



Public Meeting Invitation

Tues, Nov 19th, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Scandinavian Hall, 195 W. 5th Ave, Junction City



Far left: Willamette River at Snagboat Bend, east of Finley Wildlife Refuge.

Middle: Members of the Northwest Youth Corps help to remove invasive purple loosestrife on private land near Hileman Landing County Park.

Panel: “Willamette Weeds & Habitat”

Scott Youngblood, Oregon Parks & Recreation Dept.

- A natural history of farms, forests, and wetlands along the Willamette, and why these areas are important for fish & wildlife

Nicole Nielsen-Pincus, McKenzie River Trust

Jed Kaul, LTWC projects manager

- Current activities and results of the invasive weed removal project
- Long-term vision of Willamette restoration & stewardship, and upcoming opportunities

Steve Horning, Deerhaven Farms

- Landowner’s perspective on farming and habitat stewardship

Meeting Host:

Steve Horning, LTWC Board member

Open to all, free with light refreshments

For more info, Rob:

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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.

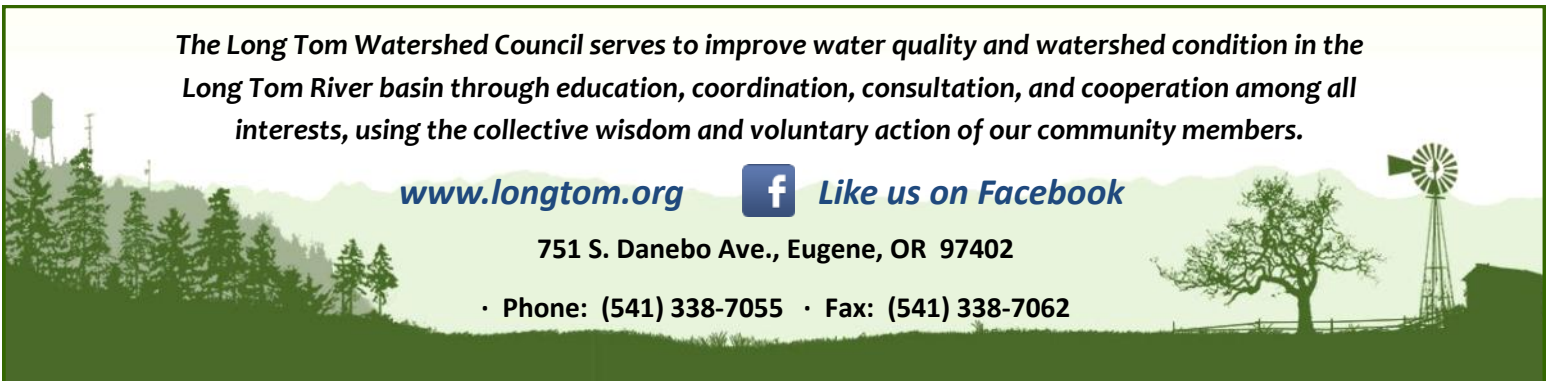
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Nov 19th Public Meeting: “Willamette Weeds & Habitat”

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What happens in the Long Tom impacts the health and habitat of the Willamette River, and LTWC’s work locally benefits our neighbors downstream. As LTWC continues to expand its role to include areas of the Willamette River, we’re partnering with McKenzie River Trust and four other non-profits and public agencies to remove invasive weeds on private and public land along the Willamette River. November 19th’s Public Meeting will feature a panel of speakers about the goals of the cooperative project and the activities and results so far.

Invasive weeds use rivers as pathways to spread to new areas, making early detection and action crucial. Five particularly noxious ODA-listed weeds that displace native vegetation and reduce habitat quality are targeted for removal. The project, funded by grants from the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation and ODA, maps and identifies priority areas for invasives removal over an 11-mile stretch between Eugene and Harrisburg.

