

**Connecting People with Nature (CPWN) Post-Project Report  
Scenic Middle School Native Plant Project 2015 (CPWN 12  
USFWS Roseburg Field Office (Service)**

CPWN funds (nearly \$350.00) were utilized to purchase plants (e.g., cottonwood, big leaf maple, red alder, etc), planting supplies (e.g., potting soil and compost) and garden tools (e.g., hoe, rake, shovels) to establish and grow-out several hundred native plants at Scenic Middle School's greenhouse in Central Point, Oregon. The grown-out plants will be installed as part of a larger riparian restoration project on school property along 1,000 feet of Griffin Creek, in the fall of 2015. Partners on the Griffin Creek project include the Jackson Soil and Water Conservation District, the City of Central Point and Rogue Valley Council of Governments.

On May 18, 2015, with the help from members of the Garden Club, Honor Society, Natural Helper, and 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade science students<sup>1</sup>, the following activities were accomplished:



- Hand-removed invasive plant species (Himalayan blackberries and poison hemlock) from the riparian area.
- Planted over 40 trees in cleared area.
- Transplanted over 200 plugs into gallon-sized containers located in the school's greenhouse.

After the dust settled, more than 200 students along with three teachers, a school counselor and the principal from Scenic Middle School assisted with the project. This collective effort resulted in more than 300 student hours of Community Service. To ensure the over-summer survival of the more than 200 plugs in the greenhouse so they can be planted in the fall, students and staff will maintain the plugs during this time period. The Service assisted with coordination, technical assistance and staff support to the project.

Because this is part of a larger project, the supplies and plants provided through the CPWN program will keep giving added value to the larger project for years to come. The project is also likely to spur some student's interest involving a future career natural resources.



<sup>1</sup> Photo credits: Alex Grover with photo releases on file at Scenic School main campus.