**Vanishing Ecosystems**
Prior to European settlement, the Willamette Valley was a mosaic of oak savanna, upland prairie, and riparian woodlands. The coniferous forests atypical of the Pacific Northwest were not readily found on the valley floor. Over time, human disturbances have fragmented valley floor habitats to varying degrees. Walama Restoration Project believes that habitat rehabilitation and education is the only way to preserve and restore some of the remaining fragments of our region’s native ecology.

**Problems with Invasive Species**
The spread of invasive species is one of the most serious threats to biodiversity, undermining the ecological integrity of many native habitats. Invasives are the second largest cause of plant extinction. With most of the Willamette Valley dominated by non-native vegetation, WRP prioritizes areas of high ecological significance and works with community partners to design site specific protocols for invasive plant removal and re-vegetation.

**WRP Mission:**
Walama Restoration Project is dedicated to environmental stewardship & biological diversity through education & habitat restoration.

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Programs & Accomplishments

- 2 year native plant propagation programs with over seven local schools & youth programs in the Southern Willamette Valley.

- Innovative weed removal & planting techniques to establish & maintain native prairie habitat in the Whilamut Natural Area, along the Walterville Tailrace, & The Fisher Butte wildlife management area in West Eugene.

- The establishment of a native plant nursery sites for the production of locally collected riparian and upland seeds.

- The continuation of three community-organized restoration stewardship projects along the Willamette River and in the West Eugene Wetlands.

- Sustained partnerships with regional Watershed Councils to restore riparian habitat within the Willamette and McKenzie watersheds.

- Collaboration with the City of Eugene, Eugene BLM, and The Nature Conservancy to selectively weed invasive vegetation on over 60 acres of wetland habitat.

- Collaboration with community residents to grow out native upland and riparian species in backyards.

- Through a partnership with Oregon Toxics Alliance, Oregon Department of Transportation & concerned residents in the Siuslaw watershed, WRP is working to provide manual as opposed to chemical vegetation controls along an 8 mile stretch of Hwy. 36. This portion of the road is adjacent to private residencies, public schools, and salmon fisheries.

Activities & Services

- Noxious Weed Removal
- Oak Savanna & Upland Prairie Rehabilitation
- Riparian & Wetland Enhancement
- Landslide/Slope Stabilization
- Native Re-vegetation & Site Design
- Native Seed Collection
- Avian Inventory & Monitoring
- Plant Surveying
- Native Plant Salvage

Educational Workshops Offered

- Water Quality Testing & Monitoring
- Native seed collection and processing
- Plant Propagation
- Riparian, Wetland, & Upland Ecology
- Native Shrub & Tree Planting
- Native Plant Identification & Biodiversity
- Native Plant Demonstration Gardens