

# Help Us Keep Mt. Tabor Park Healthy

Donate today to keep the award-winning Weed Warrior program alive.

For over 100 years, Mt. Tabor Park has provided an exceptional natural retreat, just minutes from downtown Portland, where we breathe deeply beneath towering Douglas Firs, stroll around historic reservoirs, and take in city views. Photo credit: Larry Olson



## WHY IS MT. TABOR PARK AT RISK?

Invasive plants like Himalayan blackberry and English ivy threaten to choke out biodiversity in Mt. Tabor Park. Left unchecked, invasives create a monoculture, degrade soil health, and negatively impact birds, pollinators, and other wildlife. In 2005, a City survey found 93 percent of Mt. Tabor Park's vegetation areas to be in "poor" or "severely degraded" condition. Since 2010, hundreds of our neighbors and friends have volunteered over 15,000 hours to restore health to the park by removing invasive species. This massive restoration effort has been spearheaded by a group called the Weed Warriors.

## WHO ARE THE WEED WARRIORS?

- The Weed Warriors is a major volunteer program of the Friends of Mt. Tabor Park.
- This award-winning program began in 2002 and expanded significantly in 2010 to bring ecological health back to Mt. Tabor Park.
- Since 2010, the Weed Warrior program has been led by a part-time paid Stewardship Coordinator who organizes volunteers once a month from March–October to remove invasive plants and inspire the next generation of park stewards.
- Over the last decade, Weed Warrior volunteers planted hundreds of native plants to prevent the return of invasive plants, stabilize steep hillsides, and capture stormwater run-off.
- In 2017, the Weed Warrior program engaged over 500 volunteers from across the Metro area.
- Until 2017, the program had been funded primarily by the City of Portland as part of Tabor to the River, a stormwater management project.
- The Weed Warrior program has been recognized by a **Spirit of Portland Award** and the statewide **Community Organization Award** from SOLVE.

Invasive blackberry and clematis overtaking native tree in Mt. Tabor Park. Photo credit: FMTP Board Member Bing Wong



Weed Warriors taking a rest after pulling English ivy. Photo credit: Stasia Honnold



NUMBER OF WEED WARRIOR  
**VOLUNTEER HOURS**  
RESTORING HABITAT IN MT. TABOR PARK  
2010–2017:  
**15,726**

In 2017, the City of Portland ended funding for the Weed Warrior program, jeopardizing years of restoration and the future health of the park.



Weed Warriors partnering with The Nature Conservancy get to work in Mt. Tabor Park!  
Photo credit: Tim Jewett



American Robin finds lunch in Mt. Tabor Park.  
Photo credit: FMTP Board Member Bing Wong

# The Mt. Tabor Park Stewardship Fund

A small group of neighbors and friends, led by the nonprofit Friends of Mt. Tabor Park, are banding together to help maintain the health of our beloved park.

- Stewardship Fund Goal: **\$100,000**
- Friends of Mt. Tabor Park will contribute \$12,500
- Funds will be invested through the Oregon Community Foundation where interest accrued will sustain the Weed Warrior program for generations to come.



Rough-skinned newt (*Taricha granulosa*) found in Mt. Tabor Park by a young Weed Warrior. Photo credit: Stasia Honnold

## DONATE TODAY!

Become a Steward of Mt. Tabor Park to keep the award-winning Weed Warrior program alive.

Let's take care of our gem of a park! All contributions count. Mt. Tabor Park is a priceless asset for all who value access to nature and recreation. Please consider contributing to this important one-time campaign. Make your tax-deductible contribution today at:

[www.taborfriends.org/stewardship](http://www.taborfriends.org/stewardship)

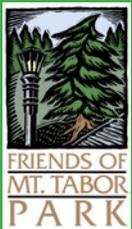
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For more information, please contact Friends of Mt. Tabor Park Board Member Mary Kinnick at [FMTPStewardshipFund@gmail.com](mailto:FMTPStewardshipFund@gmail.com). IRA Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) information available upon request. Thank you for your support!

Friends of Mt. Tabor Park is a 501(c)3 organization established in 2000 to improve and help maintain Mt. Tabor Park for the benefit of individuals, organizations, and the Park Bureau; to identify and help solve problems; and to participate in park planning projects.

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