



LONG TOM WATERSHED COUNCIL

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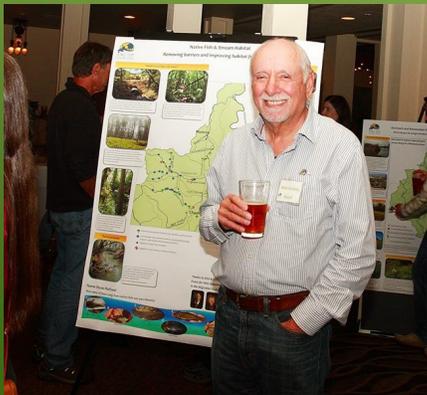
Action
Through
Understanding

19th Annual Meeting & Celebration

Thursday, October 20, 2016, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

“Reflecting Upon Watershed Moments”

Ninkasi Brewing’s Administration & Events Building, 155 Blair Blvd., Eugene
(directions on back)



Posters and maps of LTWC’s work!



Delicious food from Board Restaurant! (photo: Board Restaurant)



Friendly watershed neighbors!

Social gathering with good food and great company!

Register by Oct 10!

Tickets: \$25/person, \$15/children 5 & over, \$60/family of 3+

Your registration payment helps us cover the costs to put on this event, including catering for an amazing meal prepared by locally-owned Board Restaurant, featuring a variety of delicious hors d’oeuvres.

If you only come to one meeting this year, this is it!

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The Long Tom Watershed Council serves to improve water quality and watershed condition in the Long Tom River basin and surrounding drainages through education and collaboration among all interests, using the collective wisdom and voluntary action of our community members.

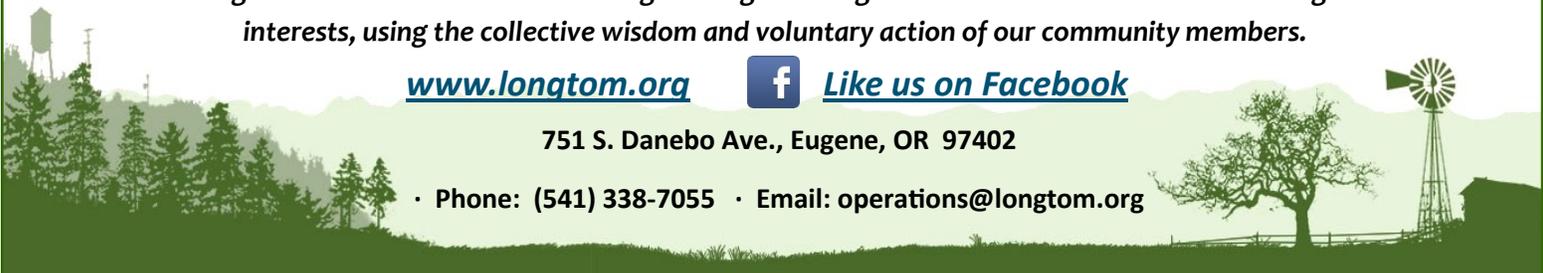
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“Reflecting Upon Watershed Moments”

Oct. 20th Annual Meeting & Celebration

Join us for LTWC’s biggest event of the year! As we work toward our mission of improving watershed health, each Annual Meeting celebrates major achievements and progress, and most importantly, the watershed community that makes it all possible. This year, keynote speaker Jim Pendergrass, LTWC board member and former president of Wells Fargo’s Small Business Banking Group in Oregon, will share his reflections of the watershed council’s accomplishments and also look ahead to exciting opportunities. The council has a history of community-driven success with support from a diversity of people and perspectives. In recent years, the council has grown several program areas to meet the expanding needs of the watershed community, which include our work along the Willamette River, improving urban habitat and water quality, and connecting corridors of rare oak and prairie habitat. As LTWC has grown, the core values of inclusivity, community learning, and voluntary action have remained strong.



