



# LONG TOM WATERSHED COUNCIL

January 2005

## Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, January 25th 6:30 - 9:00  
Amazon Subbasin—Irving Grange

## Agenda

**6:30** Sign-in, Browse Info, &  
Socialize

**7:00** Parks Master Plan for  
Lane County  
*Celia Barry - Lane County  
Parks and Recreation*

**7:20** Household & Garden  
Pesticide Use: Minimizing  
Runoff & Waste  
*Lorna Baldwin - Stream Team  
Tom Bettman - Master Gardener*

**8:15** Break

**8:20** Council Business  
- Correspondence  
- Committee Reports  
- Staff Reports

**9:00** Adjourn



A few of our tree-planting volunteers take a break from hard work to pose for a picture. To find out how you can get in on the fun, turn to page 6 !!!

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## Our Mission:

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

# Coordinator's Letter



## Action Through Understanding



Steering Committee

Amazon

Scott Duckett  
Rich Margerum  
Tina Fenley

At Large

Ryan Collay  
Chris Massingill  
Duane Zenter

Lower Long Tom

Brent Skiles  
John Reersleev  
Mike Kesling,  
Chair

Upper Long

Tom

Will Bondioli  
Dennis Capps  
Gary Nolan



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Projects and  
Monitoring  
Cindy Thieman  
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Dear Council members,

At long last I sit down with some time to send a note. It seemed like things didn't slow down much for the holidays this year! Our grant for Council Support funding was submitted December 13<sup>th</sup> to the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB). Special thanks to three members of the Steering Committee who gave heartily of their time and expertise to review multiple drafts of the grant, **Rich Margerum, Scott Duckett, and Chris Massingill.**

We are seeking to fund the council between July 2005 and June 2007. I offer many thanks to the match funding and services contributors, and heartfelt thanks to those who wrote letters of support for the Council's application, listed below. The grant application included our proposed 2005-07 council work plan, which we will start breaking into smaller discussion pieces for upcoming Steering and Council meetings.

As you are most likely aware, funding for the state is tight again this biennium. The natural resources component of the state's budget is quite small at 1.5% and the line item for council support has not increased in six years, despite additional councils being added to the funding pool. In the end, we may get only a portion of our proposal and we are prepared to respond to that. In the meantime we will receive comments back from the review team in February, respond in March, and hear a final outcome after the OWEB Board meetings May 23-24.

## Council Support grant application, 2005-07

### Match Funding & Services

- ♦ **Bureau of Land Management,  
Eugene District**
- ♦ **City of Eugene**
- ♦ **City of Veneta**
- ♦ **Roseburg Resources Company**
- ♦ **Swanson Group, Inc.**
- ♦ **Monroe Telephone Company**
- ♦ **Reerslev Farms, Inc.**
- ♦ **Stroda Brothers Farm**
- ♦ **C&L Farms**
- ♦ **SureCrop Farm Services**

### Letters of Support

- ♦ **East Lane Soil & Water  
Conservation District**
- ♦ **Peter Sorenson, Lane County  
Commissioner**
- ♦ **Willamette Resources Educational  
Network**
- ♦ **University of Oregon RARE  
Program**
- ♦ **John D. Moriarty**
- ♦ **Arthur C. Johnson**
- ♦ **Eugene Water & Electric Board**
- ♦ **Lane County Watermaster**
- ♦ **OR Dept of Fish & Wildlife**
- ♦ **Army Corps of Engineers**
- ♦ **Steering Committee Members**

# Meeting Backgrounder

## Pesticide Use & Runoff: What Can We Do?

**I**n the U.S. Geological Survey's 1995 report, entitled *Water Quality in the Willamette Basin*, it is stated that 25 separate pesticides were found in urban streams. Twenty-five!

People often express concern about the application of chemicals in rural areas, wondering what effects that has on our environment and waterways, but how often do we apply those thoughts to our own use of chemicals in urban areas? Do you ever wonder what happens as rain falls on our urban landscapes – running off our roofs, saturating our lawns and gardens and mini-orchards, then continuing across our driveways into the street?



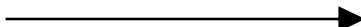
Where does the rain go in urban landscapes and what does it take with it? City storm drains connect directly to the nearest water body – streams and rivers - without treatment! Thus whatever excess of chemical treatment we apply to our roofs, lawns, gardens, ornamental plantings, and fruit trees and other landscaping follows that runoff path directly into our streams and rivers – including the Long Tom River.

Our particular lifestyle makes an impact on water quality every day. At our January Council meeting we will address this topic. **Lorna Baldwin from the City of Eugene Stream Team** will share what the Stream Team and the Stormwater Management Program is doing in our urban environment (which includes the Amazon Creek portion of the Long Tom Watershed) to increase both awareness and involvement in the City. Then **Tom Bettman, a Master Gardener and lecturer about sustainable gardening** will talk about what we, as individuals, can do to be responsive to water quality issues when caring for our own spaces.

