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## The Gem of the City: Restoration of the Reed College Canyon within Urban Portland



## Zachariah Perry

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4 pm in CBB 101

The Reed College Canyon is a 28-acre headwater forest with a spring-fed pond that feeds a tributary of the Willamette River. Prior to urban settlement, it supported salmon spawning. Decades of neglect and abuse resulted in overgrowth of invasive species and loss of biological diversity. This talk will walk us through the concepts surrounding the early efforts to restore the functions of these headwaters and discuss the value of integrating citizen scientists and undergraduate research into the project.

**Zac Perry** graduated from Oregon State University with degrees in Horticultural Science and Botany. After finalizing his M.S. thesis in 1999, Zac returned to Portland to help Reed College create a restoration strategy to rebuild a 28-acre headwater forest located in the center of Reed's campus.