



Willamette Falls Inter-Tribal Public Access Project

Member tribes of Willamette Falls Trust include: Confederated Tribes & Bands of the Yakama Nation, Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon

For the first time in 150 years, we have the chance to bring healing to a place of power

THE TIME IS NOW













Why It Matters

STATE REQUEST:

Willamette Falls Trust seeks funding and partnership from the state to acquire a significant portion of Moore's Island and the uplands, initiate environmental restoration, and return an iconic Oregon treasure to the people.

AVAILABILITY:

The closure of a paper mill on the property and an existing agreement between Portland General Electric and Willamette Falls Trust present a unique opportunity to purchase the land for public access and use.

COLLABORATION:

The Trust is a nonprofit organization that includes leadership from four Tribal governments plus representatives of local governments and private interests.

NATIONAL MODEL:

This project sets a precedent for regional and national collaboration, environmental stewardship and restoration, opportunities for education, and reconnection to land sacred to Indigenous Peoples since time immemorial.







NATURAL WONDER

Willamette Falls is the second largest waterfall (by volume) in the United States, after Niagara Falls.



HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Many Tribal Nations have creation stories centered around the Willamette River and the Falls. The area also played a central role in the 20th century industrialization that created the region's economy but left the Falls virtually inaccessible to the public.



PROJECT DESCRIPTION

An easily accessible public space developed alongside Tribal leaders that includes viewing platforms, pathways, facilities for educational and cultural events, and gift shop featuring local makers.



ENVIRONMENTAL PRESERVATION

2024 site assessments indicate the area can be restored and revitalized for public access and use.



BY THE NUMBERS

\$50-75M initial state funding ask for support as the Trust/State acquires more than 60 acres, on Moore's Island and surrounding uplands in West Linn, offering the best view of the Falls in the region.



ECONOMIC BENEFIT

Recreating an iconic Oregon landmark will attract tourism, amenities, and new businesses.