## Lane County Parks & Open Space Master Plan

Lane County is updating its Parks & Open Space Master Plan for the first time since 1980. Parks staff will be on hand, and project coordinator Celia Barry, an associate planner with the County, will present a brief overview of the process and how you can get involved. Details are available from the Parks web site: [www.lanecounty.org/parks/masterplan.htm](http://www.lanecounty.org/parks/masterplan.htm).

As time allows, County staff will ask participants at the Jan. 25th meeting to respond to a list of questions so you can hear what others have to say.

Please take a few minutes to complete the questionnaire on the reverse side of this page and bring it to the Council Meeting. 

## Lane County Parks & Open Space Master Plan Update QUESTIONNAIRE

THIS INFORMATION WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE PUBLIC RECORD. ATTACH EXTRA PAGES AS NECESSARY

1. What are some general comments or suggestions you have for County Parks?
  
2. What are the most important issues that should be dealt with in the County Parks Plan, and why?
  
3. What suggestions do you have for dealing with these issues?
  
4. What operational changes would you like to see in how County Parks are managed, if any?
  
5. Are there specific parks, areas, or type of recreational use you'd like to comment about?
  
6. Are there specific goals and policies you'd like to see included in the plan? What are they?
  
7. What are some possible ways that County Parks could collaborate with your business or organization?
  
8. Please write or attach any additional comments you'd like to make. Thank You!

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

\*ORGANIZATION \_\_\_\_\_

\*INDIVIDUAL OR CONTACT NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

INDIVIDUAL OR CONTACT NAME EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS --INCLUDING CITY AND ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_-

\*MAY THE RECORD SHOW THAT THESE COMMENTS REPRESENT THE ORGANIZATION LISTED ABOVE?

CHOOSE ONE!

☐ YES (IF YES, CONTACT NAME & PHONE # MUST BE INCLUDED)

☐ NO, THESE ARE MY PERSONAL COMMENTS ONLY

**SUBMIT BY APRIL 8, 2005 TO:**

Email : celia.barry@co.lane.or.us, or

Mail: Celia Barry, Lane Co. Public Works, 3040 N. Delta Hwy., Eugene, OR 97408

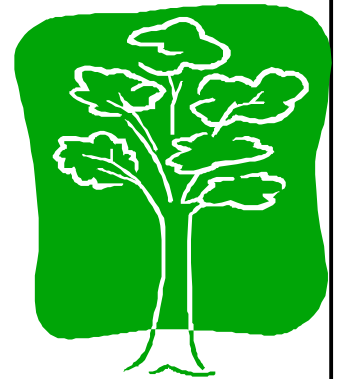
# Projects & Monitoring Update

## By Cindy Thieman

### Annual Tree Give Away

**W**inter is the ideal time of year to plant trees and shrubs, and is also time for our annual tree giveaway to **landowners who have riparian areas in need of trees**. This year we are pleased to have three species to choose from: Western red cedar, Oregon ash, and Willamette Valley pine. Planting one or more of these species along your stream or wetland will provide a number of benefits. They provide valuable shade, contribute woody material to the stream (an important link in a stream's food-chain), and supply wildlife with food and shelter. Birds that feed on the seeds of cedar, ash, and pine include black-headed grosbeaks, a variety of sparrows, pine siskins, cedar waxwings, nuthatches, grouse, chickadees, quail, doves, jays, finches, and wood ducks. Sapsuckers often drill into ash searching for insects, and butterfly larvae and other insects eat ash leaves. Squirrels and porcupines tear off strips of cedar bark for nest material and all of these trees provide nesting habitat for birds.

So which trees are right for your stream? **Western red cedar** will grow best in the mid to upper parts of the watershed. In its seedling stage, it does poorly in full sun so should be planted in shade to part shade. It tolerates moist to dry soils, although may require a few deep waterings in late summer to become established at dry sites. Willamette Valley Pine and Oregon ash will do well in many parts of the Long Tom Watershed, and are particularly good candidates for the foot-hills and Valley floor. **Willamette Valley Pine** is actually a sub-species of ponderosa pine that is endemic to the Valley. It tolerates soils that are wet in the winter and dry in the summer, a common condition of the lowlands in our watershed. **Oregon ash** do well in moist to wet soils and can be partially submerged for a portion of the winter.



We thank **Roseburg Resources**, once again, for donating the Western red cedar. We also thank the staff and volunteers of **Friends of Buford Park** for donating the ash. These ash trees were removed from a site at the Park where they are working to maintain oak savanna and prairie on the slopes of Mt. Pisgah.

