

Marion Soil and Water Conservation District

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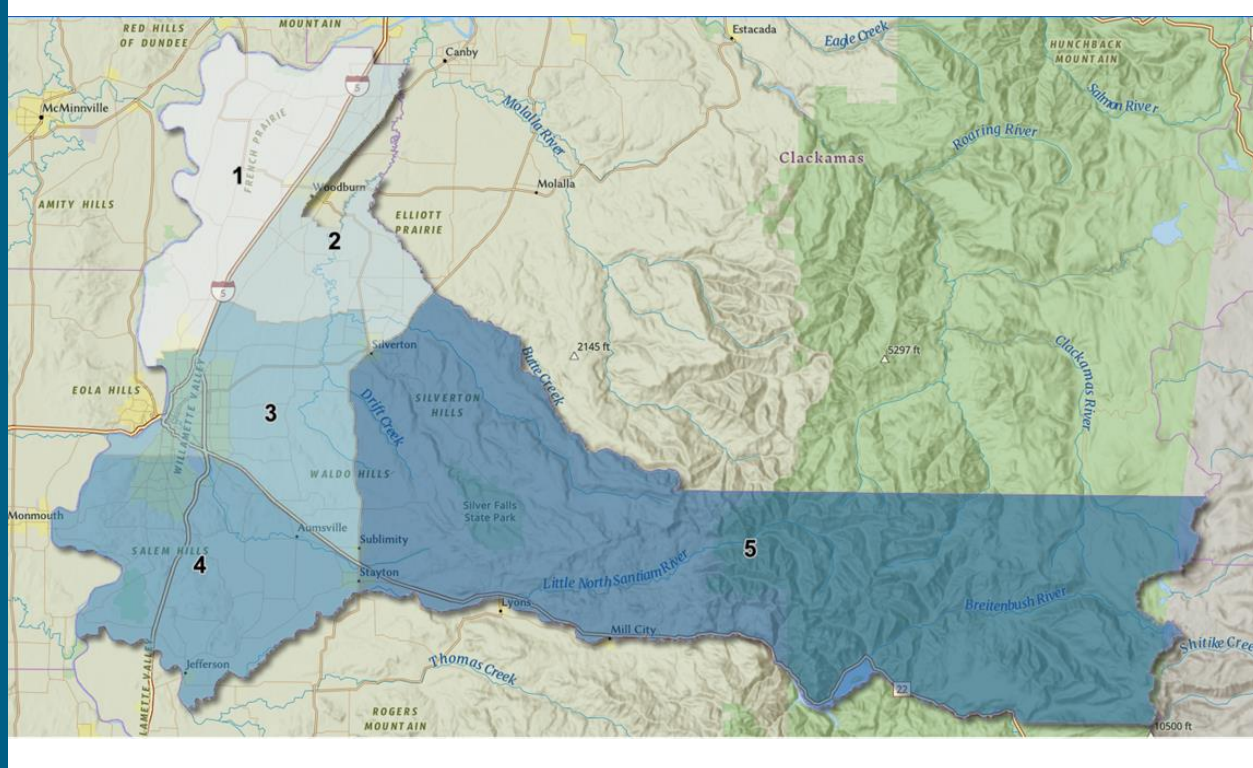
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Photo: Redeemer Community Garden
Composting Workshop, Spring 2026



District Overview



Marion SWCD district boundary and zone map



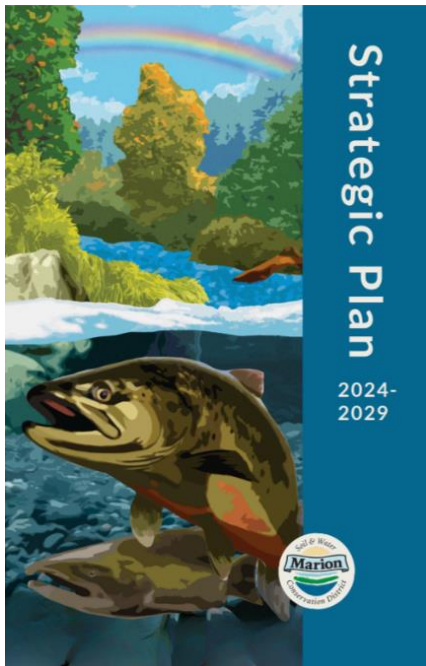
Partners include (but are not limited to):



