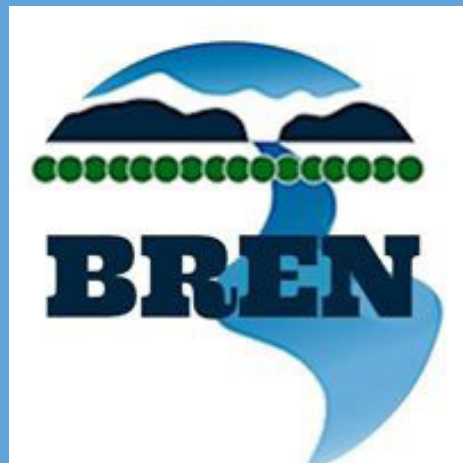


2025

ANNUAL REPORT

BOISE RIVER
ENHANCEMENT NETWORK



A Year's Overview

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Natural Partner:

There is a saying among home gardeners that describes the nature of the perennial plants they grow. It goes something like, “The first year they sleep, the second they creep, and the third they leap.”

BREN’s growth this past year has been like that of many of the plants that grow along the Boise River. We have enlarged our Board of Directors to fourteen committed individuals with prior non-profit experience AND managed the demographics of the board to represent the community, in gender and age, to ensure the sustainability of our impactful non-profit far into the future.

Please know there is an important part for you to play in our work together whether you are a natural resource professional, community conservationist, or volunteer doing “good on-the-ground.”. Because we are a working board, your donations of time, talent, and treasure are leveraged by that of others.

For the upcoming year, that work includes our on-going black cottonwood “Gather and Grow” project, which seeks to deploy trees “home grown” from seed to repopulate the Boise River, and take us through a period of climate change. And, “The Notch” project at the head of Eagle Island where we investigate means and methods to manage invasive plants like the alien false indigo. And, our soon to be constructed repair and restoration of the banks of Kristen Armstrong Municipal Park by a novel method known as a “strategic retreat”.

Come join us as a member, contributor, or champion of our work. We know from experience you will feel pleasure working with like-minded people who wish to do keep the Boise River “a happy, healthy place for all to enjoy.”

Handwritten signature of Rob Tiedemann.

Rob Tiedemann, Ph.D.
President
Board of Directors



2025

BY THE NUMBERS

BREN is almost fully supported by volunteers!

From our Board of Directors to our on the ground projects, volunteers implement our mission and help foster a healthy, thriving Boise River

**16***Volunteer Events
and River Cleanups*

**201***Volunteers in
2025*

**5***Educational
Presentations*

**230***Cottonwood Trees
Planted at the River*

**6***River Events and
Advising Meetings*

**1,586***Pounds of Trash
Removed*





Cottonwood Gather and Grow

In 2025, BREN partnered again with Idaho Conservation Corps (ICC) crews to grow black cottonwood trees.

ICC planted seeds, cared for the seedlings at the Boise Urban Garden School at Comba Park, and potted the seedlings into 14" deep pots. BREN will watch over the approximately 120 trees for two years until they find a permanent home at the Boise River.

Many of BREN's trees are planted by the Boise Parks and Rec. Department and the Harris Ranch Wildlife Mitigation Association. These trees will increase the genetic diversity of the Boise River's cottonwood forest and provide shade and beauty for generations to come.



The Notch at Garden City

The Notch is a small, 0.11-acre, area of flood way owned by the State of Idaho along the Greenbelt in Garden City.

For the last six years, BREN and volunteers have improved The Notch's riparian conditions by removing non-native plants and planting native species.

BREN's primary focus has been developing methods for removing invasive *Amorpha fruticosa*, which we hope to deploy in other areas of along the Boise River.

With the help of volunteers from Xylem, native plants at The Notch are thriving and BREN is collecting data on *Amorpha fruticosa* growth habits.

PROJECTS



Boise River Cleanups

There seems to be a never ending supply of trash to clean up at the Boise River. Some trash is unintentional, like the floater who capsizes and loses their flip flops. Some, unfortunately, is left behind when it should have been packed out.

BREN can't thank our cleanup volunteers enough! It is often a dirty, smelly job, but each excursion leaves our river a healthier, happier place.

Last year we removed over 1,500 lbs. of trash. Most came from an abandoned camp near Expo Idaho. Our volunteers cleared the camp in about two hours, and when we left it was as if the camp had never been there. View our volunteers in action on BREN's YouTube, where we posted a time-lapse video of the cleanup.

