

# Citizens Nature Project Natural Resource Reporting Form

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This form has been created by the Citizens Nature Project for grassroots citizen input to the Metro Natural Resources Study. By filling in this form, signing it, and returning it to the Nature Project, you can help us document and map the important natural resources in the Eugene/Springfield metropolitan area. Please copy and reprint this form, give it to your friends, & spread the word!

## 1. Location of the natural resource

To fully record the resource, an accurate location is most important! If you can, please sketch a rough location map on the back of this form.

Nearest Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ Land ownership  Public  Private  Unknown

Describe the Location \_\_\_\_\_

Tax Lot Number (if known/applicable) \_\_\_\_\_ GPS Coordinates? (if you have GPS) \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. Natural Resource Description

Please use one form for each site. Fill in what you know, and don't worry about questions you can't answer. The highest priority is to record sites that are not already protected.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bird Habitat (including bird watching sites)                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Cool Surface Water (Temperature? _____)   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mammal Habitat   | <input type="checkbox"/> Stream ( <input type="checkbox"/> Seasonal <input type="checkbox"/> Year-round) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Amphibian/Reptile Habitat  | <input type="checkbox"/> Pond ( <input type="checkbox"/> Seasonal <input type="checkbox"/> Year-round)   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rare Plants  | <input type="checkbox"/> Quiet Area  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rare Plant Community   | <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural/Historic Site  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Steep Slopes   | <input type="checkbox"/> Special Geology   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wetland ( <input type="checkbox"/> Seasonal <input type="checkbox"/> Year-round) | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreational Hiking Trail Site  |

Describe the Resource \_\_\_\_\_

Water Observed? \_\_\_\_\_

Plants Observed? \_\_\_\_\_

Animals Observed? \_\_\_\_\_

## 3. When did you observe this natural resource?

Once  2 to 4 times  more than 4 times Most recent date \_\_\_\_\_

## 4. Observer Coordinates — where do we find you?

Your info makes the nature info real.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Voice phone \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_


**Please Return A.S.A.P. to the Nature Project**

**By Mail:** Citizens Nature Project  
c/o Kevin Matthews  
PO Box 1588

**By Fax:** 541-345-7438 fax, 541-345-7421 vox (c/o Artifice)

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**Sketch a map of the resource location:**



**Some Significant Features to Note about a Natural Site**

- Are there multiple layers of vegetation ( "structural diversity", e.g., trees and shrubs and herbs)?
- Does the site have both evergreen vegetation (e.g., conifers) and deciduous vegetation?
- Does the site have "Old Growth"-type characteristics (e.g., snags, old trees, downed wood)?
- Do you know any of the kinds of trees or shrubs, and are they native? (e.g., Himalayan blackberry isn't native)
- Is the vegetation healthy-looking?
- Is there a significant percent of open water and wetlands vegetation?
- What about wildlife features - e.g., food sources, roosting, perching, nesting sites?
- Have you or others seen certain kinds of wildlife there that are not the most common?
- Are there some uncommon plants, combinations of plants, or habitats at this site (e.g., willows are not common anymore; a heron rookery is not as common as in earlier times)?
- Does the site have a number of natural features (e.g., both water and old vegetation; both a scenic view and good bird habitat; both forest and a wetland with sedges and willows)?
- Is the site near or connected to other good wildlife, riparian, scenic, or wetland habitat?

What social factors make this place a significant natural resource to the community?

- It has special scenic value
  - It offers natural space in a neighborhood where there is little
  - It's near a school, so it can be used for educational purposes or restoration activities
  - It's a favorite place of community people to walk
  - Other...
- What types of human activities occur on this site now?
  - What types of human uses are nearby?
  - Is the site fairly undisturbed by human activities at the present time?
  - Is the site fairly free of physical damage, e.g., from past human activities?
  - If there is some disturbance, could it be reversed, with attention to protection and restoration, or is it permanent damage?
- What is the potential for this site to be restored to better wildlife habitat, wetland or riparian habitat?