



# Long Tom Watershed Council

## Action through Understanding

### Fast Facts

- The 262,000-acre Long Tom River Watershed is over 90% private land and supports the full spectrum of land-uses; forestry, farming, urban and rural residential, and natural open space.
- The Long Tom River and its tributaries are home to native cutthroat trout and Pacific lamprey. Spring Chinook use the lower six miles of the river for rearing.
- The Long Tom Watershed is considered an anchor area for the recovery of oak and wet prairie habitat and the species dependent on it—the watershed has the largest remaining extent of this habitat in the Willamette Basin.
- Amazon Creek is a tributary to the Long Tom River and runs through one of the largest urban areas in Oregon—Eugene.
- The Council is fully inclusive and meets regularly for tours, panel discussions, and problem-solving.



*Planting to restore streamside vegetation is one of the ways people get hands-on experience improving water quality.*

### Highlights

#### *Watershed Restoration*

We prioritize projects based on watershed data and the Conservation Strategy, then support landowners in a full range of activities from streamside planting, culvert replacement or dam removal to floodplain restoration and channel reconnection. We have 30 restoration projects completed or ongoing as of 2008.

#### *Creek basin Enhancement*

We resolve known impairments to water quality and habitat by co-hosting learning and problem-solving sessions with landowners in each creek basin. As people determine the solutions that best work for them, we assist with project implementation and ongoing stewardship.

#### *Watershed Monitoring & Assessment*

The Council is the only entity that monitors water quality and stream health throughout the basin. Since 1999 we've collected data and gained insights to the sources of pollution by land use. Special studies include: Watershed Assessment (2000) Water Quality Monitoring (1999-2006) Agricultural Runoff Pilot Study (2001) Macroinvertebrate Study (2006-07) Fish Barrier Assessment (2008-09).

#### *Community Involvement*

We have a diverse and inclusive group representing all perspectives in the basin. We hold regular discussions on watershed health, provide information to local newspapers and involve people in field and committee activities. People say their involvement with the Council builds community among neighbors and bridges issue divides.

#### *Who we are*

Formed in 1997, the Long Tom Watershed Council is a 501c3 non-profit citizens' group comprised of people from all perspectives, and guided by a diverse Steering Committee. The Council has a successful track record of addressing local land and water issues in a proactive and positive manner.

#### *Where we work*

Amazon Creek  
Bear Creek  
Coyote Creek  
Elk Creek  
Fern Ridge Tributaries  
Ferguson Creek  
Lower Amazon Creek  
Lower Long Tom River  
Noti Creek  
Poodle Creek  
Spencer Creek  
Upper Long Tom River

#### *What we do*

Restoration Projects  
Monitoring  
Watershed Assessment  
Conservation Strategy  
Outreach and Education  
Forum for Discussion

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# Long Tom Watershed Ten Major Subbasins

