



# WATERSHED STEWARDSHIP

## A LEARNING GUIDE

- A comprehensive, practical watershed enhancement curriculum
- Help for residents and volunteers who want to be good stewards of their watershed.

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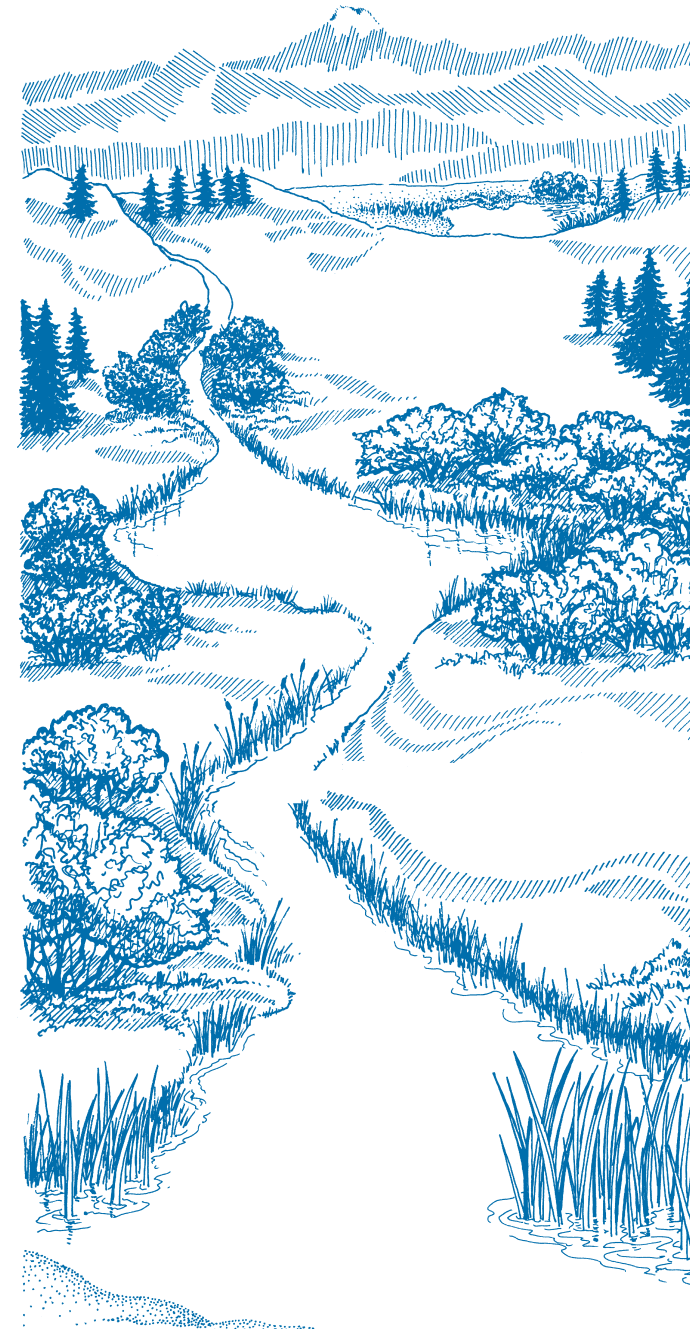
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The term “watershed” is very popular these days; it’s often used to describe physical boundaries, as an approach to resource management, or even as a metaphor for dramatic change. Each of us lives in a watershed and is affected by what happens in our watershed.

*Watershed Stewardship: A Learning Guide* is a valuable resource for everyone interested in or working in watersheds:

- Watershed councils, associations, or other groups
- Landowners or managers
- Volunteer interest groups
- Livestock and small woodland associations
- Policy and decision makers





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### The challenge

Across the Pacific Northwest, state initiatives are being created and funded to address watershed health through the use of voluntary practices. These programs rely on landowners and land managers to develop management plans (with watershed councils, associations, or other public groups) and to voluntarily make changes in their management practices.

Thus, if you're a member of a watershed group, a landowner or manager, or part of the volunteer or paid workforce, you need to understand watershed processes and conditions. You also need to know about enhancement practices so you can make good decisions, voluntarily make management changes, and implement enhancement projects.

What you need is an educational program that takes a comprehensive, interrelated approach—one that teaches how to work together as a group, helps people understand and enhance watershed ecosystems, and connects resource management to watershed ecosystems.

### A response

*Watershed Stewardship: A Learning Guide* is a comprehensive, practical watershed enhancement educational curriculum. In short, it is intended to help residents and volunteers be good stewards of their watershed.

This 19-chapter guide, developed by the Oregon State University Extension Service, covers how to:

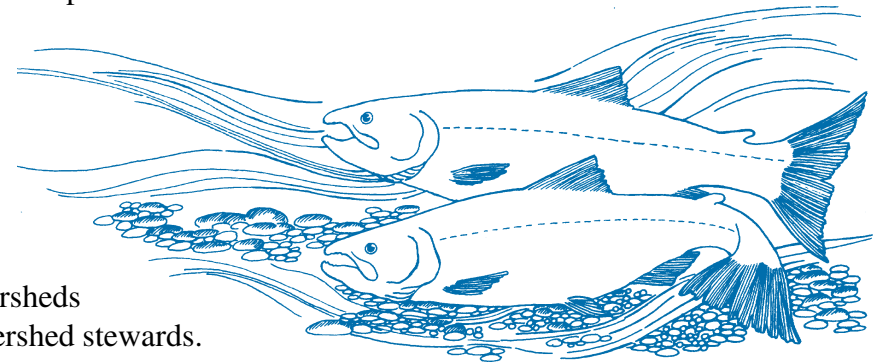
- Form and maintain effective partnerships
- Assess conditions and develop strategies for enhancing watershed resources
- Implement effective enhancement projects

### How to use the Guide

You can use the guide individually or as a group to the degree, speed, and depth that fits you personally. You can read the guide from cover to cover to get the full picture. The chapters in each section complement each other and provide information to better understand the complexity of watersheds and working together as watershed stewards.

You can enhance learning further by coordinating the use of the guide with training based on local needs and wishes. The chapters are written with the idea that they can be used as part of workshops along with other materials (slides, videos, etc.).

But you also can use the guide a chapter at a time, either alone or with other chapters in the same section or other sections. Each chapter is meant to stand alone if necessary.



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