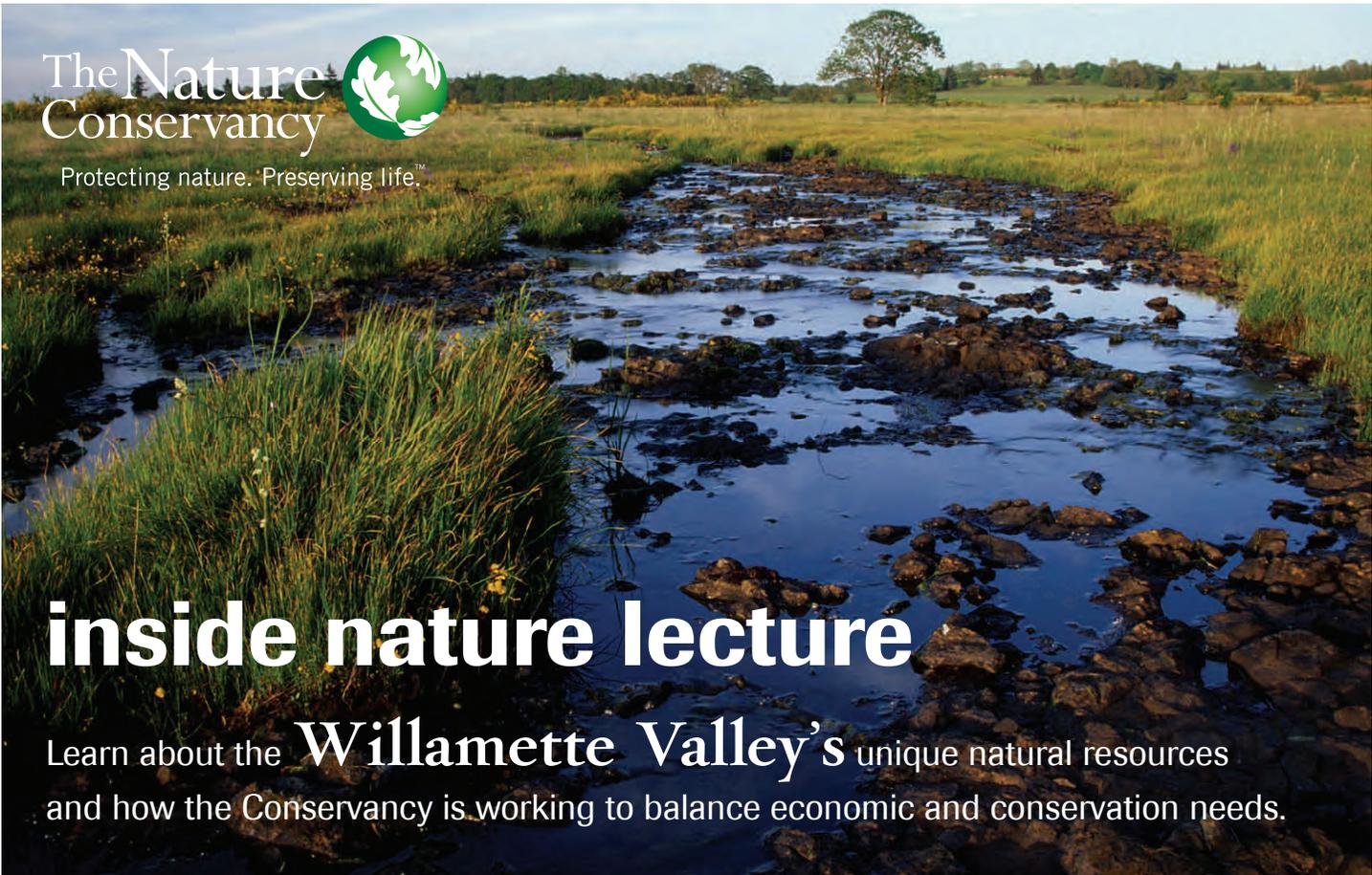




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inside nature lecture

Learn about the **Willamette Valley's** unique natural resources
and how the Conservancy is working to balance economic and conservation needs.

The Willamette Valley is at an ecological tipping point.

It is the state's economic and population center, but it also shelters a wide variety of native plants, fish and wildlife. Since the 1830s, development for homes and agriculture, changes due to fire suppression and the introduction of invasive, non-native species have led to dramatic declines in nearly every habitat type in the valley and the species that depend on them.

Conservation biologists have identified the Willamette Valley as one of eight "crisis ecoregions" in North America – meaning it is high in ecological value but only a small portion of it has been conserved.

Living and working in Oregon's most urbanized and developed landscape, Willamette Valley residents need a diversity of conservation strategies and partnerships to sustain a healthy environment.

With your help, The Nature Conservancy is taking action to address threats and to bring about a balance that will safeguard the Willamette Valley's rich natural heritage, and help protect key species like Oregon's state bird, the western meadowlark.



Above: Fender's blue butterfly at Willow Creek Preserve © Matthew Benotsch/TNC; Oregon white oaks at Coburg Ridge Preserve © Rick McEwan

On the cover: Kingston Prairie Preserve © Terry Donnelly

INSIDE NATURE LECTURE:

Willamette Valley

Monday, September 17, 2007

7:00 pm

Multnomah Athletic Club
1849 SW Salmon Street, Portland
Free parking is available in the garage on Salmon Street

Join us for light refreshments and a discussion with Jonathan Soll, Willamette Basin conservation director, to learn more about the Conservancy's efforts to ensure the long-term survival of the valley's natural resources.

Space is limited. **Please RSVP** to Cullen Brady, development coordinator, via e-mail at cbrady@tnc.org or phone (503) 802-8100 as soon as possible.