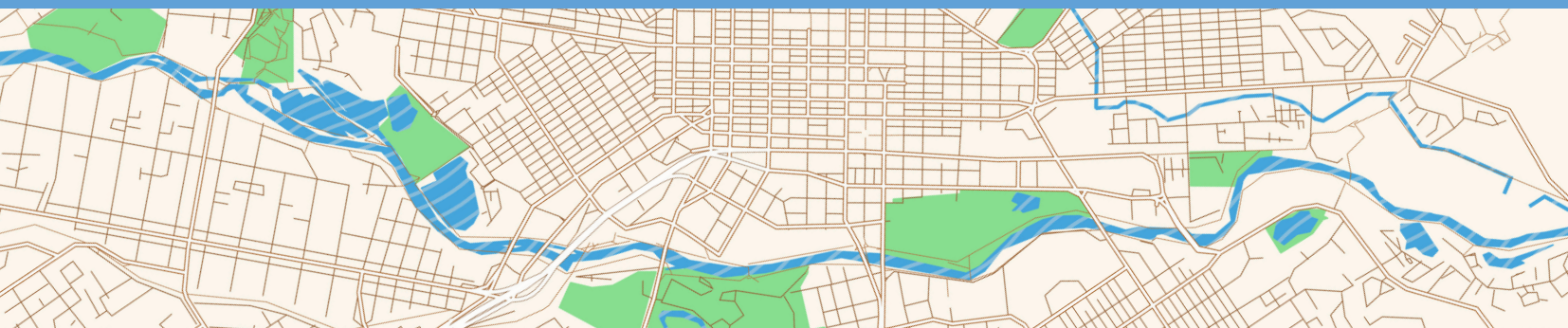


Ongoing Education

BREN meets with students annually to educate, assist with research, and increase the next generation's love and appreciation for nature. We work with elementary to graduate students.

In 2025, BREN met with students enrolled in local summer camps near The Notch to teach them about plants and animals of the Boise River. Perhaps the biggest lesson of all was pointing out the poison ivy they were playing near!

BREN also participated in WaterShed Watch, one of Idaho's longest running community science events. We hosted a site near Glenwood Bridge, and students collected data on water quality and organisms.



2025 FINANCIAL REPORT

CONTRIBUTIONS

Donations	
Individual	\$18,964
Business	\$21,950
Grants	\$0
Merchandise Sales	\$595
Interest	\$3,485
	\$44,994

EXPENSES

Contractors	\$45,477
Supplies	\$1,406
Postage & Shipping	\$167
Software & Subscriptions	\$2,499
Printing & Copying	\$417
Equipment Rental	\$191
Website Hosting	\$464
Event Venue & Food	\$244
Insurance	\$1,861
Memberships & Fees	\$417
	\$53,143

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2026

JUST AROUND THE BEND

BREN has big goals for 2026, and we can't do them without you!

We already have volunteers scheduled for Boise River cleanups in 2026, and we will be working with our natural partners, including Idaho Rivers United, to support their cleaning efforts as well. Our plan is to remove at least 2,000 lbs. of trash from the Boise River in 2026.

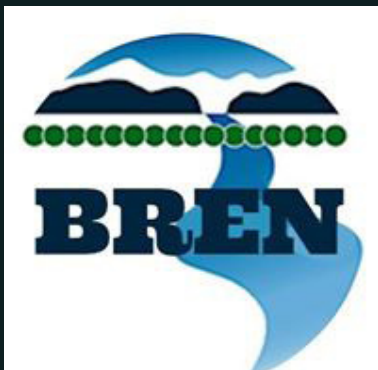
The Kristin Armstrong Municipal Park (KAMP) bank repair is scheduled to begin in the fall of 2026. BREN is working with the City of Boise to repair a failed bank at the east end of the park. The project features a novel 'strategic retreat,' a flood control and bank repair approach developed by our board president, Rob Tiedemann. BREN is leading the project, bringing in heavy equipment to do repairs, and replanting the area with over 500 native plants, including 50 BREN-grown black cottonwood trees. We will put out a call for volunteers in the spring of 2027 to get all of those plants in the ground. Join us in 2026 for one of our nature walks at KAMP to learn more about this project from Rob, keep your eye on our website or Facebook page for upcoming dates.

On average, BREN has grown 100-150 cottonwood trees from seed annually. We hope to double that with our 2026 crop! These trees will be planted at the Boise River and its tributaries for our great grandchildren to enjoy.

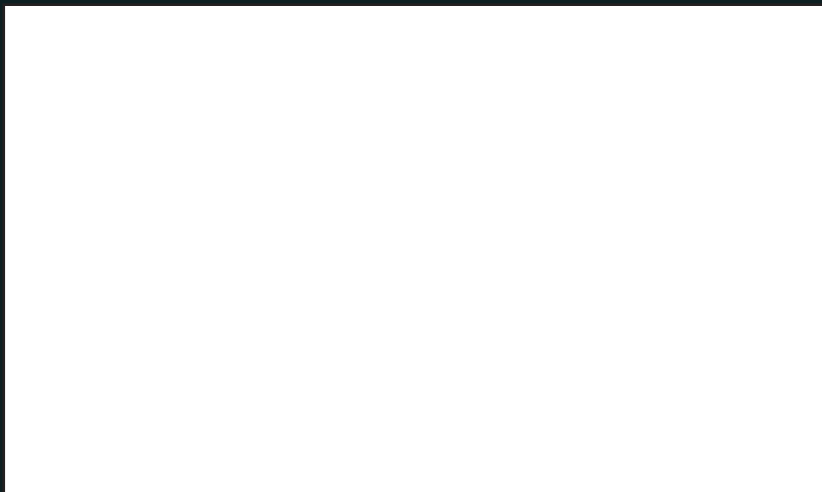
BREN has been helping keep the Boise River a healthy, happy place for everyone and everything to enjoy for 15 years! Together we have accomplished much, but there is still good to do. We can't wait to see what the next 15 years brings.

To volunteer, donate or become a business sponsor.
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