Keynote speaker Jim Pendergrass has been a LTWC board member for 10 years

Featuring:

- Delicious assortment of hors d’oeuvres (meat, vegetarian, vegan & gluten-free options) & non-alcoholic beverages (*menu posted at www.longtom.org*)
- Socialize with neighbors, community members, and LTWC board and staff
- Ninkasi beer on tap—all proceeds from beer sales go to LTWC!
- Cool posters and maps of LTWC’s program work
- Watershed Awards
- Board member elections
- The very best in watershed community!



Thank you to our event sponsor, Ninkasi Brewing Co., for donating the event space! In addition, all beer proceeds go to LTWC!

Register online at www.longtom.org

Questions: Clinton Begley at 541-654-8965 / clinton@longtom.org

2016 Watershed Awards Recipients

These volunteers and partners will be presented with an award at the Annual Celebration for their outstanding service and dedication to the mission, goals, and work of the council. Thank you to these amazing award recipients and everyone who supports the important work of LTWC!

Private Sustaining Entity: **Meyer Memorial Trust**

Public Sustaining Entity: **U.S. Army Corps of Engineers**

Project Landowner of the Year: **Val & Ken Kime**

Project Contractor of the Year: **River Design Group**

Outstanding Volunteer: **Mike Brinkley**

Outstanding Technical Volunteer: **Kevin Shanley**

Outgoing Board members: **Cary Hart, Jim Pendergrass, John Reerslev, Deborah Saunders Evans**



Last year’s project contractor awardee, Rosario Franco of R. Franco Restoration, Inc.

Thank You For Supporting The Vision for a Trout Friendly Amazon Creek!

Success of the council has always relied upon community support. This year, the watershed rose to the challenge in support of our ambitious vision to make Amazon Creek Trout Friendly! Our Urban Waters & Wildlife program has been working for nearly 5 years to improve water quality and habitat conditions in the urban landscape, particularly in the many channels and tributaries of Amazon Creek. Like all ambitious visions, the eventual arrival of cutthroat trout from the Long Tom into the Amazon will depend upon many factors involving multiple agencies and organizations. The success of our urban program uniquely positions the council to address the water quality component of that vision with the assistance of local partners. Your donations to our Spring Campaign are directly supporting the work of our Urban Habitat & Stormwater Specialist in getting meaningful water quality enhancement projects on the ground, and our Habitat & Water Quality Specialist, whose expertise is helping both our urban and rural teams improve habitat and water quality watershed wide! Those donations have also enabled us to demonstrate community support for program growth on three recent private foundation grants. Grants will always be an important part of the council's funding picture, but to continue an entrepreneurial approach in addressing local issues, and the flexibility to grow to meet the needs of the watershed, the council relies upon support from generous donors right here in our community. Thank you for your support of this ambitious up-stream vision for the Amazon, and the Long Tom, and for investing in the future of your watershed!



Recent Gifts - Thank You for Your Support!

Business League: Huntons' Family Farm

Individual & Business Donors: John Allcott & Beth Hunt, Rolf Anderson, Jason Blazar, Mike Brinkley, Café Yumm!, Dana & Jason Dedrick, Deerhaven Farms, Inc., John Garrett & Ruth Kiminski, Ed Gerdes, Cary Hart, Eric Jones, Keli Osborn, Laura Sievert, Court Smith, Shirlee Taylor

"Taste the Watershed!" Events: Ninkasi Brewing Co.

Snapshot of Upcoming Work this Year

Included in this newsletter is a copy of the 2016 Annual Report, which highlights LTWC's important work and impact LTWC in the watershed community over the past year. This summer, our Board of Directors approved the council's annual work plan for Fiscal Year 2017 (July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017). Below is a snapshot of that planned work. The full 2017 Work Plan is available at www.longtom.org/about-ltwc/action-plan/

Development Program

- Continue pursuing funding from state and government agencies for habitat work
- Increase opportunities for funding from private foundations
- Build and maintain community relationships with individual donors and businesses to increase capacity

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Shapshot of 2017 Work *(continued)*

Plan Strategic Actions & Conduct Project Outreach

- Update progress toward meeting benchmarks within 10-year Model Watershed Program Plan
- Develop plan to improve habitat and function of lower Long Tom River; collaborate with U.S. Army Corps
- Outreach to landowners to develop stream & riparian, oak & prairie, urban, and Willamette River projects

