

Wow! What an incredible 20th Anniversary Year!

While finalizing this year's annual report, some of the feedback we received was "It's kind of long, can you make it any shorter?" The truth is that we can't – there is just too much to share!

By the numbers

All those facts and figures tell an important part of the council's story and the growth of our impact. Last year the council stewarded 33 active grants and contracts – this coming year that number has nearly doubled to over 62! Those 62 grants and contracts represent just over \$1 million of grant funding directed to this watershed community to do the work you support. The truth is that funding only gets directed to the Long Tom because of meaningful and consistent community investment.

The majority of those grants require significant local match. Funders want to know that the projects are supported by local communities, they are a local priority, and that local partners have some skin in the game on realizing success in the long term.

The strongest way to demonstrate that support is to show local investment and matching dollars from the watershed community. In other words, it depends upon you!

Donations represented about 16% of our funding picture last year, but what that piece of the pie represents is the power to make all the other pieces of the pie possible. ***Your gifts are the linchpin for our work toward a healthier Long Tom Watershed! We simply cannot accomplish this scale of impact without your generous support.***

Beyond the numbers

What our chocked-full annual report also includes are lots and lots of names!

If you've ever heard me talk about the council, you've probably heard me include the reminder that this watershed is about 90% privately owned. **When I say that we don't get much done unless private landowners and members of the community want it done, I mean it!** These are the names of all our project landowner partners, and our council supporters for the year!

With a few exceptions like our work on the Willamette mainstem with the US Fish & Wildlife Service, and with the City of Eugene to enhance oak habitat on the Eugene ridgeline for example, the vast majority of our work happens on private, often working, lands where people build their lives and businesses. The continued commitment to help landowners balance habitat enhancement with earning a living on the land is one of the things that makes our council so unique. That focus is a continued reflection of the spirit of the Oregon Plan for Salmon & Watersheds crafted over 20 years ago, and continues to be at the core of our mission and priority. **Private lands are the heart of this work.** Continuing to build relationships and find solutions with urban and rural private landowners is essential to realizing the incredible opportunities for enduring, high-quality, habitat enhancement work in the Long Tom Watershed. **All of that depends upon your support for our unique and successful process, and your participation as stakeholders in this thoughtful and sincere approach.**



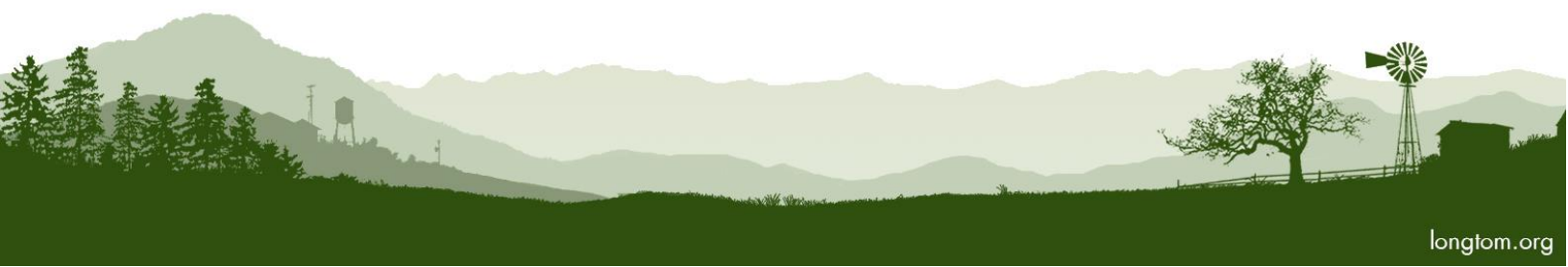
On a Personal Note

Even though I've been with the council nearly 3 years, I'm still amazed on a daily basis by things that are surely obvious to those who have been here a long time. To see the diversity of Watershed stakeholders continuing to come together in common interest for a healthier watershed is humbling – it is clear our community uniquely understands why this work is important. Of course, there will always be differing opinions on how that works is done. But that is the beauty of a private lands approach – the council can bring science and resources to the community to help each partner decide what is right for them. The trust that this community places in its council to have those conversations is remarkable and truly special – that is because this council was built by you. It was built by your values, your voice, and your investment. **It is something for you to be proud of, and it is a testament to the power of community to stand together in changing times, and of the enduring strength of a culture of neighbors helping each other to do the right thing for the health of the home they share.**

Thank you for being a part of this special watershed and for putting yourself and your values behind this work. **Please share the joy of the watershed this holiday season with your family, neighbors and friends.** I look forward to connecting with you in the new year and continuing to work together toward a healthier Long Tom Watershed!

