

# Our Mission

The Rivers to Ridges (R2R) Partnership is dedicated to improving the quality of life for residents in the upper Willamette Valley by working together to protect and enhance the region’s land and water resources and their ecosystem functions and values; and to provide environmental education and compatible outdoor recreation opportunities.



## Vision Refresh Process Underway

Through the combined efforts of our partners, a significant portion of what was envisioned in the 2003 R2R vision has been implemented and a “Refresh” process was launched in 2020 to look toward what might be possible over the next 20 years. The process has been split into three phases – Phase 1 asked partner organizations to define their priorities within the broader upper Willamette watershed and was completed in 2020. Phase 2 occurred in 2021 and focused on evaluating Partnership structure and looking for ways to expand our stakeholder base to ensure diverse and inclusive representation from the community. Phase 3 will be conducted in 2022 once funding is secured and will include a robust community outreach process and development of a refreshed and inspirational vision.



## Partnership Organizations

- City of Eugene
- Coast Fork Willamette Watershed Council
- Friends of Buford Park & Mount Pisgah
- Lane County Public Works Department
- Institute for Applied Ecology
- Long Tom Watershed Council
- McKenzie River Trust
- McKenzie Watershed Council
- Middle Fork Willamette Watershed Council
- Mount Pisgah Arboretum
- Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife
- Oregon Parks and Recreation Department
- The Nature Conservancy
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- U.S. Bureau of Land Management
- U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
- Willamalane Park and Recreation District
- Willamette Resources and Educational Network
- Willamette Riverkeeper



**Photos:** Cover: Fall colors on Mount Pisgah (A. Jackson); Small photos from upper left to right: Trillium in burn area near Eagle Rock Park (E. Alverson); Anise swallowtail at Willow Creek (C. Kerst); Kincaid’s lupine at fir butte (Institute for Applied Ecology); Willamette River at Hileman Park (E. Alverson); Talking Stone in Whilamut Natural Area (J. Krueger); 2021 Spring Box Burn at HBRA (E. Alverson), Stewart Pond disk golf course (BLM); WREN field study (WREN).

# Rivers to Ridges Partnership 2021 Accomplishments

Acres of  
Habitat Restored

1,047

Up from 567 in 2020  
and 452 in 2019

Miles of New  
or Upgraded Trail

5.5

Numerous  
Sites

Number of  
Plants Planted

99,110

Down from 170,310  
planted in 2020

Volunteer  
Hours

20,969

Up from 18,898 in 2020.  
Down from 42,271 in 2019.

Acres Burned  
by Prescribed Fire

62

Up from 0 in 2019 and 2020.  
Down from the 18-year  
average of 278.

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Pounds of  
Seed Planted

3,348

Up from 1,031 in 2020





# Rivers to Ridges

## Metropolitan Regional Parks and Open Space Vision Map

June 2003 Vision (Updated December 2019)

**Map Update:** This vision map was revised in 2017 to include updated extent of conserved lands, trails, and paths along with a more detailed geographic base. The parks and open space vision shown is consistent with the concepts depicted on the original 2003 *Rivers to Ridges* vision map and subsequent refinements including the 2008 *Ridgeline Area Open Space Vision* and the 2010 *Willamette River Open Space Vision*. The *Rivers to Ridges* vision was endorsed by the Lane County Board of Commissioners (February 2003), The Eugene City Council (March 2003), the Willamalane Park and Recreation District Board (April 2003), and the Springfield City Council (May 2003), all by unanimous consent. The vision is intended to provide a framework for future open space planning efforts.

## Accomplishments 2003 - 2021

