

# OLWC NEWSLETTER



Oswego Lake Watershed Council and volunteers have had an active winter and early spring as you can read about in our Spring 2024 newsletter. Thousands of native plants are in the ground in restoration sites. More than 100 attendees enjoyed a presentation with Dr. David Lewis. Exciting community events are planned for April and May. Read on for more details. Follow [this link](#) to get involved in OLWC.



## Watershed Restoration

OLWC, in partnership with the Mountain Park HOA and Clackamas Soil and Water Conservation District, has been working on a long-term project to enhance and preserve the watershed along Springbrook. Invasive species such as Himalayan blackberry, English ivy, and sweet cherry have been treated or removed, leaving space for native species to be planted and thrive. We were thrilled to see the return of native trillium and waterleaf in early April.

In February and March, over 4,000 native plants of more than 30 species were planted throughout Tanglewood Park. Large and small woody trees such as western hemlock, vine maple, and Oregon white oak were planted along with flowering shrubs such as mock orange, osoberry and red flowering currant. Native herbaceous plants such as Oregon sunshine, western sword fern, and salal will fill in as beautiful groundcover.

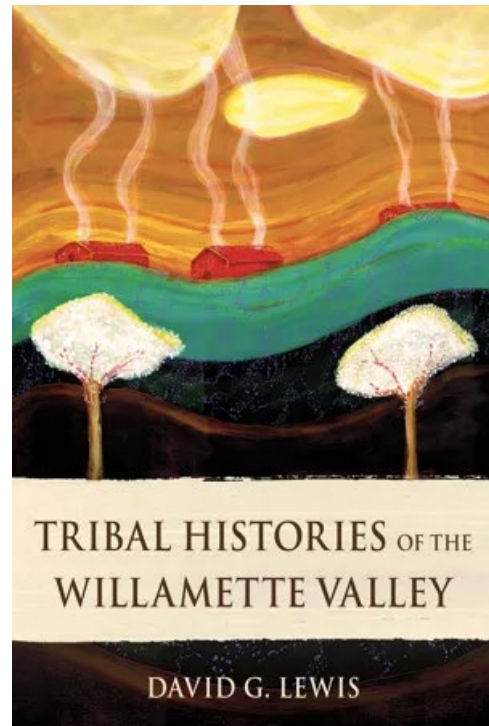
## Upcoming Events

**Fifth Grade  
Watershed Field Trips**

**Matthew Shepherd to  
Speak on “Creating a  
Garden to Support  
Pollinators”**

**Bee BioBlitz!  
Citizen Science**





## David Lewis' Presentation

On March 5, in partnership with Friends of Tryon Creek, OLWC was honored to host David G. Lewis, PhD, as guest speaker. Dr. Lewis is a member of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, and a recognized researcher, scholar, writer and assistant professor of anthropology and Indigenous studies at OSU.

Dr. Lewis spoke about his new book, "Tribal Histories of the Willamette Valley". Interest in his presentation was so high that a new venue had to be secured in order to accommodate a waitlist that doubled the original expected attendance. We encourage you to read his book.

## Fifth Grade Field Trips



OLWC is taking every Lake Oswego 5th grader on a walking field trip from their school campus to explore their local watershed.

Students visit three stations along the route that allow them to explore water quality, (dissolved oxygen, pH and temperature), water infiltration rates into various soils, and macroinvertebrates (small organisms living in the water).

The lessons have been designed to support the Mystery Science World of Water unit they are studying and to bring a local context to support their learning experience.



OSWEGO LAKE WATERSHED COUNCIL PRESENTS

# CREATING A GARDEN TO SUPPORT POLLINATORS

with Matthew Shepherd

Director of Outreach and Education

The Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation



May 7 • 6PM

Admission is FREE via Zoom



or visit [oswegowatershed.org](https://oswegowatershed.org)  
for registration

Join us for an introduction to the diversity and natural history of our local native bees, how to choose bee-friendly plants, and other actions you can take to make your garden a pollinator haven.



OLWC will host  
Matthew Shepherd  
on May 7th at 6:00 pm  
via Zoom.

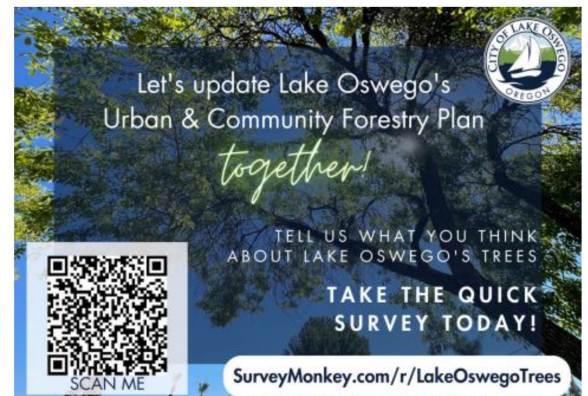
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## Bee BioBlitz - May 11th

Oswego Lake Watershed Council is sponsoring a **Bee BioBlitz** to identify as many pollinators in our community as possible over a three hour period. Register at [oswegowatershed.org](https://oswegowatershed.org)

# Urban and Community Forest Plan Update

Lake Oswego is in the midst of updating the Urban and Community Forest Plan. As described on the [city's website](#), the purpose of the plan is to “bring together policies, practices, and plans related to Lake Oswego’s urban forest and it serves as a planning and policy tool for managing our urban forest.” OLWC has actively partnered in providing input and feedback on early drafts of the plan. Members of the community are also encouraged to provide input on this essential planning document.



## In other OLWC news...

Three new members joined the OLWC board in January 2024 - Deanne Crone Knipple, Patrick Gutierrez, and Sue Yesilada. For more information on becoming an OLWC member or partner, contact us at [info@oswegowatershed.org](mailto:info@oswegowatershed.org)