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Happy holidays! Learn about our new technology and sign up to plant trees below.

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## A Bird's Eye View, But Better

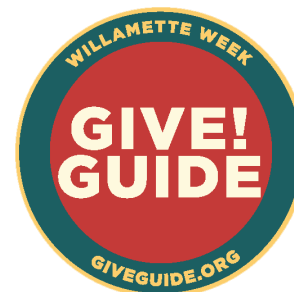
### Drone will enhance monitoring and data collection



*Batwater Station, approximately one year after our habitat restoration project wrapped up.*

The Estuary Partnership recently added an unmanned aerial vehicle, or drone, to our science program. The drone will be a helpful tool to enhance monitoring on past and future restoration projects. Our Research Scientist, Matthew Schwartz, obtained his remote pilot certification from the FAA to fly the drone. The drone will help monitor site changes at a high degree of resolution, and its near infrared camera will monitor plant health and plant distribution at sites. This technology will increase the area we can monitor and allow us to create survey grade maps and 3-D surface models. We've linked a quick flyover video of Batwater

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The Combined Federal Campaign runs through December 15. If you're a federal employee, please [make a pledge to the Estuary Partnership!](#)

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## Annual MLK Day Tree Planting

*“Even if I knew that tomorrow the world would go to pieces, I would still plant my apple tree.” – Martin Luther King, Jr.*



We won't be planting apple trees, but we will be planting native trees and shrubs at La Center Bottoms to honor MLK Day on Monday, January 16, 9am to noon. We hope you will join us to improve habitat along Breeze Creek and the East Fork Lewis River. Your work will be part of a larger restoration effort led by the

Estuary Partnership that reopened the wetlands to salmon last year. Plantings are a great activity for both families and individuals, and people of all ages and ability levels. [RSVP for the planting here.](#)



**Our Annual Brochure is complete!** [Take a look](#) to see what you helped us accomplish over the past year.



**Thanks to everyone who came out for Ecology Trivia Night!** Above is our winning team *Wolf Habitats* with their awesome prizes. Special thanks to [Wolf Water Resources](#) for offering a special match for the evening!



**39 stupendous volunteers** planted 750 native trees and shrubs with us at Sandy River Delta Park on November 19. **Thank you volunteers!** Read more about restoration efforts at the delta at [EnviroGorge](#).



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