



# Luckiamute Watershed Council Fiscal Year 2017 Annual Report

July 1, 2016 — June 30, 2017

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Greg Archuleta leads participants on a guided walk during the Ethnobotany Fair, June 2017.



An Earth Day volunteer adds native plants to a wetland area at Luckiamute State Natural Area, April 2017.



## Featured Project: Upper Price Creek Restoration

Price Creek is a tributary to the Luckiamute River in northern Benton County, originating in private timber lands, meandering through agricultural fields and past rural homes, and meeting the Luckiamute River west of Kings Valley Highway. Based on a survey of fish passage barriers in the upper Luckiamute watershed in 2013, a fish biologist with Bio Surveys, LLC ranked the two perched, undersized culverts on Price Creek as top priorities for the Luckiamute Watershed Council (LWC) to address in order to help native fish access high quality habitat upstream. After two unsuccessful grant proposals, the third time paid off. In early 2016, the LWC secured grant funding from the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB) to make the project a reality. The project included replacing the two culverts, placing 30 large wood structures along 2.4 miles of Price Creek, and planting 2,400 conifer seedlings to begin to establish a large wood source for the future.

Partnerships make projects like this possible. A triad of stakeholders joined the Council in support of the project—including the landowner, Sustainable

Growth, LLC; its fund manager, Forest Investment Associates; and its land manager during project implementation, Green Crow Corporation. The landowner and land manager contributed rock materials and the two new culverts. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service contributed 180 Douglas fir logs—harvested during oak habitat restoration—to the project. OWEB and Meyer Memorial Trust grant funding supported costs such as project management, plant supplies, contractor time, permitting, and grant administration. Bonneville Environmental Foundation and volunteers helped with seeding native grass and conducting pre- and post-project monitoring.

The Upper Price Creek Restoration Project is just one example of the power of partnerships. It also demonstrates that with a little persistence and a lot of support, local efforts can have a significant impact. Price Creek is now barrier-free and native salmon and trout have access to an additional 1.2 miles of high-quality habitat previously blocked to them. The project will improve water quality and habitat through large wood placement and added native plants, providing watershed benefits to native fish and our community.



**Left:** Upper culvert, pre-project, March 2014; **Center:** Same site, post-project during the project tour, August 2016; **Right:** Post-project; note gravel bed formation resulting from large wood structures, May 2017.

## Fiscal Year 2017 Accomplishments at a Glance

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Planted 72,760</b> native trees and shrubs across 126 acres including new project sites along Price, Pedee, and Plunkett Creeks.</li> </ul>                             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Received <b>501(c)3 tax-exempt status</b>, improving the LWC's fundraising capabilities and establishing independent financial management.</li> </ul>                      |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continued <b>stewardship</b> of 437 acres of restored riparian and floodplain forests in our watershed, including newly planted acreage.</li> </ul>                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hosted or co-hosted <b>9 events attended by 160 participants</b>, including project and wildlife tours, educational events, and how-to workshops.</li> </ul>               |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Placed <b>large wood structures</b> along 3 stream miles and resolved 3 fish passage barriers on Price and Wolf Creeks, opening access to 1.8 miles of habitat.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organized <b>13 volunteer events</b> such as tree plantings, July 4th Parade cleanup, Adopt-a-Road, and weed pulls, with 136 volunteers contributing 500 hours.</li> </ul> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Monitored</b> stream temperature at 17 sites along the Luckiamute River and its tributaries—collecting data to inform decision-making and prioritization.</li> </ul>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Initiated a watershed analysis and prioritization project, harnessing the <b>NetMap modelling</b> tool to refine project prioritization and planning.</li> </ul>           |

# Income and Expenses

## July 2016—June 2017\*

### Income

|                      |                  |
|----------------------|------------------|
| State                | \$303,059        |
| Federal              | \$1,094          |
| Private Foundation   | \$94,101         |
| Other                | \$3,144          |
| Local / Donations    | \$12,867         |
| <b>Total Revenue</b> | <b>\$414,265</b> |

