



The Urban Flood Safety & Water Quality District is a new special district created by the Oregon State Legislature in 2019 to reduce the risk of flooding along the Columbia River in northern Multnomah County, contribute to the health of the Columbia Slough Watershed. More information about the UFSWQD is available at bit.ly/ufswqd.

The UFSWQD Board of Directors adopted the following vision, mission, and values statements in December 2021.

Vision

A flood-ready, equitable, and climate-resilient community, economy, and watershed.

Mission

We equitably reduce flood risk and prepare for and respond to flood emergencies by maintaining levees, conveying water when necessary, and finding innovative and nature-based ways to live with more water around us while supporting community safety and the region's economic vitality, contributing to the health of the river and watershed, planning for a more climate-resilient future, and promoting equity in all we do.

Values

Our work is guided and informed by our beliefs and commitment to:

1. **Safety**
The safety of our staff and partners, residents and visitors, local employers and employees, and the environment underpins our work.
2. **Preparedness**
Always ready to respond to flood emergencies, the demands of climate change, and other challenges that face our community.
3. **Stewardship**
The environment is central to what we do. We strive to do no harm and make contributions to the health of the river and watershed by improving habitat, water quality, and landscape resilience.
4. **Equity & Inclusion**
Listening to the voices of underrepresented communities and driving decision-making and investments in ways that remove barriers for communities that

have been historically harmed by or marginalized from decisions about the floodplain.

5. **Respect**

Elevate and learn from the stories of the people who have lived – and continue to live – along the river. Be friendly, efficient, collaborative partners and responsible stewards of the resources we are provided.