



good news ...

ANNOUNCING OUR NEWEST PRESERVE

YAMHILL OAKS

The Nature Conservancy 
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We are delighted to announce The Nature Conservancy's first preserve in Yamhill County.

The Yamhill Oaks Preserve is a 272-acre refuge for native plants and wildlife in rolling hills north of the town of Sheridan. It safeguards oak and prairie habitats that are increasingly at risk in the Willamette Valley.

At least 27 sensitive species are expected to benefit from the new preserve and restoration efforts there, including an important population of the endangered Fender's blue butterfly.

The Conservancy borrowed \$1.1 million from our Land Preservation Fund to purchase the property. We will repay the loan with interest, plus create a stewardship and research endowment of \$255,000, with private and public funds. We are grateful to the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board for a major commitment to assist with the purchase.

We'd like to say **"thank you"** to our members and friends for your generous support. You make it possible to preserve this inspiring place and many others as a legacy to future generations.

For more information and photos, visit nature.org/oregon.

PHOTOS FROM LEFT: YAMHILL OAKS PRESERVE PRAIRIE, DEER CREEK AND OAK WOODLAND © RICK McEWAN; FENDER'S BLUE BUTTERFLY © MATTHEW BENOTSCH/TNC

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