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Happy Autumn, river lovers! We hope to see you on the water or at an event soon.

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Celebrate 20 Years with Us

Tickets are almost sold out for our [Annual Dinner & Art Gala](#), coming up October 17 at the Columbia River Yacht Club. There will be an incredible selection of art you can win in our [art showcase](#), an impressive line-up of [live auction experiences](#), a delectable dinner menu, dancing under the stars, and s'mores by the fire. Don't delay – [buy your tickets today](#) and join our celebration on the banks of the Columbia River.

Thank you, Gala sponsors:

Our heartfelt thanks go out to our Gala presenting sponsor [Smith-Root](#) and event



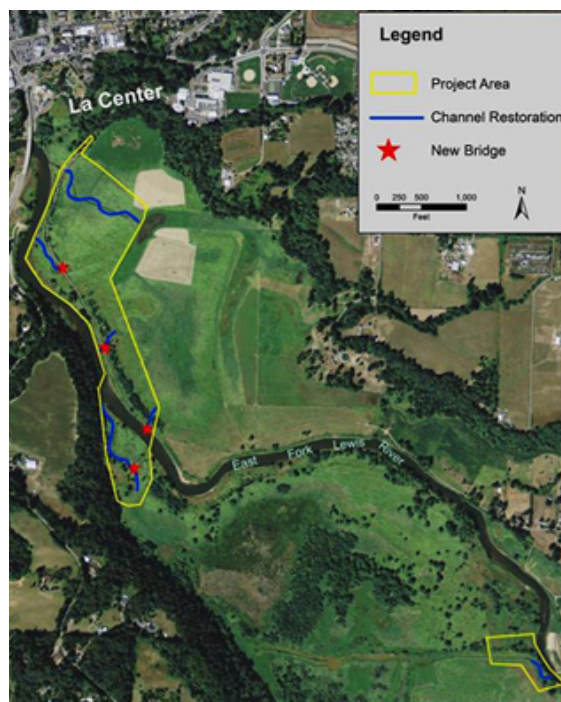
sponsors [Inter-Fluve](#) and [NW Natural](#). Read more about these upstanding corporate partners [on our website](#).

Congresswoman Bonamici visits Batwater Station Floodplain Restoration Site

In early September, we had the honor of taking Congresswoman Suzanne Bonamici (OR 1) on a tour of one of our restoration projects at Batwater Station Floodplain near Clatskanie. Landowners Michael and Karin Hunt, Estuary Partnership Board member and Lower Columbia Watershed Council Coordinator Margaret Magruder, as well as staff from the Columbia Soil & Water Conservation District met



Congresswoman Bonamici and walked her through the project, which recently removed a dike. The project is restoring the natural hydrology of the eastern portion of the property, allowing fish passage and providing key rearing habitat for migrating juvenile salmonids. It was a unique opportunity to give the Congresswoman a first-hand look at the work underway to restore wetlands on the Columbia River. We also gave the Congresswoman additional information on toxics in the Columbia River Basin and discussed the importance of the [Columbia River Basin Restoration Act](#). Read more about the visit in [Clatskanie newspaper *The Chief*](#).



Dig It, Plant It, Do It Again: Volunteer Planting Schedule

We invite you and your family and friends to join us at our volunteer plantings this fall and winter. Help us plant native trees and shrubs to enhance fish and wildlife habitat. Volunteer plantings take place Saturdays from 9am to noon unless otherwise noted.

Pre-registration is required. [Find our full volunteer schedule and register online now.](#)

- **[October 24](#)** - Salmon Creek, Vancouver, WA
- **[November 7](#)** - Salmon Creek, Vancouver, WA
- **[November 14](#)** - Salmon Creek, Vancouver, WA
- **[November 21](#)** - Vancouver Lake, Vancouver, WA
- **[Monday, January 18](#)** - La Center Bottoms, La Center, WA (*Martin Luther King, Jr. National Day of*

La Center Wetlands Restoration Underway

In September, the Estuary Partnership began construction on the **La Center Wetlands Restoration project**, located on the East Fork Lewis River near La Center, Washington. The project will reconnect 453 acres of historic floodplain habitat to the East Fork. To restore natural hydrology and allow fish to access the site, we will breach two levees in four locations, remove a weir and a culvert that are fish passage barriers, and re-meander an engineered channel so it is more sinuous. The project will restore habitat for numerous species, including various waterfowl, beaver, amphibians, reptiles, and juvenile salmonids. Construction will conclude by the end of October 2015. Additionally, we will be planting over 60,000 trees and shrubs over another 30 acres and engaging La Center students and community members to plant more than 4,000 trees and shrubs along

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For questions or more information, [email Samantha Dumont](#) or call 503-226-1565 x245.

Breeze Creek. Thank you, project partner Clark County, and project funders Bonneville Power Administration, Washington Department of Ecology, and Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board.

Science to Policy Summit - Join the Conversation

Join us for our Science to Policy Summit for peer-to-peer discussions on reducing toxics in the Columbia River Basin. We will hear about tools, techniques, and other voluntary efforts that are being used to reduce toxics, and discuss the challenges that hold back our efforts.

Our morning session will focus on farmers, growers, and foresters, and is designed to help farmers protect water quality, improve farm yields, reduce health risks, and increase economic viability. **Our afternoon session will focus on reducing stormwater impacts**, drawing on experiences from **builders, developers, and local governments**.

The conversation happens November 19th in Vancouver, Washington. [See our list of presenters and register on our website.](#)

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