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State Land Board Recognizes Jackson-Frazier Wetland Restoration

CORVALLIS, Ore. – The State Land Board today honored the revitalization of a once-damaged wetland in Corvallis.

The multi-year project that restored water flow and native species at Jackson-Frazier Wetland was commended by Governor Kate Brown, State Treasurer Tobias Read, and Secretary of State Shemia Fagan during the 17th Annual Land Board Awards ceremony.

Work by project partners corrected years of damage to the valuable wetland, smoothing human-made ruts and mounds and adding subtle contours and depressions to support the wetland's hydrology. Invasive reed canary grass was also removed, allowing native species to once more flourish and support wildlife.

The now-healthy wetland helps enhance water quality and retain floodwater to the benefit of the surrounding community, said Adam Stebbins, Natural Resources Coordinator with Benton County.

"To finally make right what was done back in the '80s and let that site reach its full potential again, that's something to be proud of," Stebbins said.

Invasive reed canary grass has decreased by 90 percent, allowing native plants like the threatened Bradshaw's desert parsley and the endangered Nelson's Checkermallow to reclaim the area. Migratory birds observed at the wetland have increased by 25 percent.

Visitors can visit the recovering wetland and learn about its benefits from an adjacent boardwalk.

"This project leaves a legacy," said Treasurer Read, who presented the award. "The Jackson-Frazier Wetland now provides crucial benefits to the community, supports wildlife, and enhances learning and public recreation. These partners set a standard for what future restoration work can and should look like."

Project partners included Benton County Natural Areas & Parks, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the City of Corvallis, and the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board.

The Land Board Awards honor exceptional projects and partners for their contributions to protecting and enhancing Oregon's treasured natural resources. Learn more about this year's recipients on the [Land Board Awards website](#) or view the awards ceremony on the [DSL YouTube Channel](#).

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About the State Land Board

The State Land Board consists of Governor Kate Brown, Secretary of State Shemia Fagan and State Treasurer Tobias Read. Established by the Oregon Constitution in 1859, the Land Board oversees the state's Common School Fund.

About the Department of State Lands

The Department of State Lands is the Land Board's administrative agency, managing the lands and resources that help fund Oregon's public schools and protecting the state's waterways and wetlands for the many benefits they provide. For more information on DSL, visit www.oregon.gov/DSL.