

Lamont Springs and Creek

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at the intersection of Lakeview and Bryant Roads in the Lake Grove area of Lake Oswego



BEFORE

Trees and forest floor covered in English ivy, English holly and Himalayan blackberry



AFTER

Removal of non-native vegetation frees area for the reintroduction of beneficial native species

Lamont Springs and Creek is Phase 1 of a two-phase restoration project headed-up by the Lake Oswego Land Trust. It restored portions of the spring and creek as well as the surrounding forested area to a more natural, healthy, and aesthetically pleasing state. Phase II involved the development of a conservation easement program.

The Lamont Springs and Creek area is a well-known and -traveled area at the intersection of Lakeview and Bryant Roads in Lake Oswego. The two bordering roadways carry heavy traffic each day, and the site connects to a heavily used pathway. Due to human impacts, the banks of the spring were compacted, the area was crisscrossed with direct access paths, the trees were overgrown with ivy, and English holly and blackberry had invaded the area.

The Land Trust sponsored ivy removal parties and placed logs to block unwanted paths. Unwanted non-native vegetation was removed in stages and appropriate vegetation such as snowberry, ferns, and other native plants were added. The banks of the spring were blocked with logs to minimize trampling. Benches and signs were installed, and parking pullovers were constructed out of gravel and located at the perimeter of the site.

Benefits

- Re-established the original plant life and improved wildlife habitat.
- Enhanced the aesthetic value of the area.
- Educated the public, demonstrated good waterway stewardship, and served as the kick-off for a more extensive and on-going stream preservation project in Lake Oswego.
- Encouraged other stream property owners to participate in Phase II of the Trust's Stream Preservation Project.

Budget

Total proposed – \$18,000

Total actual – \$5,953

Metro/ U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service grant awarded – \$7,000

Grant dollars spent - \$1,695

Helpful Hints – what worked, what didn't

- Engage landowners in projects to build their awareness of local watersheds, and to help them protect the environmental health of their own communities over the long-term.

Partners

Lake Oswego Land Trust

City of Lake Oswego, Environmental Services Department

Lake Oswego High School

Westside Christian School

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Timeline and Tasks

Spring 1995 and on	Removed Ivy
Summer 1995	Placed logs and added parking areas
Fall 1995	Met with volunteers to plan activities; inventoried flora and fauna
Fall 1995	Planted vegetation; installed signs and bench
November 1995	Monitored and watered as necessary