



## TUALATIN RIVERKEEPERS

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To: Lynn Wilson, Restoration and Education Grants Coordinator  
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Re: **FINAL REPORT**

The Tualatin River Stewardship Project achieved significant success over the period of June 1996 - April 1997:

- Training of 20 citizen observational monitors for the Watershed Watch program. Two training sessions were held. 16 miles of the river are now covered by volunteers.
- Watershed Watch monitors' observations led to the clean-up of an agriculture aerial spraying operation site near Forest Grove. Following a Riverkeeper complaint lodged with the Oregon Department of Agriculture, action resulted to correct the flagrant and habitual pesticide and herbicide containers littering property in the floodplain.
- Identifying and alerting the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) of the presence of barrels of toxic chemicals in the river, leading to their removal by an independent contractor.
- Working closely with the Friends of Cook Park to ensure grassroots, citizen representation in the planning process for Cook Park expansion. Riverkeeper involvement has resulted in serious consideration of alternatives which can best protect wetlands and wildlife
- Identified and advocated for Tualatin River public access sites included in the Metro Greenspaces Program, resulting in Metro's acquisition of 278 acres for future public access points. Assistance continues to influence the acquisition of additional Greenspace/Open Space parcels.
- Sponsored 12 river trips and van tours involving 300 individuals; including Metro Councilors and staff, birders, and the general public.
- Produced and distributed the *Citizen Action Guide to the Tualatin Watershed* to 2,000 citizens. Corporate sponsor now being recruited to improve graphic design and allow for greater distribution.
- Provided presentations to 10 community groups and school classes in Tigard, Tualatin, Sherwood, and Lake Oswego; involving 200 participants.

**Evaluation:** The Project has significantly achieved its stated objectives. The citizen's observational monitoring program, Watershed Watch, is active and covers both the River and several tributaries (including Cedar Mill creek and Rock, Bronson, Willow creeks). The environmental education program has done significant outreach to area elementary, middle and high schools. The slide show has been updated. A Citizen Action Guide to the Tualatin Watershed has been produced.

Our goal for the coming months is to significantly expand this program work through the launching of **Stewardship 2000**. This project will enable the Tualatin Riverkeepers to mobilize grassroots, citizen participation - and unite fragmented efforts - to monitor, protect and improve conditions in the watershed. The result will be 2,000 citizens participating in watershed protection activities by the year 2000, and strengthening of the varied friends and streams groups in the watershed. The program builds on the current momentum generated by our Friends groups partnership that will craft a shared advocacy vision for watershed stewardship.

**Enclosure:** Citizen Action Guide  
Watershed Watch Training Manual - no



# A Citizen Action Guide to the Tualatin Watershed

The Tualatin Riverkeepers is a nonprofit organization concerned with improving and protecting the Tualatin Watershed. Please help us with this mission by calling our hotline at 624-0855 (220-9939 after business hours) to report the following problems. In addition, please call the authority listed next to the problem so immediate action can be taken.

## If you observe:

## On or near a waterway in:

## Please call:

Actively leaking industrial barrels  
Fish kills, oil spills

The Tualatin Basin

Oregon Emergency Response System  
1-800-452-0311

Industrial barrels (inactive)

The Tualatin Basin

DEQ Complaints Desk, 229-5393

Suspected pollutants in creeks, wetlands, or  
other surface waters

Urban Washington County

Unified Sewerage Agency, 648-8621

Clackamas County

Department of Utilities, 650-3737

The Tualatin Basin

DEQ Complaints Desk, 229-5393

Illegal dumping in progress  
Theft, vandalism, shooting, poaching

Washington County

Sheriff's Deputy Dispatch, 629-0111

Clackamas County

Sheriff's Deputy Dispatch, 655-8211

Illegal dump site

Washington County

Solid Waste and Recycling, 648-8609

Metro Growth Boundary

Metro Solid Waste Enforcement  
797-1700 ext. 1835

New water pumps

The Tualatin Basin

Oregon Water Resources Watermaster  
693-4881

Deformed fish or aquatic life

The Tualatin Basin

Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife  
657-2000 ext. 231

Wetlands being filled in

The Tualatin Basin

Oregon Division of State Lands, Bill Parks  
378-3805

Washington County

Army Corps of Engineers, Gerry Black  
(503) 325-1135

Stream being filled in

Washington County

Army Corps of Engineers, Gerry Black  
(503) 325-1135

Injured wildlife

The Tualatin Basin

Portland Audubon Society, 292-0304

Dumping of pollutants into storm drains

Clackamas County

Surface Water Management, 650-3737

Urban Washington County

Unified Sewerage Agency Source Control  
844-8931

The Tualatin Basin

DEQ Complaints Desk, 229-5393

Logging near or causing erosion to a waterway

Rural Tualatin Basin

Oregon Dept. of Forestry, 357-2191

Gully erosion, uncovered manure piles (Oct.-  
Apr.), improper manure or fertilizer placement,  
irrigation return flow, abused streambanks

Rural Tualatin Basin

Soil and Water Conservation District  
681-0953

Landslides or erosion

Urban Washington County  
Clackamas County  
The Tualatin Basin

Unified Sewerage Agency, 648-8621  
Department of Utilities, 650-3737  
DEQ Complaints Desk, 229-5393

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*Prepared by the Tualatin Riverkeepers, July 1996.*