Sincerely,

Clinton Begley





2017 Annual Report

A snapshot of local impact

Stream & Riparian Projects in Rural Areas

Connecting habitat for fish, wildlife and future generations

Goals: Increase **habitat connectivity and complexity**; increase **shade to lower stream temperatures**; improve **soil stability and water quality**; and open streams for **fish migration**.

2017 Impact:

- Planted native trees and shrubs along 1/2 mile and 7 acres of streamside habitat; stewarded additional 250 acres to increase project success
- Removed over 2 miles of invasive weeds on 22 acres
- Treated over 15 acres of ponds and 14 stream miles that are source populations for aquatic invasive plant, Ludwigia
- Secured funding to remove 12th and final fish passage barrier in Owens Creek, culminating 10 years of work at 8 sites!



*Mink at Hunton Family Farm project
Photo: Jason Hunton*

Willamette River Enhancement Projects

Regional stewardship in our broader watershed community

Goals: Improve **habitat complexity and function**; **reconnect side channels and alcoves** that provide refuge for fish; increase **floodplain forest habitat** at Snag Boat Bend and Sam Daws Landing projects

2017 Impact:

- Planted 120,000 trees and shrubs, another 30,000 willow stakes (26 species!)
- Completed project designs that will remove berms and other constructed features that disconnect side channel habitat



Volunteers cutting and planting willow stakes as part of a project stewardship effort along Owens Creek

Recovering Oak, Prairie, and Wetland Habitats

Leaving a legacy on working lands and public open space

Goals: **Improving habitat** and connecting these sites on private and public lands into **corridors of habitat**; **increase populations and diversity** of native plants; implement projects that **balance goals of working lands** while providing increased **food and nesting** opportunities for pollinators and wildlife.

2017 Impact:

- Improved oak savanna, oak woodland, and upland prairie habitat at 6 sites, and improve wet prairie and wetland enhancement at 4 sites totaling 97 acres

Celebrating 20 Years of Community Support

“Action through Understanding”

Mission: 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.

A snapshot of local impact 2017

Urban Waters & Wildlife Program

Bridging urban & rural communities

Goals: Work with businesses to **develop best management practices** (BMPs); upgrade landscapes by **improving soil**, using **low-maintenance plants**, and **designing stormwater facilities** that improve **water quality**; create urban **wildlife habitat** corridors.

2017 Impact:

- Created stormwater project designs for 5 businesses, conducted project feasibility studies for another 6 businesses
- Implemented 5 projects that treat over 70 acres of stormwater

Community Engagement

Providing opportunities for learning & involvement

Goals: Provide **meaningful opportunities for stakeholders** to share ideas, learn about watershed conditions, and participate in finding practical solutions; value **diverse perspectives**; identify opportunities to **advance diversity, equity, and inclusion** in LTWC's work.

2017 Impact:

- Involved Monroe area residents and community leaders in idea-sharing, planning, and problem-solving conversations for the **Lower Long Tom River Enhancement Plan** project.
- Commenced an exciting project to **facilitate dialogue between tribal members and partners to incorporate traditional practices into oak restoration** through workshops, conversations, and internships for Native youth
- Engaged over 2,000 community members through newsletters, website / listserv postings, and social media
- Produced 6 open public meetings and tours
- Engaged volunteers in habitat stewardship, fundraising, stormwater designs, and office operations.

Collecting Scientific Data

Understanding current conditions & habitat needs

Goals: Use data to **identify and prioritize areas for habitat enhancement**; Continue to monitor pesticides through the **Pesticide Stewardship Program**; assess long-term impacts of riparian plantings and reduction on temperature by monitoring changes in shade and temperature over time.

