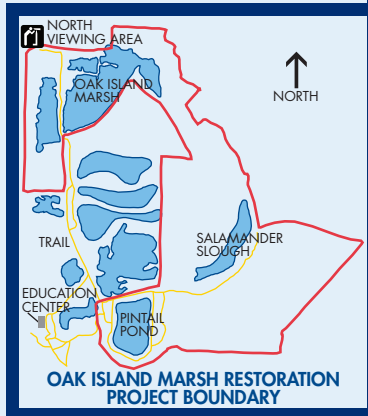


OAK ISLAND MARSH RESTORATION PROJECT

Jackson Bottom Wetlands Preserve A PARTNERSHIP PROJECT FOR OUR FUTURE

The City of Hillsboro Parks & Recreation, with help from strategic partners, is restoring the final 270 acres of degraded habitat in the 635-acre Jackson Bottom Wetlands Preserve. The Oak Island Marsh Restoration project will create a resilient habitat filled with diverse, native plants and animals that will help protect our local watershed.



The degraded habitat, structurally unsound wetlands and non-functional wastewater treatment facilities will be restored into a self-sustaining floodplain ecosystem which will support one of the region's premier regional bird watching destinations.

This project made possible through grants from Metro and the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board.



PROJECT PHASES

Site Preparation: Has occurred for the last three years. This was done by removing invasive plant species that prevented native plants from growing. All site preparation activities were done by certified restoration crews.

Construction: Construction of wetlands will take place June through October 2017.

Planting: Planting of the site will take place October through March and will continue for approximately three years. The areas will need to be re-planted over multiple years to account for plant mortality.

Maintenance: Site will be maintained for three to five years following planting to encourage the survival of native plants.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

There will be many opportunities to get involved in the Oak Island Marsh Restoration. The project will require 1,500 volunteers and 4,000 hours of their time. Opportunities will include propagating plants, chipping trails, planting native species, collecting seeds and building bat and bird boxes.

Jackson Bottom also has a robust Citizen Science program. These volunteers collect and report bird monitoring data. Continued bird monitoring will track the success of the restoration project.



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