### Expenses

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|---|------------------|
| Programs: restoration, monitoring, outreach | \$404,523        |
| Operations                                  | \$68,508         |
| Fundraising                                 | \$6,703          |
| <b>Total Expense</b>                        | <b>\$479,734</b> |

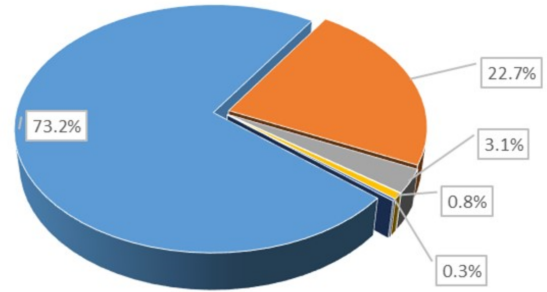
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| <b>Revenue - Expense^</b> | <b>-\$65,469</b> |
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\*The LWC received its 501(c)3 tax-exempt status from the IRS, effective August 1, 2016. July 2016 revenue and expenses were included in the financial reporting of the LWC's former fiscal sponsor, Marys River Watershed Council. LWC financial reporting for FY 2016-17 reflects activities from August 1, 2016—June 30, 2017 due to this transition.

^Net loss for this FY reflects spending of project funding received in previous fiscal years.

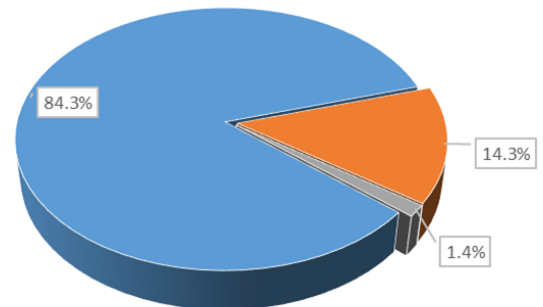
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**State and Federal Funding Sources:** Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board, Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, Oregon Department of Parks and Recreation, Bonneville Power Administration

**Private Foundations and Other Grant Funding Sources:** Meyer Memorial Trust, Pacific Power Blue Sky Habitat Funds/The Freshwater Trust, Jubitz Family Foundation

**Local Partners:** The Nature Conservancy, Benton and Polk Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Hancock Timber Resource Group Clients, Ash Creek Water Control District, McMenamans Corvallis Pub, Monmouth Public Works, Central School District 13J, City of Independence, Central Lions Club, Oregon Wildlife Heritage Foundation – Willamette Habitat Restoration Fund SOLVE

**Donations:** One Tree Planted, Starker Forests, Inc., Dave & Sarah Ehlers, Burgerville, Sean Hathaway, Steve & Anne Scheck, Dan & Kathy Farnworth, Wendy Hudson, Donald & France Brostrom, Trillium Forests, LLC, Blue Heron Farm, LLC, Cliff and Gay Hall, Mark Hazelton & Evelyn Hukari, Hukari Family Farm, LLC, Michael Cairns & Gail Oberst, Ron & Ingrid Cooper, Hollis Fishelson Holstine & Charles Hosltine, Judy Maule, Richard & Ellen Kavanagh, William Pearcy, John & Sandra Potter, Redgate Vineyard, LLC, Ruth Versteeg, Annie Young-Mathews, Jessica McDonald, Joseph Fisher Family, Thomas Kaye, Gary & Kathy Larson, Osman Associates, Greg Oberst, Deb Merchant, Kristen Larson, Jeremy Monroe, Kathleen Guillozet, Phillip Sollins, and Anonymous Donors

**Thank you very much to all our donors, funders, volunteers, and partners. We could not achieve our goals without you.**



**Left:** Luckiamute Valley Charter School students return to Ritner Creek Park in November 2016 to plant conifer trees. The students had worked seven months earlier to remove ivy from the Polk County park and the neighboring private property.



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**YOUR WATERSHED.**

**Right:** Scott Snedaker from BLM works with volunteers in Wolf Creek on Starker Forests, Inc. property. The project began by dewatering the stream before installing a graded riffle at a perched culvert. Volunteers salvaged fish and other aquatic life during dewatering.



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