Assess & Monitor Watershed Conditions

- Collect continuous water temperature data at 26 sites watershed-wide
- Monitor and report on pesticide levels (5 sites) and flow data at (2 sites) within Amazon Creek
- Conduct project monitoring and report results at 11 sites
- Continue tracking migration of tagged trout; explore opportunities to analyze data & describe results

Improve Stream & Riparian Habitat

- Develop 1-2 new fish passage enhancement projects
- Plant native vegetation and remove invasive species on 70 acres; steward existing plantings on ~150 acres

Improve Oak, Prairie & Wetland Habitat

- Enhance rare oak savanna, oak woodland, and upland prairie habitat at 6 sites
- Improve wet prairie and wetland habitats at 4 sites

Enhance Urban Habitat Health

- Develop 5-8 new urban stormwater projects
- Continue outreach to businesses, landscapers, and farmers for best management practices, Trout Friendly Landscape and Salmon Safe commitments
- Pursue funding for capacity to provide bilingual water quality outreach

Community Learning & Involvement

- Hold 6 educational public meetings and project tours
- Engage volunteers in supporting LTWC's work
- Continue identifying and documenting social infrastructure; utilize online tools such as website and social media to advance development program

Collaborative Partnerships

- Collaborate with local and regional partner organizations to increase capacity and advance shared goals for watershed health in priority areas

Evaluate & Ensure Council Effectiveness

- Conduct bi-annual council evaluation; follow board policies and meet fiduciary responsibilities



Last month, Boy Scout troop 401 from Pleasant Hill, CA helped with project stewardship at Sam Daws Landing along the Willamette River. Scouts mulched and weeded around nearly 300 plants. The troop is on a 50-mile Willamette float trip from Armitage to Independence, so LTWC's project was a perfect stop along the way!



Project in progress this summer! A 4th phase of work is currently underway at Wild Iris Ridge to improve upland prairie and oak woodland and savanna, which had slowly transitioned into dense, mixed conifer woodland. This harvester is removing encroaching Douglas fir.

Welcome, Amanda Reinholtz!



LTWC is pleased to welcome Amanda Reinholtz to our team, who started in August as the council's Habitat & Water Quality Specialist to provide support to both the Working Lands & Habitat Program and the Urban Waters & Wildlife Program. She contributes her experience in GIS, remote sensing, and geomorphology. She earned a B.S. in Geographic Science from James Madison University in Virginia, and an M.S. in Geography from the University of Oregon. Prior to joining LTWC, Amanda worked first as a remote sensing field technician, then as a survey analyst and coordinator, for Quantum Spatial, a geospatial company. Originally from the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia, Amanda's hobbies include anything that will get her outdoors, from backpacking and climbing in the mountains to walking and biking around the city. Amanda has been a Eugene resident since 2009, and feels lucky to call the area home.

Upcoming LTWC Events

Community Apple Drive Harvest Party

Sat, Oct. 15, noon - 11 p.m.

WildCraft Cider Works will be releasing 1,000 gallons of cider from this year's Apple Drive and is generously donating 10% of cider sales to LTWC! Family-friendly event until 6 p.m. Includes local food and music!

Next Public Meeting

Tues, Nov. 29, 6 - 7:30 p.m., Monroe Library

Learn about LTWC's collaborative project to develop a lower Long Tom River enhancement plan that will improve river capacity and habitat conditions.

More details for both at www.longtom.org and Facebook

The Long Tom Watershed Council, a local nonprofit, counts on participation from many people and organizations. The local office of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) donates postage for our mailings. They use the following disclaimer, standard procedure for all BLM partnerships:

BLM Disclaimer: "The views and conclusions contained in this document are those of the authors and should not be interpreted as representing the opinions or policies of the U.S. Government. Mention of trade names or commercial products does not constitute their endorsement by the U.S. Government."

