



LONG TOM WATERSHED COUNCIL

September 2013 news

*Action
Through
Understanding*

Dinner & Tour Invitation **16th Annual Meeting & Celebration** **Sat., Sept. 21, 4-7pm at Confluence Farms**

25090 Ferguson Rd, 3.7 miles west of junction with Territorial Rd

Purchase Tickets by Sept 13

Online at www.longtom.org or mail your check using form on last page

**Kids
welcome!**



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

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16th Annual Meeting & Celebration at Confluence Farms

Saturday, September 21, 4-7p.m.

“Agriculture & Conservation in Ferguson Creek”

- Project testimonials from **Trey Hagen, Tony Stroda, and Maryrae Thomson**
- Special guest, **Todd Reeve**, CEO of Bonneville E.F.
- Picnic **dinner in the country** prepared by **Boss Hawg’s BBQ** in Junction City (*winner of 2 awards for best BBQ!*)
- Local **wine & beer**
- **Tour of restoration project** to improve habitat for fish & wildlife on scenic Confluence Farms
- **Visit with neighbors**, hear the **Eugene Barnstormers**
- **Awards & Board elections**
- **Guided nature walk for kids** by partner organization **WREN**

The Hagen family’s Confluence Farms is situated on scenic meadows and forested hills along over 2 miles of Ferguson and South Fork Ferguson Creek. This rural neighborhood has a **long track record of partnership** between private landowners and the Long Tom Watershed Council. The Hagens and seven other landowners have adjacent restoration projects that create an important connected corridor of fish and wildlife habitat.

Many of these projects are on **working farms, ranches, and vineyards**. The Hagens have an organic blueberry farm, and Trey Hagen, a native of the area, sees agriculture and farming as coexisting values that are often beneficial to one another. “Farming and conservation have been a part of our plans for this property since we bought it,” Hagen said.

LTWC’s Annual Meeting will celebrate the commitment of landowners from the Ferguson Creek basin to improving habitat for fish, wildlife, and present and future generations. Ferguson Creek and its tributaries host a number of native plants, birds, and other wildlife. It’s also one of the most important **spawning and juvenile rearing habitat for areas for cutthroat trout** in the watershed. The interest, cooperation, and dedication of Ferguson Creek residents has set a good example for the potential of other areas in the Long Tom watershed. We hope you’ll join us September 21 for a country dinner and gathering of neighbors in a place that will have special meaning for generations to come.



Confluence Farms hosts a variety of habitat types important to native fish & wildlife, including Oregon white oak.



The Hagen family at their Confluence Farms home northwest of Junction City

2013 Watershed Awards

Thanks to these volunteers and partners for their outstanding service and dedication to the mission, goals, and work of the Council!

Private Sustaining Entity: **Reerslev Farms, Inc.**

Public Sustaining Entity: **Bureau of Land Management**

Project Landowner of the Year: **Evans Timber, LLC, Andy & Maryrae Thomson, and Dick Evans**

Project Contractor of the Year: **Jason Garland, Habitat Restoration, LLC.**

Outstanding Volunteer: **Larry Huff**

Outstanding Technical Partner: **U.S. Army Corps of Engineers**

Outgoing Board members: **Steve Cole, Sue Kacskos, Max Nielsen-Pincus, and Chad Stroda**

Board Elections

*Visit www.longtom.org to learn more about our 2013 Board of Directors candidates and our watershed awardees.

Upcoming LTWC Event

In depth discussion of restoration & protection efforts on private & tribal lands

Tuesday, September 24, 5:45 p.m.

Hagen Property at 25090 Ferguson Rd

Explore an active restoration project on private land; co-hosted by McKenzie River Trust (MRT).

- Learn about conservation easements on private land and what resources are available
- Meeting multiple landowner goals
- Other protected areas in Ferguson Creek basin

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 have a requirement to include the following disclaimer, which is now 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

LTWC Board of Directors

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Snapshot of upcoming work this year

Full 2014 Work Plan available at <http://www.longtom.org/about-ltwc/action-plan/>

- **Planning & Strategic Actions** —Pursue funding to improve Lower Long Tom River; invasive weed control along Willamette River; benchmark progress on 10-year Model Watershed plan
- **Assess & Monitor Watershed Conditions**—Evaluate restoration effectiveness on 7 sites; continue tracking migration of up to 700 cutthroat trout; submit journal article on fish migration barriers; monitor & report on Amazon Creek pesticide levels
- **Improve Stream & Wetland Habitat**—Remove 7 barriers to fish passage at 5 sites; plant native vegetation & remove invasives at 2-3 sites; place large wood at 2 sites; maintain previous plantings at 7-13 sites.
- **Improve Oak & Prairie Habitat**—Enhance upland oak & prairie habitat for native species at 7 sites.
- **Amazon Creek**—Education & develop new urban stormwater projects; continue business, landscaper, and agriculture outreach for trout friendly landscapes
- **Community Learning & Involvement**—hold 6 educational public meetings & tours; continue & increase volunteer engagement in project stewardship, education & outreach, and in the office for data & more!
- **Collaborative Partnerships**—Collaboration with partner organizations on groundwater, wetland and agricultural water management; collaborate for habitat improvement within Rivers to Ridges Partnership
- **Resource Development**—Secure grant funding and request individual gifts and business sponsorships; increase capacity & unrestricted funding
- **Willamette River and Bear Creek**—focused outreach and project development with private landowners



Register for LTWC's 16th Annual Meeting & Celebration

Advanced Tickets Required by Sept. 13

Go to www.longtom.org for easy online registration

Please send with check payable to: Long Tom Watershed Council (LTWC), 751 S. Danebo Ave, Eugene, OR 97402

Name(s) of attendees: _____

Organization: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____ Are you vegetarian? _____

Ticket & Payment Information • \$20/adult • \$10/child (children under 10 free) • \$50/family

Adult Tickets _____ @ \$20 each: \$ _____

Child Tickets (kids under 5 free) _____ @ \$10 each: \$ _____

Family Ticket (1 or 2 adults and multiple kids) @ \$50: \$ _____

Subtotal: \$ _____

Yes! I would like to be an **Annual Celebration Sponsor** for a tax-deductible gift of: \$25 \$50 \$100 other \$ _____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____