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**The State Water Resources Research Institute for Oregon**

## Program Overview:

In 2005, Oregon State University established the **Institute for Water and Watersheds** as the hub for water-related teaching and research activities at the University. The goals of the IWW are to:

- ◆ provide **coordination of water and watershed activities at OSU**,
- ◆ connect a diverse student body with relevant issues across the state,
- ◆ enable capture of new, high-value opportunities for research, education, and outreach,
- ◆ engage OSU faculty and students with external stakeholders throughout the state, and
- ◆ establish a set of **shared water and watershed collaboratories** supporting research, teaching and outreach.

### 2008 Institute Funding Awards

- ◆ **Adaptive Governance for Land and Water Management: The Rock Creek Sustainability Initiative - Towards A Model Pilot Project Coordination Process**
- ◆ **Documentary Film: An Exploration of Groundwater Rights And Community-based Action in Umatilla County**
- ◆ **Monitoring Harmful Algal Blooms that Threaten Drinking Water in Oregon**
- ◆ **Adapting a Problem-based Water Quality Curriculum Course for Community Colleges**
- ◆ **Effects of Sediment Barrier Removal on Geomorphic Complexity and Habitat Diversity**
- ◆ **Water Reuse in Corvallis, Oregon: Public Opinion and a Plan for Public Participation**
- ◆ **The Influence of Sediment Deposition on the Emergence Success of Juvenile Salmonids**
- ◆ **Sharing Water, Building Relations: Managing and Transforming Water Disputes in the US West**

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A central aspect of IWW is the **development of new and innovative ways to engage stakeholders**. IWW also sees its mission as training the next generation of water scientists and engineers by training teachers through **The Hydroville Challenge Problems for high school students** offered through the Environmental Health Sciences Center and the Science and Math Investigative Learning Experiences – the **SMILE Program**.



## Water Resources Graduate Program

IWW is affiliated with the **Water Resources Program** (<http://oregonstate.edu/gradwater/>) at Oregon State University which awards M.S. and Ph.D. degrees and brings together faculty and students from six colleges and multiple departments. The program includes core requirements for all students with additional work concentrated in specific degree programs in **Water Resources Engineering, Water Resources Science, or Water Resources Policy and Management**. The program's interdisciplinary curriculum allows students to become leaders in their focal area while gaining a broad understanding of related fields.