2017 Impact:

- Collected Amazon Creek pesticide & water quality data for 6th straight year
- Gathered continuous water temperature data at 26 sites in Bear, Ferguson, and Coyote Creek basins
- Monitored habitat improvement progress on completed projects at 11 sites



SARAH WHITNEY
LONG TOM WATERSHED COUNCIL

"I was incredibly impressed at the dedication, hard work, and success the LTWC staff, namely Sarah Whitey, had with our project while juggling it with so many others. They are making a positive impact on our land and all of our community, not just humans, every day." - Jennifer Salvatore, HIV Alliance



"LTWC is unique in their ability to successfully bring together all of the various entities, such as landowners, agencies, contractors, and educational resources to achieve our common goal of habitat and watershed health. They know how to accomplish what we don't have the ability to do alone!"
- Donna & Al Hrynshyn, Owens Creek Landowners

Thank you, 2017 Donors and Partners!

Development Program Note

This year the council celebrated 20 years of neighbors helping neighbors to enhance land and water in their community. This milestone is a celebration of the wonderful tapestry of people that make up our watershed community and the common value to steward our land and water that has been the foundation for building bridges of trust and a sense of community around the vision for a healthy Long Tom Watershed. This year was also an important milestone in our Development Program, marked by our 20th Anniversary Fundraising Campaign, as well as our 5th consecutive year exceeding the prior year's private donation totals! The council also started an exciting project to facilitate dialogue with Tribes regarding traditional knowledge in oak and prairie habitats. After an initial grant from Spirit Mountain Community Fund, the generosity of the watershed came through in a big way! Through private donations, we were able to successfully meet our goal to fund outreach and facilitation work on this project!



"The project is important to me, personally, and organizationally, as I am a basket weaver and we are always looking for spots to have our material grow and be harvested in a correct way and time. Habitat restoration would be so beneficial. [But] what excites me most is simply having a tribal voice heard." - Brenda Brainard, Natives Program Dir., Eugene 4J Schools

Private giving is essential to the council's work and ability to secure capital funding for important projects. From the council to the entire watershed community, thank you for investing in clean water and healthy habitat watershed wide. Can you imagine what we can continue to achieve in the next 20 years together?

Annual Campaign Gifts

Peder Allison	Alan & Sue Dickman	Sue Kacsos	Jim & Christine Pendergrass
Allcott/Hunt Share It Now	Allen Dong	Sara Kaul & Robert Murphy	Nancy Pierce
Advised Fund of the Oregon	Jeffrey Jane Flowers	Kurt & Mary Koehler	Bonnie & Mike Quigley
Community Foundation	Friends of the Long Tom	Beth Krisko	Maya Robbins
Ed Alverson	Watershed	Jeff Krueger	Deborah Saunders Evans
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Barbara & Joe Bowman	who esteemed American	Fraser MacDonald	Shirlee Taylor - In honor of
Troy Brandt	Indian culture for its loving	Deb Mailander	Deborah Saunders Evans
Mike Brinkley	wisdom of how to live upon	Pat McDowell	Randy Tittle & Marion Sproul
Ted & Lindy Brown	Mother Earth	Pat & George Miller	David & Suzanne Turner
Café Yumm!	Glen & Genie Harden	Shelly Miller	Jabrila & David Wali Via
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Dana & Jason Dedrick	Einar & Deb Ingebretsen	Pacific Ag Systems	

Tribal Engagement Campaign

Merle & Kathy Allen
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Todd Hicklin

David & Suzanne Turner
Jabrila & David Wali Via
Maryellen Wyman—In
honor of Ethan Wyman
Peg Wyse—In honor of
Margaret R. Wyse
Anonymous—In memory of
Piper Pants
Anonymous (1)

Business League

Bowman Tree Farm
GloryBee Foods
Mountain Rose Herbs,
Organically Grown Co.
Seneca Family of Companies
SureCrop Farm Service
Transition Management Inc.

Annual Celebration Event Sponsors

Ninkasi Brewing LLC
Stroda Brothers Farm
Weyerhaeuser Co.

Lower Long Tom Community Engagement Project Match

Dick & Gretchen Evans

Public Sustaining Partners

Bonneville Power Admin.
City of Eugene
Oregon Dept. of Agriculture
Oregon DEQ
ODFW
Oregon Watershed
Enhancement Board
City of Springfield
Springfield Utility
Board
U.S. Army Corps of
Engineers
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Service