This project is also part of a broader opportunity to make connections with landowners along the Willamette. We have a long-term vision to work with property owners to develop ideas for fish and wildlife habitat improvement projects along this stretch of the Willamette. With over 15 years of helping landowners directly, we’ve become experts in helping people find solutions for fish, wildlife, and stream health that match their values. As part of the greater Willamette community, we’re all in this together!



Involving youth in habitat stewardship. A Northwest Youth Corps member removes English ivy on private land near Christensen Landing State Park. Ivy & old man’s beard form vines that can kill trees.



Invasive plants use waterways to spread seeds & plant parts to new areas. It’s critical to identify & remove patches of noxious weeds before they spread & become firmly established.

Help us spot invasive Japanese Knotweed!

Japanese Knotweed is one of five ODA-listed weeds we’re targeting for removal along the Willamette River as well as old man’s beard, English ivy, purple loosestrife, and yellow flag iris. The best control is early detection and reporting. Report suspected knotweed or other noxious weeds at www.oregoninvasiveshotline.org.

Identification: Knotweed is identifiable by its broad, heart-shaped leaves with pointy tips. The leaves grow alternately along the stems. In late summer and fall, knotweed forms plumes of usually cream-colored flowers. The leaves and stems die in winter, appearing as dead, brittle standing canes.



Knotweed on gravel bar along Willamette. This invader spreads aggressively from an extensive underground root-like network. It will form dense thickets that choke out native vegetation.



Close up of **Japanese knotweed** leaves and flowers. Note the broad, heart-shaped leaves with pointed tips and the clusters of whitish flowers. Photo by Britt Slattery, USFWS

LTWC Calendar:

“Taste the Watershed!” Events

Raise a glass or a pint at one of our upcoming “Taste the Watershed!” series locations to celebrate the amazing bounty of this watershed. Participating local restaurants, wineries and breweries support the Council by donating a percentage of their sales on that day.

- **Tuesday, Nov 5, Sweet Life Patisserie**, all day 7:00 am -11:00 pm (Monroe between 7th and 8th). Sweet Life is donating 10% of their sales Nov 5!
- **Sunday, Nov 10, Brigadoon Winery, 12:00 – 5:00 pm**, (Ferguson Creek Road west of Territorial). Brigadoon is donating 20% of their sales on Nov 10! Staff & Board will be there between 12 noon and 4 p.m.
- **Tuesday, Dec 10, Hop Valley Tasting Room, 11:30am – 10:00 pm**, (990 W 1st Ave, between Adams & Van Buren) Hop Valley is donating 15% of their proceeds Dec 10! Staff & Board there from 5—9 p.m.

(see newsletter inserts)

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

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16th Annual Celebration:

Thanks for your support!

Our watershed friends and members

86 people and their children attended September 21st at beautiful Confluence Farms.

Donated Food, Beverages & Volunteer Gifts

Benton-Lane Winery, Brigadoon Wine Co., Camas Country Mill, Confluence Farms, Cornucopia, Deck Family Farm, Glory Bee Foods, Full City Coffee, Groundwork Organics, Kathryn Hart, Horton Road Organics, Mountain Rose Herbs, Ninkasi Brewing Co., Oakshire Brewing Co., Deborah Saunders Evans, Surata Soy Foods, David Turner, Stroda Brothers Farm, Territorial Vineyards, Therese Walch, Winter Green Farm

Celebration Sponsors

Rolf Anderson, Philip Bayles, Mike Brinkley, Dedrick Family, Gary & Jo Holzbauer, Dawn Lesley, Rich Margerum, Max Nielsen-Pincus, Jim & Chris Pendergrass, Deborah Saunders Evans, Court Smith, Alex Stone, and David Turner

Special Thanks

Boss Hawg’s BBQ Express, Confluence Farms, Eugene Barnstormers, Network of Oregon Watershed Councils, Susanna Hamilton of WREN, and all of volunteers and Board of Directors!

