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With the rapid rate of landscape conversion we have been and are witnessing in 2024-25, support for OregonFlora project is vital, more desperately needed than ever before.

Oregon lags way behind California in protecting the rich heritage of native vegetation and diverse, ancient landscapes that were here even 100 or 50 years ago.

Oregon must step up to recognize the vital role of our native plant communities in delivering the public services that Oregonians expect, such as clean air and water. OregonFlora is a vital, critical step in the right direction.

Please fund this program fully and in perpetuity.