box 12065 Portland, OR 97212 (503) 331-0374 info@bark-out.org http://www.bark-out.org
Bicycle Transportation Alliance	Works to open minds and roads to bicycling. Has Cyclist Resources such as commuting and parking information.	http://www.bta4bikes.org
Bureau of Planning and Sustainability (formerly the Office of Sustainable Development)	<i>Sustainability Programs including:</i> Climate Protection Strategy, Sustainable City Government, Waste Prevention and Recycling, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy	721 NW 9th Ave, Suite 195 Portland OR 97209 (503) 823-7222 http://www.portlandonline.com/bps
Carpool NW Match	Carpool and Rideshare Matching Service serving Oregon and SW Washington	http://www.carpoolmatchnw.org
Center for Diversity and the Environment	Works to racially and ethnically diversify the environmental movement at the root cause because of its current homogeneous and unintentionally exclusive culture.	info@environmentaldiversity.org http://www.environmentaldiversity.org
Coalition for a Livable Future (CLF)	To protect, restore, and maintain healthy, equitable, and sustainable communities, both human and natural, for the benefit of present and future residents of the greater metropolitan region.	107 SE Washington, Suite 239 Portland, OR 97214 (503) 294-2889 info@clfuture.org http://www.clfuture.org
Community Energy Project	Empowers people in Portland metro area to maintain healthier, more livable homes, control their utility costs, and conserve natural resources through education, hands-on training, and distribution of weatherization, water conservation, and lead poisoning prevention materials.	422 NE Alberta St. Portland, OR 97211 (503) 284-6827 http://www.communityenergyproject.org

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DePave	Project of City Repair, works to inspire and promote the removal of unnecessary concrete and asphalt from urban areas.	http://www.depave.org
Department of Environmental Quality	Responsible for protecting and enhancing Oregon's water and air quality, managing waste disposal and enforcing environmental laws. Offer programs and projects related to sustainability, clean-up programs, and hazardous waste reduction.	811 SW 6 th Ave Portland, OR 97204 (503)229-5696 http://www.oregon.gov/DEQ
Downspout Disconnect	Disconnecting downspouts from the sewer system allows roof water to drain to lawns and gardens. It is a more natural way to manage roof runoff because it allows water to soak into the ground as plants and soils filter pollutants.	City of Portland 1120 SW 5 th Avenue Portland, OR 97204-9624 (503) 823-5858 http://www.portlandonline.com
Earth and Spirit Council	Non-profit educational organization dedicated to deepening the connection with the natural world and promoting sustainable living. Offers workshops, forums, EarthArts program, and Indigenous Voices speaker series.	6200 SW Virginia Ave. Suite 200 Portland, OR 97239 (503) 452-4483 http://www.earthandspirit.org
Earth Day Celebration	The Air We Breath Saturday, April 25, 2009 10:00am – 7:00pm (Shine or Rain) Location- Wallace Park/Chapman School NW Portland	http://www.cityrepair.org/wiki.php/projects/earthday
Earth Justice	Environmental law firm	http://www.earthjustice.org
Earth Share of Oregon	Federation of 70 leading local and natural non-profit conservation groups that work to protect the health and quality of life of Oregonians by reducing global warming and its effects and preserving our natural habitat.	319 SW Washington St. #501 Portland, OR 97204 (503) 223-9015 http://www.earthshare-oregon.org
East Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District (EMSWCD)	Helping people care for their land; provide workshops to homeowners; information on native plants, naturoscaping, rain gardens, streamcare, and weeds.	5211 N. Williams Ave. Portland, OR 97217 (503) 222-SOIL http://www.emswcd.org
EcoTrust	<i>Event Spaces:</i> The Natural Capital Center and the Center for Architecture. <i>Programs:</i> Fisheries, Forestry, Food & Farms, Knowledge Systems (toolkit for Salmon Nation). <i>Online and print publication:</i> Edible Portland	721 Northwest 9th Avenue Portland, OR 97209 (503) 227-6225 http://www.ecotrust.org

