

Network of Oregon Watershed Councils—Summer 2008 Update

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Spirit Mountain Community Fund Invests in the Network & Councils

We're thrilled to announce that [Spirit Mountain Community Fund](#) has made a one-year commitment to support the Network's efforts to further increase the effectiveness of watershed councils in Oregon. This partnership represents a continuation of the Fund's focus on improving the quality of life in Northwest Oregon, an excellent alignment with the work of watershed councils and the Network. The grant reflects a proud tradition of giving back to the community on the part of the [Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde](#). The Network will combine this funding with support from Meyer Memorial Trust, Laird Norton Family Foundation, the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board and private contributors to develop a series of capacity-building workshops for watershed council staff and members in the year ahead.

Meyer Memorial Trust Expands Partnership with the Network

[Meyer Memorial Trust](#), one of the most well-respected private foundations in Oregon and Southwest Washington, announced in June they will expand their partnership with the Network of Oregon Watershed Councils, making a three-year commitment to our statewide watershed council capacity building program. The Trust's long-term investment in our work underscores their commitment to supporting the work of community-based stewardship of Oregon's watersheds. The grant funding from Meyer, combined with other private and public support, will enable us to hire a new [Education & Training Coordinator](#) to lead this core Network program. This is a tremendous step forward for our young organization. Many thanks to the Trust and our other supporters for making this possible.

Job Announcement: Education & Training Coordinator

Are you looking for a challenging and rewarding position with a dynamic nonprofit organization serving community watershed councils throughout Oregon? Do you know someone with great organizational development experience and a desire to have a positive impact in communities all over the state? If this sounds interesting to you, check out the job description, or pass it along to friends and colleagues who may be interested. **The job is open until filled, but we anticipate interviews in July and hiring in early August, so don't delay!** Cover letters, resumés, and applications for the position may be sent by email to [John Moriarty](#), or mailed to:

John Moriarty, Executive Director
Network of Oregon Watershed Councils
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New Coordinator Workshop a Success

About 10-12 new coordinators are hired by councils each year. Until the formation of the Network, there was no orientation available for people entering this challenging position. That's beginning to change! Fourteen new, and somewhat new, coordinators from throughout Oregon convened at the University of Oregon on May 22-23rd for our first New Coordinator Workshop since early 2005. With incredible assistance and support from our partners, the Network introduced coordinators to [state](#) and [federal](#) agency partners; provided guidance on project prioritization and project management; offered information on nonprofit incorporation options; engaged coordinators in organizational management exercises; and offered suggestions on managing budgets with multiple funding sources. [Presentations and resources](#) from the workshop are available on our website. As one coordinator said of the workshop, **"I learned so many interesting things I can do to be more successful at my job."** As we continue to build foundation, individual, and business support, we will increase the frequency and diversity of our workshop offerings. Stay tuned for more information. Special thanks to our [organizing team and workshop contributors](#), and to the [Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board](#) for their core support of this workshop.

Thank You to Our Newest Business Partners!

In May, [River Design Group, Inc.](#) and the [Port of Portland](#) each made an important financial commitment to the Network of Oregon Watershed Councils for 2008-2009. Thank you! **Business sponsorship of the Network represents a win-win-win** for business, the Network and watersheds throughout the state. In return for their sponsorship investment, businesses receive a range of benefits aimed at increasing their visibility among potential clients and all Oregonians committed to healthy ecosystems, vibrant communities, and strong local economies. Business sponsorship enables the Network to increase our services to watershed councils. And stronger councils mean increased stewardship of watersheds throughout Oregon. For more information on becoming a business sponsor, call or email [John Moriarty](#) (541-682-8323).

Thank you to our most recent individual donors:

Lisa & Richard Stoltze, Portland

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Have a wonderful summer!