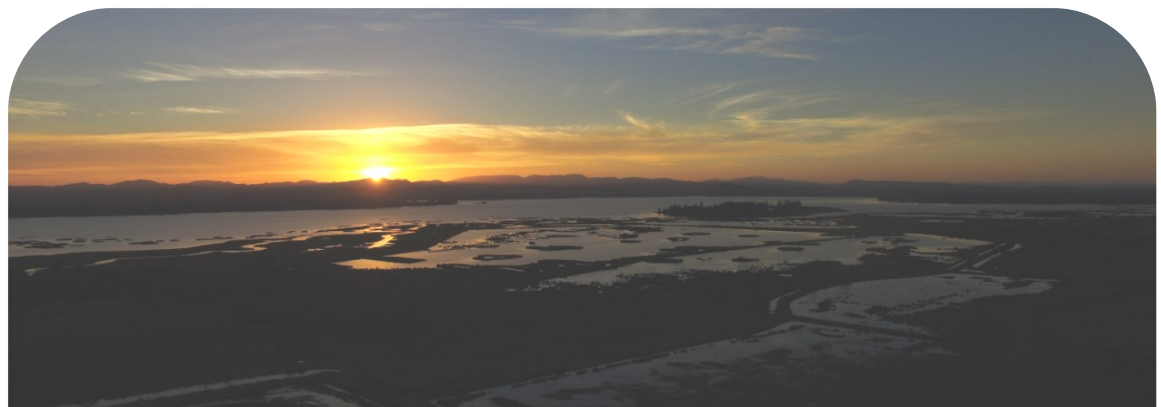
Davis Commercial Properties
Environmental Systems
Research Institute (ESRI)
Meyer Memorial Trust,
Monroe Telephone Co.
Spirt Mountain Comm. Fund
SureCrop Farm Service



Project Manager Jed Kaul describes the work to reconnect side channel habitat at Snag Boat Bend during a tour of LTWC's Willamette River projects.

Private Sustaining Partners

Bonneville Env.
Foundation
Cow Creek Umpqua
Indian Foundation



“When I think about the future of the Long Tom Watershed Council, I am excited. I see better water quality. I see happier species that are supposed to live here. I see more people knowing about the watershed council. I see businesses getting more involved. I see farmers getting more engaged and landowners and people really valuing the habitat—where we live and connecting with it.”

- Jodi Sommers, Essex General Construction, Inc.

Thank you, Restoration Project Landowners!

These wonderful watershed families, businesses, and partners have voluntarily done restoration work on their land and represent 20 years of neighbors working together on local land and water issues!