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Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon	Programs include: Interfaith Network for Earth Concerns; Global Warming; Oregon Interfaith Power & Light; Carbon Calculator; Food & Farms; Greening Congregations & Institutions; Watersheds & Biodiversity; and Land Use & Livability	245 SW Bancroft St. #B Portland, OR 97239 (503) 221-1054 jholmes@emoregon.org www.emoregon.org
Energy Trust of Oregon Inc.	Dedicated to energy efficiency and renewable energy generation. Helping Oregonians save energy, increase comfort of their homes and businesses, and move toward energy self-reliance.	851 SW 6th Ave # 1200 Portland, OR 97204 (503) 493-8888 http://www.energytrust.org
Environmental Services-City of Portland	Programs: Sustainable Stormwater Management, Portland Brownfield, Downspout Disconnection, Community Watershed, Clean Rivers Education and Brooklyn Creek Basin Program.	1120 SW 5 TH Portland OR 97204 (503) 823-7740 http://www.portlandonline.com/bes
Fix It Fair	Free events designed to save you money and connect you to resources. They are held on 3 Saturday mornings during the winter (November-February) from 8:30-2:00 at various locations around Portland.	http://www.portlandonline.com/osd/index.cfm?c=41892
Friends of the Columbia Gorge	Vigorously protecting the scenic, natural, cultural, and recreational resources within the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area	522 SW 5 th Avenue Suite 720 Portland, OR 97204 (503) 241-3762 http://www.gorgefriends.org
Friends of Trees	Brings people in the Portland-Vancouver metro area together to plant and care for city trees and urban natural areas.	3117 NE Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Portland, OR 97212 (503) 282-8846 http://www.friendsoftrees.org
Green for All	National organization dedicated to building an inclusive green economy strong enough to lift people out of poverty through advocating on federal and local level for policy change, creating new economies and engaging businesses.	1611 Telegraph Ave, Suite 600 Oakland, CA 94612 (510)663-6500 http://www.greenforall.org
Keepers of the Waters	Inspires and promotes projects that combine art, science, and community involvement to restore, preserve, and remediate water sources.	http://www.keepersofthewaters.org
McKenzie River Gathering Foundation (MRG)	Funds grassroots groups working on a range of issues including stopping environmental destruction.	http://www.mrgfoundation.org

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Metro	Places and Activities: local activities, park, natural trail, entertainments centers, and more; Garbage and Recycling; Sustainable Living tips for home, garden, stores, and on the road; Planning and Conversation initiatives and tools; and Maps and Data.	(503) 797-1700 http://www.oregonmetro.gov
Northwest Coalition for Alternatives to Pesticides	Programs: clean water for salmon, healthier homes and gardens, inert ingredients disclosure, organic food in schools, pesticide free parks, pesticide use reporting, public education, and sustainable agriculture	PO Box 1393 Eugene OR 97440-1393 (541) 344-5044 info@pesticide.org http://www.pesticide.org
NW Earth Institute	Discussion courses: Global Warming; Sustainable Living; Menu for the Future; Voluntary Simplicity; Healthy Children, Healthy Planet; Discovering a Sense of Place; Exploring Deep Ecology	http://www.nwei.org
Oregon Environmental Council	Eco-Healthy Lunch Box Kit Global Warming Solutions On the Way to Carbon Neutral	222 NW Davis St. #309 Portland, OR 97209 (503) 222-1963 http://www.oeonline.org
Oregon Wild	Founded in 1974, Works to protect and restore Oregon's wildlands, wildlife and waters as an enduring legacy for all Oregonians. Leads outdoor adventures, hikes, and events around the state throughout the year.	5825 North Greeley Portland, OR 97217-4145 (503) 283-6343 http://www.oregonwild.org
Oregon State Parks Trust	Statewide not-for-profit dedicated to preserving and enhancing Oregon's State Park system (Camping, day-use fun, hiking, bikeways, and heritage programs).	2100 SW River Pkwy 4 th Floor Portland, OR 97201 (503) 227-0479 http://www.oregonstateparkstrust.org http://www.oregon.gov
Oregon Solutions	Develops sustainable solutions to community-based problems that support economic, environmental, and community objectives. Works on projects through out the state including "Lloyd Green District", "Humboldt School project" and "North Portland Diesel Emission Reduction" in the Portland Metro/Hood River area.	506 SW Mill St, Suite 720 Portland, OR 97201 (503)725-9092 http://www.orsolutions.org

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Oregon Sustainable Agricultural Land Trust (OSALT)	Focused on protection of rural and urban agricultural lands, and research and education into the sustainable production and distribution of food.	PO Box 1106 Canby, Oregon 97013-1106 info@osalt.org http://www.osalt.org
Organizing People-Activating Leaders (OPAL) and The Environmental Justice Action Group (EJAG)	OPAL/EJAG is a community-based nonprofit organization that focuses on low-income and people of color communities concerned about the following issues: air quality/asthma; Brownfields/Contaminated Sites; Urban Renewal/Urban Revitalization; Land-Use/Obesity; Democratic Justice/Ignored Communities; Government Accountability; and Diverse Civic Leadership and Participation.	PO Box 4642 Portland, OR 97208 (503) 997-3853 kevin@opalpdx.org http://www.opalpdx.org
ORLO	Exploring environmental issues through the creative arts	http://www.orlo.org
Portland Permaculture Guild	Informal group interested in learning and promoting permaculture in the Portland area. Partner with organizations, hold monthly educational meetings, and offer classes and workshops.	622 SE Grand Ave Portland, OR 97214 http://www.thedirt.org
Peak Oil	Grassroots group of concerned local citizens, from different backgrounds, which different interests, who've separately become aware of the looming crisis caused by the peaking of the world oil supplies.	http://www.portlandpeakoil.org
ReCode Portland	Community-based group examining how city and state regulations can support rather than inhibit creative and sustainable living, while educating and engaging grassroots communities in changing these codes.	Melora Golden (503)290-8608 melora@recodeoregon.net
Recycling Advocates	Can provide speakers for gatherings or community events on topics such as alternatives to household hazardous waste, product stewardship, and more.	(503) 777-0909 info@recyclingadvocates.org http://www.recyclingadvocates.org
Renewable Northwest Project (RNP)	Describes solar, wind, and geothermal energy sources and makes a convincing case for switching to a green energy provider.	917 SW Oak Suite 303 Portland, OR 97205 (503) 223-4544 renewables@RNP.org http://www.rnp.org
Ride Connection	Non-profit dedicated to linking individuals with accessible transportation.	http://www.rideconnection.org

