



The Freshwater Trust is a statewide not-for-profit organization headquartered in Portland, Oregon with satellite offices in Bend and Corvallis. The Freshwater Trust takes a holistic approach to restoring freshwater ecosystems – from restoring a river’s architecture to working with landowners to keep more water in streams to educating children on the importance of freshwater conservation.

**The Freshwater Trust is comprised of four programs:
Oregon Trout, Oregon Water Trust, StreamBank and Healthy Waters Institute.**



Oregon Trout is dedicated to the truism that conservation benefits people, communities and the local economy. Habitat loss is the single most important factor contributing to salmon declines, and restoring habitat function is critical to salmon productivity. By identifying key “anchor habitats” or “refugia” for salmon and working with numerous partners, Oregon Trout takes direct aim at what may be the best, last chance to provide long-term protection and restoration to these species and the ecosystems upon which we all depend. For all projects, Oregon Trout works to purchase supplies and hire contractors locally, providing the ingredients for development of restoration-based local economies.



Every summer, many streams across Oregon go dry or nearly dry. And less water means less habitat. As the nation’s first water trust, Oregon Water Trust restores stream flows for healthier watersheds by using a variety of cooperative solutions. By providing a variety of incentives – including market-based compensation, technical assistance and expert advice – Oregon Water Trust restores freshwater habitat and improves water quality. Oregon Water Trust helps water users utilize their water more efficiently, supports sustainable communities and provides water users the tools to maintain their livelihoods – while connecting communities to the fundamental relationship between people, land and water.



StreamBank proposes an answer to the efficiency needs facing restoration work today. It changes the way restoration currently works. Developed by The Freshwater Trust, StreamBank is a unique and innovative web tool that enables landowners and restoration professionals to efficiently permit and fund a restoration project. Permitting and funding have historically been two of the main culprits that slow the pace and scale of restoration in Oregon, often taking up to 30 months to complete a project. With StreamBank, projects are completed in a matter of months, while maintaining the same or better project quality. When utilized at scale, StreamBank can have the power to transform entire watersheds and help address the freshwater challenges we face in Oregon.



Healthy Waters Institute connects students with their local watersheds by getting them out of the classroom and into their local rivers and streams. Students participate in field experiences and restoration projects, allowing teachers to go beyond the classroom and provide hands-on learning opportunities that connect students to the natural world. Healthy Waters Institute works collaboratively with teachers, school administration and community partners so schools can easily offer students interactions relevant to existing curricula. By uniting education, community and local stewardship, Healthy Waters Institute takes an active role in cultivating the next generation of freshwater caretakers.