

Long Tom Watershed Council Timeline of Major Events

1997 Spring Summer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residents in Upper Long Tom sub-basin gather to discuss forming watershed council. 80 people join conversation at various times. First Council Support grant funded by Governor's Watershed Enhancement Board
1998 January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council Coordinator is hired. Interim Steering Committee established. Forming council reaches out to entire Long Tom River watershed. Regular monthly meetings with education and business components begin.
July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council reaches consensus on Charter Watershed Assessment Grant funded – work begins.
September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First Annual Celebration held – Amazon sub-basin, Willamette H.S. Steering Committee affirmed for 1998-99
October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lane and Benton County Commissions formally recognize council
1999 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Formal commendation received from Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board for council's activities during first two years. Council Support grant funded for 99-01 by OWEB Water Quality Monitoring Program grant funded for 99-01 – work begins
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Watershed Coordinator begins Willamette and Statewide electronic list-servs to network fellow coordinators Regular monthly meetings continue with education component being preliminary findings from watershed assessment
September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Second Annual Celebration held in Lower Long Tom sub-watershed with hosts, the Stroda Brothers Farm Steering Committee affirmed for 1999-2000
1999- 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Water Quality Monitoring Program determining pollution sources in basin, with refined objectives and sampling design every 2 years
2000 January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assessment is finished by Cindy Thieman and gains formal commendation from OWEB; forums conducted to share findings.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular monthly meetings continue with education and business components, including summer tours and field trips.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Won the People's Choice Award in conjunction with other watershed councils for our outreach efforts at fair booths such as the Lane County Fair.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Began submitting factual articles to the West Lane News and Tri-County News
September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Water Quality Monitoring and Demonstration Restoration Projects grant submitted for 01-03 to OWEB Third Annual Celebration held in Upper Long Tom sub-basin with our hosts, the Allison Family Steering Committee affirmed for 2000-01

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Spirit of the Oregon Plan Award</i> given to Watershed Coordinator Dana Erickson by Gov. John Kitzhaber
2001-Current	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular Council Meetings include demonstration tours, panel discussions, and presentations of issues, plans and survey results • Restoration Program addressing priority projects in the basin
September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fourth Annual Celebration held in Amazon sub-basin, West Eugene Wetlands
2002	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fifth Annual Celebration held in Lower Long Tom sub-watershed with hosts, the Horning family
2003	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sixth Annual Celebration held in Upper Long Tom sub-watershed on the Oregon County Fair property
2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council is founding member of Network of Oregon Watershed Councils (NOWC); Coordinator serves as Treasurer and Contract manager
September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seventh Annual Celebration held in Upper Long Tom sub-watershed with hosts, the Stillwater Farm
2005 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eighth Annual Celebration held in Lower Long Tom sub-watershed in the Junction City, Scandia Hall
2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Watershed Coordinator and NOWC are instrumental in joint messaging for local implementation of Oregon Plan through Watershed Councils & SWCDs to Oregon Legislature
October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ninth Annual Celebration held in Upper Long Tom sub-watershed at Our Daily Bread Restaurant
2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water Quality Summit held
October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tenth Annual Celebration held in Amazon sub-basin, Eugene Yacht Club
2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council applies for and gains tax-exempt status, brings fiscal management in-house • Restoration Program completes 30th restoration project
September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eleventh Annual Celebration held in Lower Long Tom sub-watershed with hosts, the Stroda Brothers Farm
2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council receives 10-year grant funding from Meyer Memorial Trust and begins the Model Watershed Program
September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Twelfth Annual Celebration held in Coyote Creek sub-basin with hosts, the Mattsons at Polyrock Ranch
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council receives the Science & Practice of Ecology & Society Award from the <i>International Journal of Ecology & Society</i>
2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restoration Program completes 50th restoration project
October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thirteenth Annual Celebration held at the Inn at Diamond woods in the Lower Long Tom sub-basin.
2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councils work is featured for the January issue of <i>Science Findings</i>
September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14th Annual Celebration held in Lower Amazon sub-watershed with host Jason Hunton of Hunttons' Farms
2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meyer Memorial Trust receives prestigious award on behalf of the Willamette River Basin, based on their accomplishments with partners including LTWC!
November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15th Annual Celebration held in Upper Amazon at the Vets' Club