



# Yamhill County Parks

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To: Yamhill County Board of Commissioners  
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From: Jarod Logsdon, Parks and Work Crew Division Manager

Re: Institution for Applied Ecology OWEB Restoration Grant Application Letter of Support

I would like to request consideration for Yamhill County Parks to collaborate with the Institute of Applied Ecology (IAE) in their application for the OWEB Restoration Grant. The grant applicant seeks to restore upland prairie habitat found historically in the Willamette Valley landscape. Regarding Yamhill County Parks, the grant seeks to enhance and expand the existing stand of Kincaid's lupine located in the southwest corner of Deer Creek Nature Park. Yamhill County Parks has partnered with IAE in previous projects and the organization demonstrates high proficiency in accomplishing the goals set out in their proposals. Yamhill County will provide a restoration services match of \$2,224 through in-kind labor of the Work Crew Program, staff coordination time, travel, and technical assistance. If funded, the project would potentially double the size of the current stand of Kincaid's lupine and better sustain a Fender's blue butterfly population (an endangered species that relies on Kincaid's lupine as a host). Upland Prairie habitats are a vanishing ecosystem and the County has partnered with various agencies in the past to restore Deer Creek Nature Park to its historic landscape. This collaboration aligns with the goals set for Deer Creek Nature Park and the mission of the parks department.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you for your consideration,

Jarod Logsdon  
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