The Long Tom Watershed Council is still a local nonprofit (since 1998) with no government authority. We partner with local people, businesses, and agencies in the interest of finding local solutions and bringing grant

LTWC Board of Directors

Lower Long Tom

Steve Horning, *Vice-Chair*
Jim Pendergrass, *Past Chair*
John Reerslev

Upper Long Tom

Cary Hart
Lindsay Reaves
Charles Ruff, *Chair*

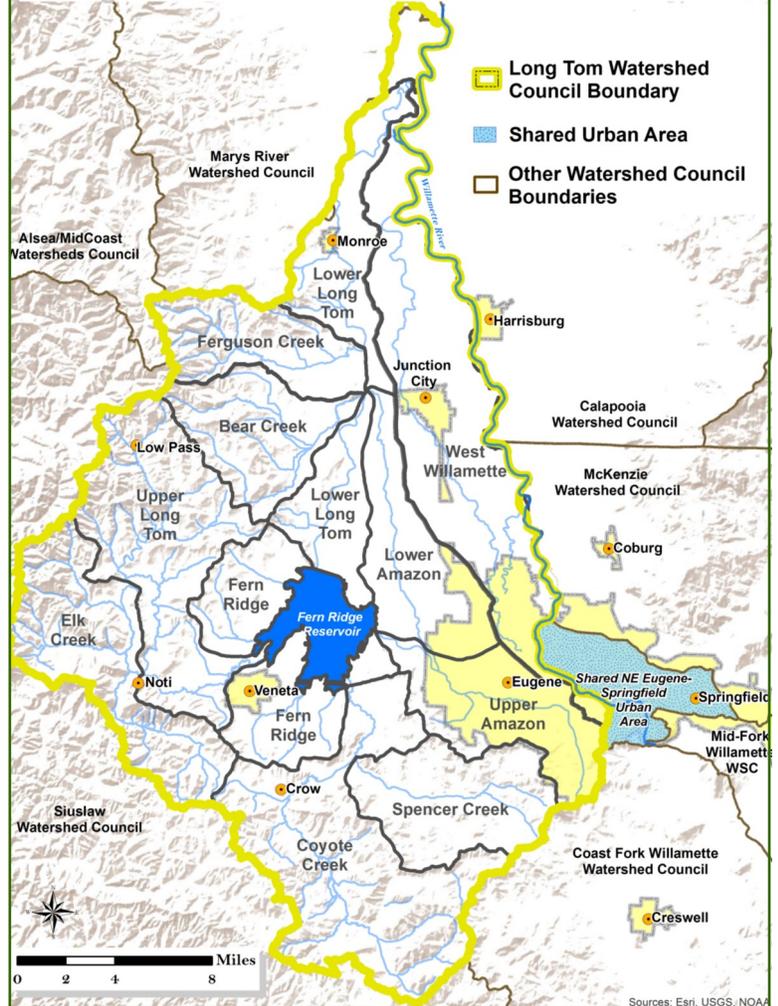
At Large

Mike Brinkley, *Treasurer*
Deborah Saunders Evans,
Vice-Chair
David Turner

Amazon

Alan Dickman
Shelly Miller

Long Tom Watershed Sub-basins & Area of Work



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Board Member Elections

All members of the Long Tom Watershed Council—that is any adult who supports the purpose and mission of the Council and is connected to the watershed community—**may sign in at the October 20 Annual Meeting and vote.** Each year, the Nominating Committee recruits and recommends a slate of Board of Directors candidates for election at the Annual Meeting. This year’s slate of candidates will continue to balance the diversity of perspectives and geography that present board members bring to the table. Below is the current slate of candidates. We will post all candidates’ info on our website, longtom.org, before the event and send the info out on our email listserv. Candidate bios will also be provided on the day of the event within the programs. **Visit www.longtom.org to learn more about our 2016 Board of Directors candidates or call Clinton, 654-8965.**



Kea Cannon, At Large



Ginnie Grilley, At Large



Shelly Miller, Amazon (currently serving in a position vacated mid-year by Therese Walch)



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**Ninkasi’s Administration & Events Building,
155 Blair Blvd, Eugene**

- Located in Whiteaker Neighborhood
- Northwest corner of W. 2nd Ave. and Blair Blvd. intersection
- About 1.5 blocks northwest of Ninkasi’s main tasting room on Van Buren St.
- **Parking:** a large lot is accessible off Blair Blvd on the northwest end of the building; additional street parking is available