

LWC Board

- **At-large:** George Grosch (Chair), Gail Oberst (Vice Chair)
- **Water Control:** Dan Farnworth (Treasurer)
- **Education:** Karin Nembach (Secretary)
- **Watershed Resident:** Rob Burns
- **State:** Steve DeGoey
- **Agriculture:** Kelly Gordon
- **Small farms & forests:** Ed Miller
- These and other volunteers dedicated hundreds of hours to the Council and community!
Thank you!



LWC Board members and staff at a monthly meeting. May 2014. Photo: S. Dyrdaahl



LWC / Greenbelt Land Trust "Headwaters to Confluence" tour participants listen as WOU Professor Dr. Steve Taylor describes the geology of the watershed. May 2014. Photo: S. Teller

Luckiamute Watershed Council Fiscal Year 2014 Annual Report

July 1, 2013—June 30, 2014



Featured Project:

Upper Luckiamute Side Channel Reconnection

The work area of the Luckiamute Watershed Council (LWC) spans Polk and Benton Counties and includes all the land that drains to the Little Luckiamute and Luckiamute Rivers, Ash Creek and the American Bottom area. This is about 366 square miles or 234,240 acres and includes almost 470 miles of streams and rivers. Our watersheds host cutthroat and steelhead trout and coho salmon; they provide rearing habitat to Chinook salmon near the Willamette River. Pacific and brook lamprey also make our rivers their home as do a myriad of other plant and animal species in both aquatic and terrestrial habitats. The LWC is working on projects spanning from the foothills of the Coast Range in the upper watershed to the confluence with the Willamette River at Luckiamute State Natural Area. Our featured project for fiscal year 2014 is in the upper watershed on private timber land.

During summer of 2013, the LWC completed the Upper Luckiamute Side Channel Reconnection project, removing approximately 6500 cubic yards of fill from the defunct Valley-Siletz railroad berm. In partnership with the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board, Meyer Memorial Trust, Hancock Resource Group, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and implemented by Bio-Surveys and Trask Construction, this project reconnected a historic bend in the river which will provide high quality habitat for native fish. Creating the side channel will also provide passage to juvenile steelhead that previously could not make a jump over a bedrock ledge that was likely created by blasting in the early 1900s during railroad construction. These young fish now have access to excellent habitat in the upper Luckiamute River and its tributaries. Thank you to all project partners for support on this project.



Aerial view of the side channel that was reconnected as a result of the project.



Pre-project (2011) and after removal (2013) pictures (Photos: Third Stream Research and Consulting)

Fiscal Year 2014 Accomplishments at a Glance

- Planted **50 new acres**, inter-planted 147 acres for a total of **123,282 native trees and shrubs added** at Luckiamute State Natural Area (LSNA)
- Continued **stewardship of 282 acres** of restored riparian and floodplain forests in our watershed, including newly planted acreage
- **Expanded outreach staff** to increase our ability to connect to residents, stakeholders, and partners
- **Secured funding for the Ash Creek Main Stem Riparian Revegetation Project** in partnership with the Cities of Monmouth and Independence, Central School District 13J and the Ash Creek Water Control District
- **Cleared and planted 40 new acres**, inter-planted 38 acres for a total of 88,000 native trees and shrubs added along the upper Luckiamute River
- Installed **3.9 miles of livestock exclusion fencing** along 2.5 miles of the upper Luckiamute River
- Completed **assessment and preliminary design recommendations** for 18 barriers to migration passage of resident and anadromous fish
- Secured **multi-year funding to expand the knotweed control program** to the full extent of invasion. Recruited 88% of landowners and **conducted knotweed control treatments on nearly 50 river miles**

Revenue and Expenses July 2013—June 2014

Revenue

State	\$554,354
Private Foundation	\$104,253
Miscellaneous	\$22,263
Federal	\$19,873
Local / Donation	\$3,501
Total Revenue	\$704,244

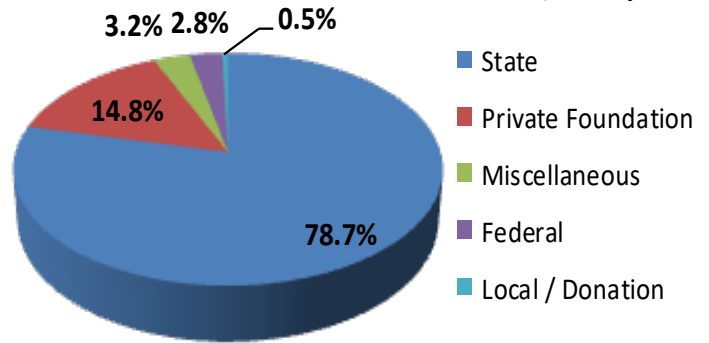
Expenses

Projects (including Education & Outreach)	\$518,233
Personnel	\$72,742
Fiscal Administration	\$52,806
Operations	\$9,693
Total Expense	\$653,474

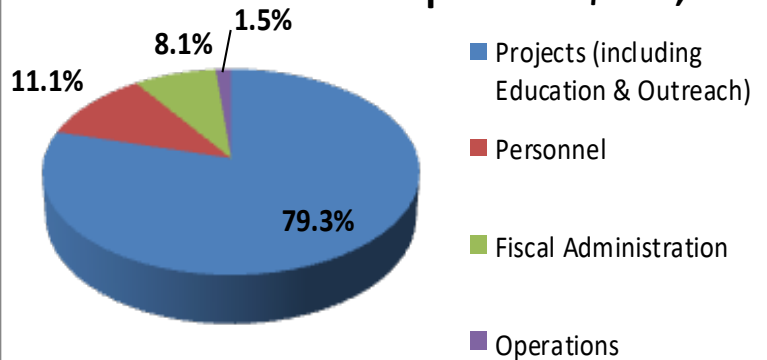
Revenue - Expense	\$50,770
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Revenue and expenses are funds of the LWC's fiscal sponsor, Cascade Pacific RC&D, a nonprofit corporation, exempt from federal tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Funds were directed to projects and activities managed by the LWC. All values based on June 30, 2014 financial statements provided by Cascade Pacific RC&D.

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Public Funding Sources: State - Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board; Federal - Bonneville Power Administration

Private Funding Sources: Meyer Memorial Trust

Local Funding Sources: Benton Soil and Water Conservation District, Mid Willamette Fly Fishers, Native Plant Society of Oregon, and others

Individual Donors: Trillium Forests, Cliff and Gay Hall, Brenda and Tim Taylor and anonymous donors

Thank you to all our donors, funders, and partners. We could not achieve our restoration and outreach goals without you.



Before (left, 2010) and after (right, 2013) at Luckiamute State Natural Area (Photos: Third Stream Research and Consulting)



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