Private

2Form Architecture (2017)
 Kristen Anderson (2007)
 Paul Atkinson (2008)
 Barrows Family (2012)
 Al & Wanda Bartlett (2005)
 Bennett Vineyards (2015)
 Will & Kathy Bondioli (2002)
 Jim & Maria Bradshaw (2012)
 Ted & Linda Brown (2012)
 Doug & Linda Carnine (2016)
 Ryan Collay (2001)
 Davis Commercial Properties (2012)
 Deck Family Farm (2010)
 Ron & Pam Detering (2001, 2013)
 Wallace & Roberta Detering (2013)
 Paula & Curtis Erickson (2009)
 Essex General Construction (2015)
 Kathy Flanagan & John McClurkin (2013)
 Scott Gibson (2007, 2008)
 Gibson Steel Basins (2016)
 Giustina Land & Timber (2013, 2014)
 GloryBee Foods (2016)
 Goracke Seed Farms (2015)
 Marilyn Graham (2015)
 Jack Gray & Mary Jo Wade (2006, 2008)
 Scot Gray & Catherine Reinhart (2015)
 Trey & Tammie Hagen (2011, 2012)
 Kent Hansen (2008)
 Glen & Genie Harden (2008)
 Harper Family (2015)
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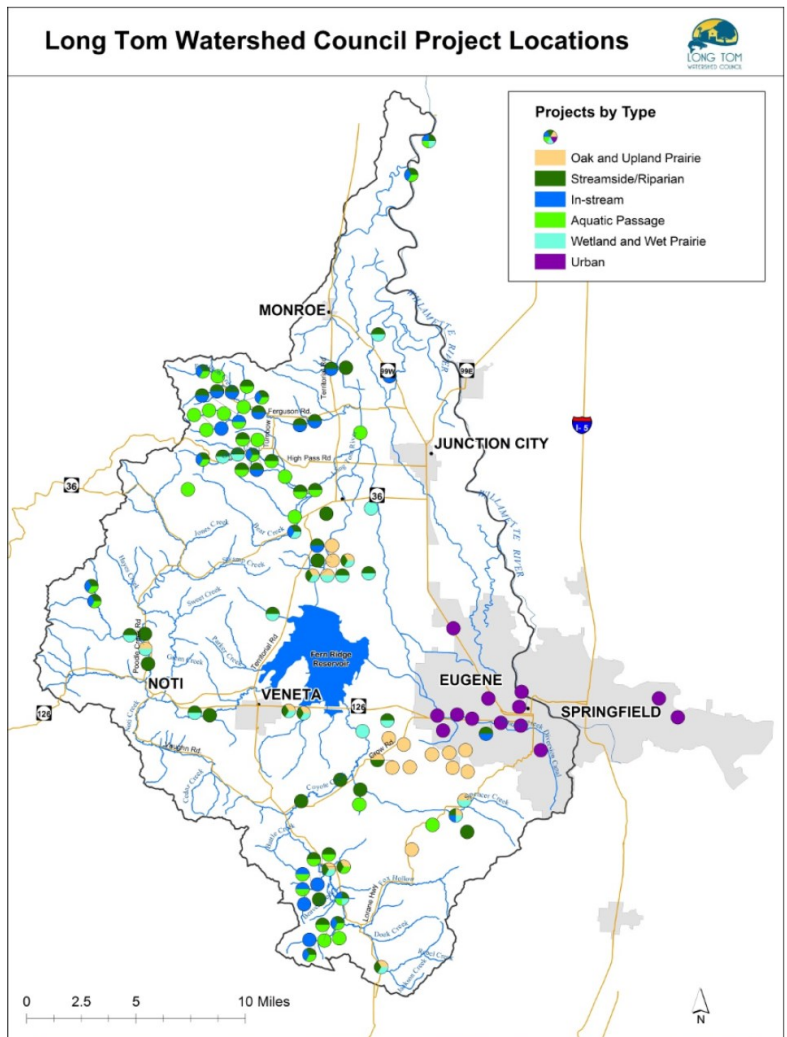
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 Joe's Garage (2015)
 Art & Anita Johnson (2000, 2002, 2003, 2005, 2010, 2016)
 Val & Ken Kime (2011)
 Pete Kingzett (2014)
 Kurt & Mary Koehler (2011)
 Rick & Patti Little (2003)
 Deborah & Alan Mattson (2005, 2007, 2011)
 Joe McFadden (2008)
 Cary Moffett (2005)
 Mountain Rose Herbs (2015)
 Rick Movsky (2002)
 Ron & Janice Murphy (2008)
 John & Gwen Neumeister (2003)
 Noble Family (2005)
 OSU Extension (2016)
 Scott & JJ Perkins (2016)
 QSL Communication (2016)
 Dave & Linda Schudel (2012)
 Seneca Sawmill (2016)
 Steve Sertic (2004)
 Smyth Family (2014)
 Sogge Family (2010)
 Linda Stork (2006)
 Stroda Family (2007, 2008, 2011)
 Swanek Family (2014)
 Molly Templeton (2002),
 Thermo Fisher Scientific (2013, 2015, 2016)
 Andy & Maryrae Thomson (2003, 2011)
 Randy Tittle & Marion Sproul (2014)

Dave & Suzanne Turner (2005)
 Dave & Isabel Watkins (2011)
 Mark Westphal (2002)
 Wild Time Foods (2017)

Lane County (2001, 2013, 2014)
 Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife (2015)
 Oregon Parks & Recreation (2013)
 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (2012)
 U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (2014)

Public

Bureau of Land Management (2010, 2011, 2013, 2014)
 City of Eugene (2001, 2005, 2007, 2009, 2014, 2016)



"It's nice to work with (LTWC) in a way that's benefitting the environment and letting farmers still farm in a way they see fit. It doesn't take a lot of work going out of our way to work with the watershed council and have the watershed council work with us in ways that benefit our farm, and the water flow, and the fish, and the charismatic megafauna that are around." - Jason Hunton, farmer

