

# Help Build a Park: WINTER 2007-2008 UPDATE

# Amon Basin Community Project

Preserve and Protect our Urban Wildlands

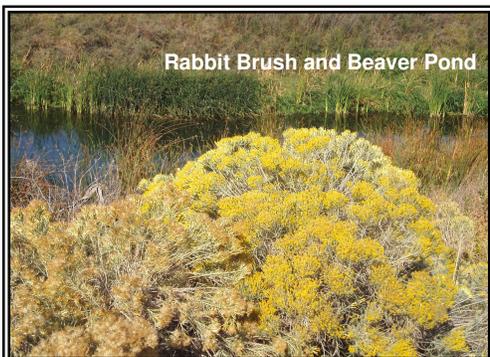
## Phase 1 is Complete!

Through your generous support and efforts, the first 60 acres of unique wildlands in South Richland are now preserved forever.



In early 2007, community donations, city funding, and agency grants enabled Tapteal Greenway (TGA) to purchase Phase 1 lands (60 acres) and donate them to the City of Richland to steward as a community park.

**Your help is needed now** to continue with Phase 2 to expand the preserve at Amon Basin Creek to the proposed Rivers-to-Ridges Trail System.



When the Steptoe extension is finished, so also will be the jackrabbits of Amon Basin unless their remaining habitat is protected. We have established a significant foundation with the Amon Creek Preserve and now have a very small window of time to complete the work. Act now!



## Phase 2 Goals: We are Making Progress!

### COMPLETED:

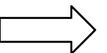
- ✓ Expanded area near Claybell Park by 39 acres
- ✓ Completed Amon Creek Preserve plant survey
- ✓ Received volunteer activities (1000 hours from Team Battelle and contributions from Scouts)
- ✓ Received REI grant to help offset costs of trailhead kiosks
- ✓ Received Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Grant for water quality sampling/education
- ✓ Placed access signs at two Amon Creek Preserve access points

### IN PROGRESS:

- Purchase 15.5-acre connective corridor between Claybell Park and Amon Creek Preserve
- Purchase additional acres to protect habitat crucial to the Amon Creek Preserve
- Implement the grant for water quality sampling with assistance from school children
- Develop restoration plan based on surveys of water quality, plants, fish, and wildlife
- Begin restoration and establish a trail system for public access
- Purchase and place benches and signs
- Place additional access control signs
- Control illegal vehicle access and dumping

## What Can I Do?

Donate to the Tapteal Greenway Association, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, to preserve Amon Basin for all Tri-Cities residents, the visiting public, and future generations to enjoy.



Please send your tax-deductible check to:  
Tapteal Greenway ("Amon" in memo line)  
P.O. Box 3007  
Richland, WA 99354

For further info:  
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For volunteer opportunities:  
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Acquiring Amon wildlands significantly increases property values. But time is running out: we have only a 2-year window before the land is developed. Please volunteer--we need your help!



**LOCATION:** See map above. Currently two areas, not yet connected, form the Amon Creek Preserve. These run east of Leslie Road near neighborhoods including El Rancho Reata, Willowbrook, Meadow Springs, and other communities. By next year, with your help, the connective corridor and additional acreage will become a reality.

**WELCOME ACTIVITIES:** This fragile area welcomes only muscle-powered activities like hiking, bicycling, horseback riding, and dog-walking.

**BANNED ACTIVITIES:** Dumping is strictly prohibited, including trash and yard debris. No unauthorized vehicles, including motorbikes or ATVs. These vehicles irreparably damage Amon's delicate lands.

## HOW CAN I HELP PROTECT AMON?

**STEP 1:** Report violations to:

**Richland Police** non-emergency number:  
**628-0333** or

**Richland Fire** non-emergency number:  
**942-7570.**

**STEP 2:** Record violation date, time, license plate, and other info. Then call 627-0950 with this information for Friends of Amon documentation.



For more information, go to [www.tapteal.org](http://www.tapteal.org) and click on Amon Basin.