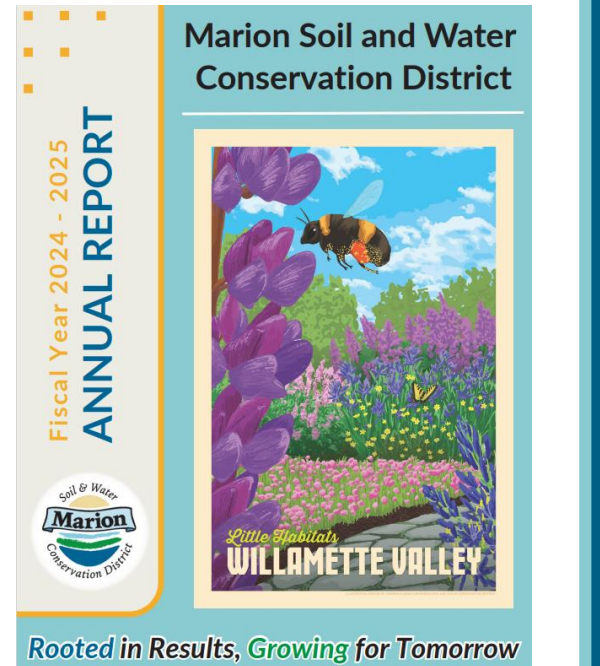
Our Mission

Partnering with people in support of

“...thriving lands, clean water & healthy habitats...”



1. Inspire Conservation
2. Healthy Soil and Clean Water
3. Healthy Habitats
4. Productive Working Lands
5. Effective Partnerships
6. Organizational Health



Reach and Impact: Grant Programs

FY 2024 - 2025 Grant Award Program	Grant Funds Awarded (\$)
Conservation Assist. Grant	\$246,748
Cover Crop Assist. Program	\$45,000
Special Project Grant	\$10,000
CLEAR Grant	\$42,652
Partner Grant	\$124,990
Total Awards	\$469,390

851 Acres Planted in Cover Crops
Across 8 watersheds

10 Projects supporting conservation education
for 3,142 K-12 Students.

Funds additionally supported 17 schools with 15
Salmon Watch field trips reaching
an additional 831 3rd - 12th grade students

8 Partnering Entities with 10 projects
Including Collegiate Institutions Watershed
Councils, Cities and Non-profits



Reach and Impact: Programs Snapshot

Native Plant Sale

8,124 Native Plants Purchased by
310 Community Members
25 Volunteers Contributed
80 Volunteer Service-Hours
\$10,557.67 Revenue Generated
\$6,500 Raised for Stan Vistica Scholarship



Little Habitat Project (LHP)

Participating Cities District wide: 20

Sites Enrolled (District wide): 152

- Of those: 121 sites enrolled in Salem

Sites Certified (District wide): 60

- Of those: 32 sites certified in Salem



Reach and Impact: Other Programs & Resources

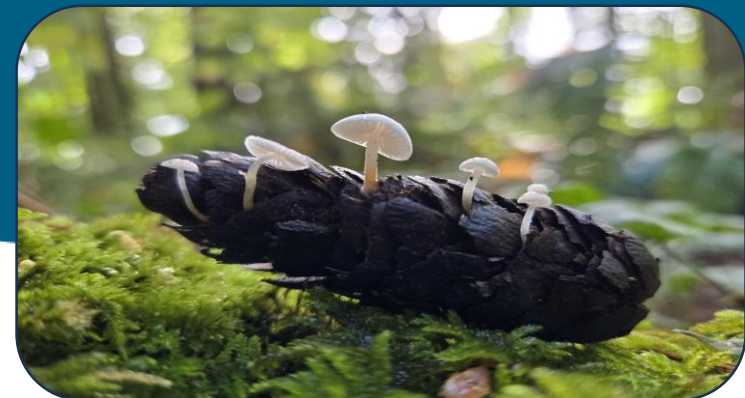
Free Technical Assistance

- **Agriculture**
 - Soils & Croplands
 - Pasture & Livestock
- **Natural Areas**
- **Urban Centers and Spaces**



Youth & Adult Education

- **Agriculture Conservation Education (ACE)**
- **Salmon Watch Field Trips**
- **First Friday (Virtual Presentations)**
- **Conservation Spotlight (Radio Program)**



Marion SWCD Partnerships Across Salem



Top (Left to Right): MWOG logo, Willamette University Classroom Presentation on Native Pollinator Habitat, Marion SWCD Grant Funded Pringle Creek Community Garden Enhancement.

Bottom (Left to Right): Conservation Spotlight Radio Segment graphic, Marion SWCD CLEAR grant funds supporting North Salem HS Forestry Biology Field Trip.



Thank You!



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