

## TRAILS TEAM REPORT – Parks and Commons Commission – August 1, 2023

Volunteers – We have averaged approximately 30 volunteers for the last few sessions.

YIPS! – Continued removal of blackberry from the wetlands area S of the Public Works yard and along the W portion of Ocean View Drive.



The 804 Trail N of Aqua Vista Loop is not technically part of the Yachats Trail system; in one area it crosses private property, and the rest is a State Park. Consequently, the Trails Team does not officially work on that trail. BUT, as private citizens and in conjunction with OPRD, volunteers have removed many 1000's of pounds of ivy from the areas adjacent to the trail. Much of that work was previously accomplished at the annual Ivy Pull.

Since the Ivy Pull didn't happen for the last 3 years, the amount of ivy has increased considerably. Working with OPRD, Wally arranged for and coordinated the hiring of students from Angell Job Corps; Wally and Joanne transported them between the Job Corps site and the work area, Joanne arranged funding (from an OCVA grant) and picked up pizzas from the Drift Inn for lunches, and several other volunteers helped with supervision. The students worked in excess of 140 hours and removed an estimated 3000 pounds of ivy.

Trails – Routine trimming of vegetation on the Ya'Xaik and Amanda Trails.

Pocket Parks – During the two work sessions in July, Trails volunteers spent many hours planting natives in the two pocket parks on Ocean View Drive.

Ocean View Drive Walkway - The boardwalk project recently started moving forward again. An updated bid for the final engineering design has been requested and the State Historic Preservation Office will be contacted to ensure that archaeological guidelines are followed. There are plans to apply for a substantial funding grant through the OPRD Local Government Grant that is due in March 2024. If the funding request is granted, construction can begin in late 2024.

804 Trail South – The number of broken or missing delineators is now >15 creating a less-than-well-cared-for look between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Streets. Some discussion about how to effect the currently needed repairs as well as inevitable future repairs seems overdue.

Fire Department Trail – A group of volunteers has been formed to help the Fire Department maintain and further develop this trail.