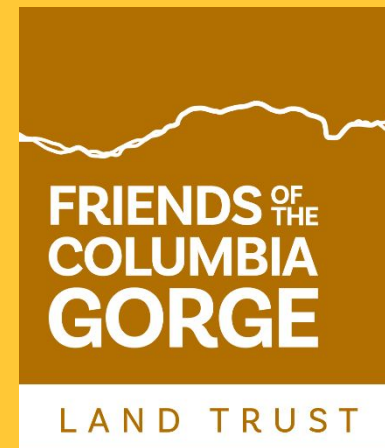




# Volunteer Land Steward Program



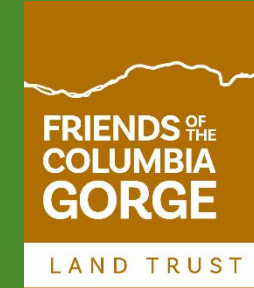




**A highly trained group of volunteers who “adopt” a property and volunteer on their own schedule to provide ongoing care and stewardship in alignment with stewardship goals and best management practices.**



# Partnerships Make it Possible



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# Program Overview

Started in 2020....

3 Preserves

10 Land Stewards

2024....

6 Gorge Preserves

25 Land Stewards

Almost 100% retention!





# Setting up for success

## Training by Partners and Staff

- Plant identification
- Weed removal BMPs
- Site values and ecology
- Basic monitoring apps
- Site Plan & Maps
- Staff support on site

## Volunteer commitment

- 1 year or more of monthly stewardship





# Benefits

- ☺ Expands stewardship capacity
- ☺ We can try new projects
- ☺ 570 hours of service in 2023



- ☺ **Volunteers** highly value
  - Connection to place
  - Learning ecology
  - Seeing progress



# Fun and Community





# Beaconeers Weed Anthem 2022

**All the weeds are gone  
They've been cast away  
So we can take a walk  
On a weedless day  
Only beneficials  
Will be on display  
Washington is dreamin'  
Of such a weedless day  
Stepped into a park  
We passed along the way  
Well, we got down on our knees  
And pulled the weeds away  
Stinky Bob and Hawk weed  
Know they're goin' away  
Oregon is dreamin'  
Of such a weedless day  
Noxious weeds are gone  
No one feels dismay  
So we can take a walk  
On a weedless day  
Native plants are everywhere now  
The weeds have gone away  
Our River Gorge is dreamin'  
Of such a weedless day  
Of such a weedless day  
Of such a weedless day**

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