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River Network	National non-profit organization, helping people understand, protect, and restore rivers and their watersheds.	520 SW 6th Ave Suite 1130 Portland, OR 97204 (503) 241-3506 http://www.rivernetnetwork.org
SHIFT	Expressing Portland's creative bike culture through performance events and bike fun; loose-knit, informal bunch of bike-loving folks.	http://www.shift2bikes.org
Solar Oregon	Offers "Residential Basics of Going Solar" workshops.	http://www.solaroregon.org
SOLV	Individuals and groups from diverse backgrounds and different regions can unite to accomplish tangible results, and enjoy the camaraderie and satisfaction that comes from volunteering. Programs: Great Oregon Beach Cleanups; Clean & Green Project; Team Up for Watershed Health; Oregon Adopt-a-River; Youth Leadership; R Oregon: K-6 Elementary Projects; Make it Right: Service Learning Middle & High School Students; and Project Oregon.	5193 NE Elam Young Parkway Suite B Hillsboro, OR 97124 (503) 844-9571 http://www.solv.org
Surfrider Foundation	Protection and enhancement of the world's oceans, waves, and beaches.	http://www.surfrider.org
Sustainable Ecosystems Institute	Integrates science into environmental decisions focusing on Marine Ecosystems, Forest Ecosystems, Endangered Species, Habitat Conversation Plans, and Science and Policy.	http://www.sei.org
The Josiah Hill Clinic	Protecting children from environmental hazards and promoting community action for healthy homes. Provides education, testing, and resources to families and communities at risk for environmental health hazards in order to promote and improve early childhood health and development. Also provides mobile lead testing clinics and identify and reduce indoor asthma triggers.	PO BOX 13207 Portland, OR 97213 (503) 415-9694 http://www.jhillclinic.org
The Natural Step	Non-profit organization dedicated to education, advisory work and research in sustainable development. Offers a practical framework for helping organizations move toward sustainability. Hosts courses, workshops, and speakers.	133 SW 2 nd Ave, Suite 302 Portland, OR 97204 (503)241-1140 http://www.thenaturalstep.org

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The Nature Conservancy of Oregon	Owns and manages 46 nature preserves and helps protect habitats.	http://www.nature.org
The ReBuilding Center of Our United Villages	53,000 sq ft warehouse of reused building materials; for non-profit and volunteer driven groups, you can submit a donation request for reused building materials	3625 N. Mississippi Ave. Portland, OR 97227 (503) 546-7499 http://www.rebuildingcenter.org
Transition PDX	Helping to move our community "from oil dependency to local resilience".	info.transitionpdx@me.com http://www.crossingthethreshold.net
Verde NW	Improves the economic health of disadvantaged communities by creating environmental job training, employment, and entrepreneurial opportunities, fostering the connection between economic vitality and environmental protection and restoration.	5135 NE Columbia Blvd. Portland, OR 97218 (503) 980-5260 alan@verdenw.org http://www.verdenw.org
Willamette Riverkeeper	Working to make the watershed healthy for fish and wildlife, and safe for fishing and swimming.	1515 SE Water Ave #102 Portland, OR 97214 (503) 223-6418 http://www.willamette-riverkeeper.org
Young Environmental Professionals of Color (YEPOC)	Members are leaders in the Portland metro region that come from a diverse array of backgrounds and environmental specialties, including: sustainability, environmental health, urban planning, environmental justice, biodiversity, land, and marine conservation.	Marcelo Bonta Founder & Director info@environmentaldiversity.org http://www.environmentaldiversity.org
Zero Waste Alliance	Non-profit organization made up of business, university, government, and individual members dedicated to developing, promoting, and applying Zero Waste strategies.	http://www.zerowaste.org
Zipcar	Car sharing, an alternative to car rental and car ownership	http://www.zipcar.com