

A scenic view of the Truckee River flowing through a lush forest. The river is clear and blue, with white rapids and large, smooth, grey boulders scattered throughout. The banks are lined with dense green foliage, including tall evergreen trees and smaller shrubs. The sky is a clear, bright blue. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and natural.

Truckee River Urban Tree Workforce Program

Overall Program Goals

Planting trees and creating pathways to high-quality jobs

Conduct restorative vegetation management east of downtown Reno (Lake St to Galletti Way) along the Truckee River Corridor; while providing education, on-the-job training, and certification opportunity to community members with barriers to employment.

Program Current and Future Funding



Jan 2024 OTR received funding 24-27 from a Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) Urban and Community Forestry Grants Community

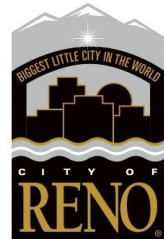
Dec 2024 OTR received funding 25-26 from River Network Rooting Resilience Program to expand Program staff hours



2025 OTR is researching and preparing to apply for EPA and other funding opportunity to support the Workforce Program

Effective Collaborations

- **One Truckee River** administers and coordinates the overall Program.
- **City of Reno** provides guidance and direction.
- **Reno Initiative for Shelter and Equality** manages the Program Supervisor and Crew Members.
- **Truckee Meadows Parks Foundation** provides ongoing technical assistance and education to the Program Supervisor and Crew Members.



Expected Outcomes: Tree Care

The Workforce increases Reno's urban tree canopy by:

- 273 trees protected from beaver damage
- 60 dead/declining trees removed
- 905 native trees reestablished or newly planted
- A work plan is initiated and completed based on tree inventories



Expected Outcomes: Urban & Community Forestry

A new Workforce development:

- 11 part-time jobs created
- 11 participants gain technical forestry instruction
- 670 seat-hours of instruction is completed
- 8 participants continue beyond the Program to become a certified arborist and/or secure another job in tree care or landscaping
- 10 Program stories, accomplishments, and lessons learned developed, published, and distributed
- 80% of Program participants with increased knowledge based
- curriculum developed



Expected Outcomes: Biodiversity

Strengthen an urban riparian and upland forest for long-term resilience:

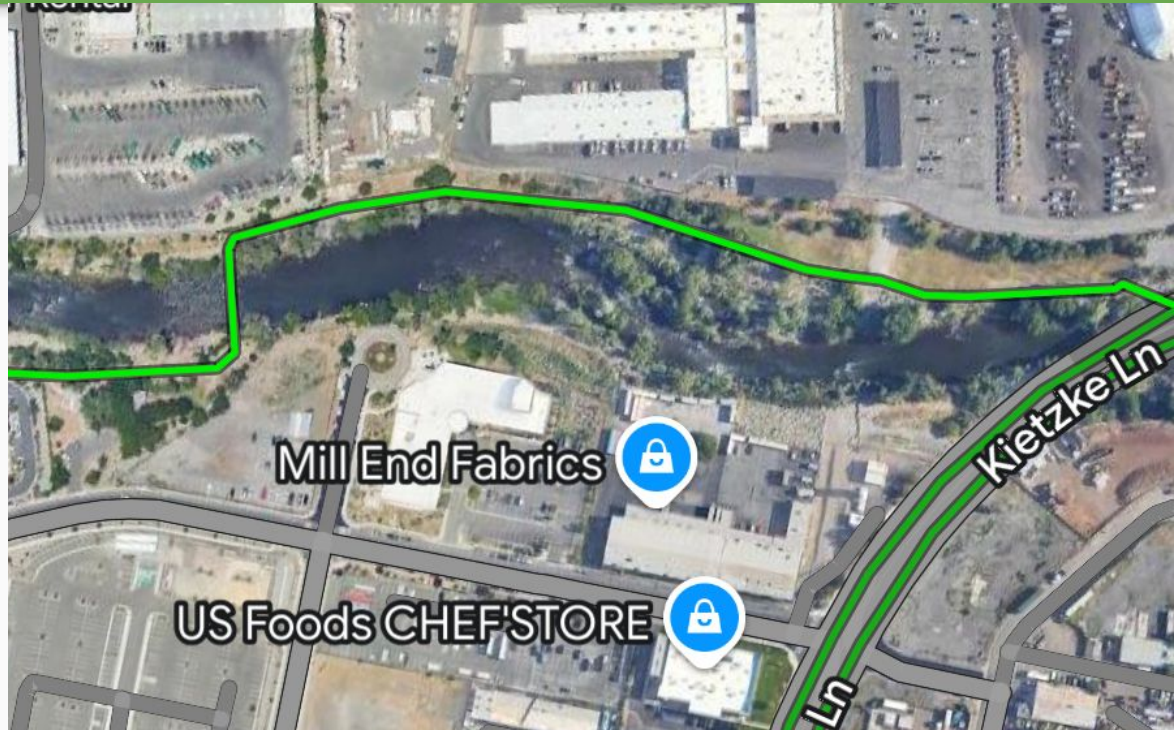
- 774,061 square feet of urban riparian and uplands forest repaired
- 858 invasive trees removed
- a monitoring plan to evaluate and strategy to maximize tree survival rates is developed and completed.



Program Geographical Focus: October 2024 to June 2025

4 Acres from John Champion to Fisherman's II

- Diverse vegetation management environment
 - Degraded shoreline
 - Invasive trees present
 - Strong native vegetation
- Rich for initial Program education and training



Program Crew Support: Washoe County's Crossroad Program

A Washoe County Human Services Agency lead initiative that provides a tiered supportive housing approach for men, women, and women & children.

CrossRoads is comprised of the following four core elements:

- An Alcohol and Drug Free Supervised, Structured and Supportive Community Living Environment
- Targeted and Intensive Case Management Services
- Life Skills Development and Workforce Readiness Programming
- Creating Proactive Linkages with Physical and Behavioral Healthcare providers

Truckee River Urban Tree Workforce Crew Members join once they have reached the "Workforce Readiness" at Crossroads tier.





Reno Initiative For Shelter and Equality (RISE) work in Washoe County

RISE is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit based in Reno with the initiative is to cultivate a greater sense of dignity and humility by providing equal access to shelter, knowledge, and opportunity. They seek to create a stronger community through the use of shared resources and mutual aid.

RISE Contracts include:

- With **One Truckee River** to house the Truckee River Urban Tree Workforce Program and to clean and care for the Loos at Brodhead Park, John Champion Park, and City Plaza.
 - With **Washoe County** to manage Our Place and the Crossroad's Programs.
- With the **City of Reno** to conduct human service outreach to currently homeless individuals.

Truckee River Urban Tree Workforce Program Efforts Connection to City of Reno's Goals

- **Relmagine Reno Master Plan:** "Support the retention of healthy, mature trees and the incorporation of new trees in both public and private spaces..."
- **Sustainability and Climate Plan:** "Support One Truckee River to protect the health of the river... and create an engaged community"
- **City of Reno Strategic Plan:** "Strengthen the City's commitment to an attractive and vibrant Truckee River through community partnerships."
- **Aligns with 2nd key recommendation of the Truckee River Vision Plan:** "Vegetation Management: Invasive species should be removed and replace with native riparian vegetation, which will provide bank stabilization, shade, and riparian habitat."
- **Supports Urban Forestry:** Maintain City trees, preventing costly future damages
- **Supports Parks and Recreation:** Support public understanding of native vegetation and habitat at John Champion, Brodhead and Fisherman's II Parks

Questions, Input, and Guidance and Direction



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The mission on One Truckee River is to ensure a healthy, thriving, sustainable Truckee River connected to the hearts and minds of its community