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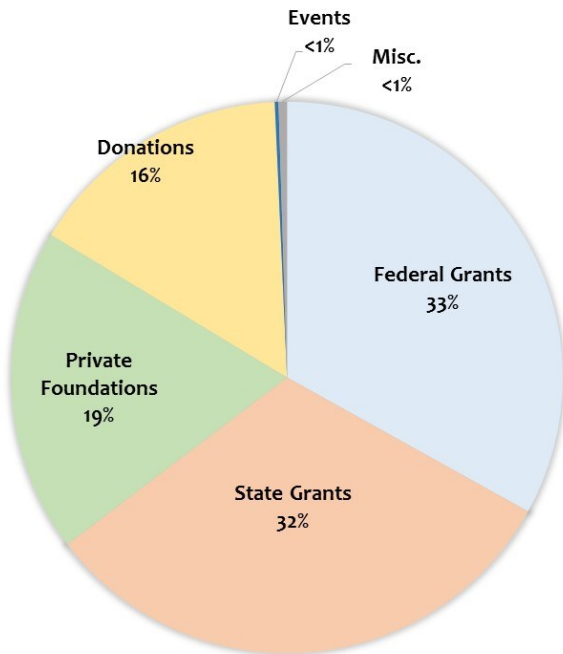
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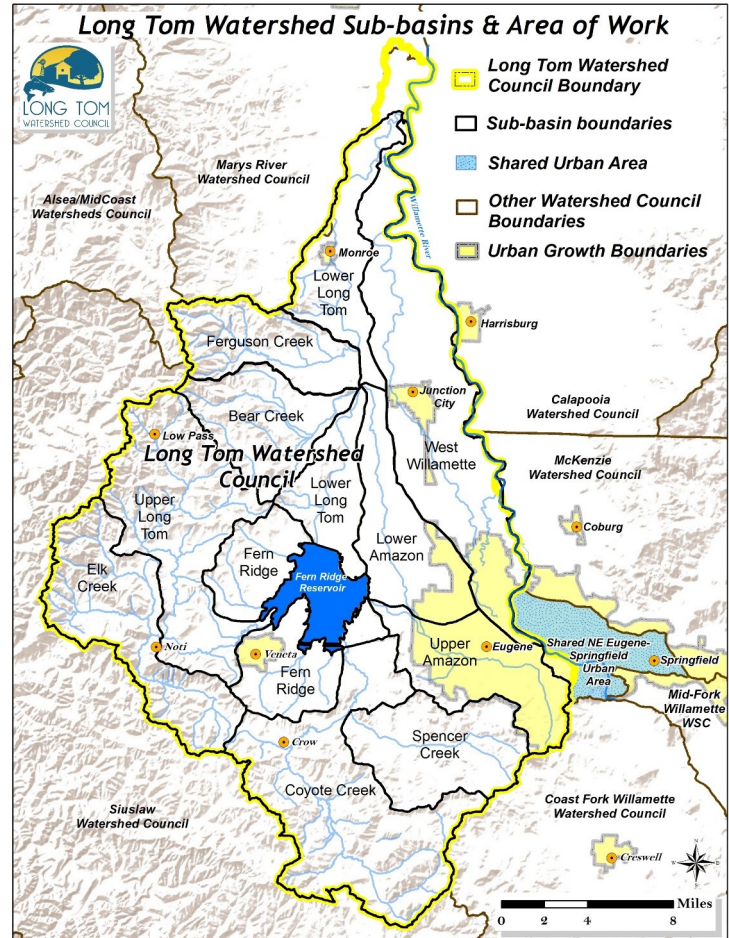
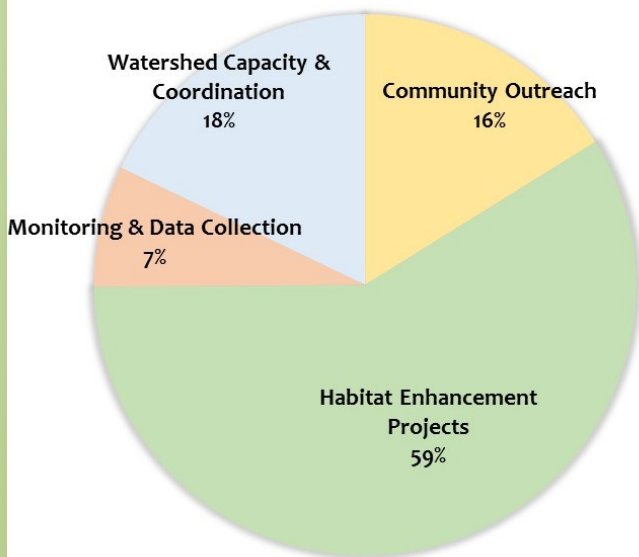
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