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Protect Our Waters: Waterway Cleanup Series Seeks Volunteers for Summer Events

Portland, Ore., May 14, 2024 – The annual Waterway Cleanup Series, a **collaborative effort between SOLVE and Clackamas Water Environment Services**, has **launched its 2024 iteration** with a highly successful kickoff event at Meldrum Bar Park in Gladstone. The event, held on May 9, brought together **36 volunteers** who joined forces to **clean the vegetation and wetlands along the picturesque Willamette River**, collectively **picking up 100 pounds of trash** and preventing it from reaching the waterways.

The **Waterway Cleanup Series, spanning from May to September**, is a vital initiative aimed at elevating the cleanliness of rivers, streams, and creeks throughout the region. Each year, SOLVE and Clackamas Water Environment Services join forces to **actively promote and support a diverse range of litter cleanup projects**, all geared towards **preserving and enhancing the health of our precious waterways**.

"We are thrilled to launch another season of the Waterway Cleanup Series, a true testament to the power of community and environmental stewardship," said Kris Carico, CEO of SOLVE. "As we embark on this journey together, I urge individuals and families to seize this opportunity to make a tangible impact on the environment while connecting with nature and each other. Hosting or joining a cleanup event is not just about picking up trash; it's about fostering a sense of responsibility and pride in our local ecosystems, ensuring they remain vibrant and healthy for generations to come."

Get Involved!

We're calling on **individuals, businesses, community groups, and organizations to host cleanup events** along their favorite waterways throughout the summer months. By **organizing or joining** a cleanup event, everyone plays a crucial role in preventing trash from polluting our rivers. More information and details about the **family-friendly Watershed Discovery Day on June 1st** can be found on our website: <https://www.solveoregon.org/waterway-series>

About SOLVE

SOLVE is a statewide non-profit organization that brings people together to improve our environment and build a legacy of stewardship. Since 1969, the organization has grown from a small, grassroots group to a national model for volunteer action. Today, SOLVE mobilizes and trains tens of thousands of volunteers of all ages across Oregon and Southwest Washington to clean and restore our neighborhoods and natural areas and to build a legacy of stewardship for our state. Visit solveoregon.org for more information.

About Clackamas Water Environment Services

Clackamas Water Environment Services (WES) produces clean water, protects water quality, and recovers renewable resources. We do this by providing wastewater services, stormwater management, and environmental education. It's our job to protect public health and support the vitality of our communities, natural environment and economy.