If you have a streamside or wetland in need of trees please call Cindy at 683-2983 or email her at [cindythieman@yahoo.com](mailto:cindythieman@yahoo.com). Trees will be available at the beginning of February so please call soon to reserve your trees.

### **THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING VOLUNTEER TREE PLANTERS FOR ALL OF YOUR HARD WORK.!!!**

- ♦ Bob Hager
- ♦ Bob Berman
- ♦ Scott Shine
- ♦ Jenny Bayn
- ♦ Bart Melton
- ♦ Bill Almquist
- ♦ Ethan Davis
- ♦ Len Gillette
- ♦ Nancy Hafner
- ♦ Andy Gilmore

# Council News & Announcements

## Eugene-Springfield Metro Waterways Study

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, in partnership with the cities of Eugene and Springfield and Lane County, has begun a multi-year study for identifying and evaluating problem areas and opportunities related to the function and health of our local waterways. The study will examine issues related to flood protection and drainage management, conservation of wildlife and aquatic habitat, water quality, open spaces, and recreational and educational opportunities.

The eventual goal of the study is to identify and select specific improvement projects designed to fix problems and improve overall conditions of our waterways.

**There will be a public workshop held to describe the study and to seek input on identifying key issues and opportunities within each of the priority planning corridors and the study area as a whole.** The workshop will be a drop-in format with a presentation at 5:30 p.m.

**Amazon Creek Planning Corridor Workshop: *Thursday, January 20 4:30—7:30***  
**Location: Eugene Public Library, 100 W. 11th Ave.**

For more information, please visit [www.metrowaterways.org](http://www.metrowaterways.org)  
 or contact Jeff Krueger 682-4122

## Agricultural Equipment Services Bid Being Prepared

The City of Eugene Parks and Open Space Division is preparing a bid document to engage independent contractors on an “as needed” basis to provide the City with mechanical cultivation using farm machinery on undeveloped lands owned by the City and U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

Contractors shall plough, disc and/or till project sites to abate exotic and/or invasive plant populations, to maintain fire breaks, and to prepare for prescribed fire applications. Work will be assigned to the Contractor via individual work orders. Each work order will contain a brief description of services to be provided, a map of the project site, and a not-to-exceed amount for hourly services.

The bid will be available for review in early February.

Interested parties may contact the City of Eugene Purchasing Department at 682-5055 to be placed on the bid list or Dal Ollek, Mitigation Bank Coordinator at 682-4982 for additional information.

Note: The Council Newsletter may not always have room for this type of announcement so if you are interested, please contact Dal to added to his mailing list.

# Council News & Announcements

## Winter informal education programs At the West Eugene Wetlands:

### January

**Wetlands Work Day**  
**Saturday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
**8-10am**

"Help us to start off the new year by cleaning up the area around the West Eugene Wetlands Education Center. Gloves and tools will be provided. Please dress for the weather, and wear shoes that can get wet." For more information, call Holly McRae at 683-6494 or email at [wew@wewetlands.com](mailto:wew@wewetlands.com).



### February

**Winter Bird Walk**  
**Saturday, February 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**8am-noon**

"Join naturalist Steve Gordon for a morning of winter bird watching. Meet at Stewart Pond parking area at 8am. Wear appropriate clothing and boots. Bring a snack. To register, call Holly McRae at 683-6494 or email at [wew@wewetlands.com](mailto:wew@wewetlands.com)."

**Feed the Birds**  
**Saturday, February 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**10-11:30am**

While some birds migrate out of Oregon for the winter, there are many that stay here and others that come here to winter over. Have you ever wondered how they manage to survive the coldest, rainiest part of the year? Come learn about some of their winter survival techniques and make your very own bird feeder to take home. Meet in the West Eugene Wetlands Yurt, and dress warm! Open to parents and children. To Register, call Holly McRae at 683-6494 or email [wew@wewetlands.com](mailto:wew@wewetlands.com).



# Volunteer Opportunities



## WANTED:

Volunteer Tree Planters for upcoming projects.  
No experience necessary.  
Must not be afraid to get muddy!

The Long Tom Watershed Council is looking for Volunteer Tree Planters to help plant several hundred trees in three project areas throughout the watershed. Work sessions will be held on the following dates:

**Saturday, January 29th**  
**Sunday, January 30th**  
**Saturday, February 5th**

Each day, we will be working from **10:00 am - 1:00 pm**. We will be carpooling from the Council Office on W.11th at 9:30.

**This is a great opportunity to get outside, get muddy, and to learn more about your watershed!**

*To sign up, or for more information, please contact Lori at 683-6949 or [lquillen@longtom.org](mailto:lquillen@longtom.org)*



## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES FROM EUGENE STREAM TEAM

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team Team now has three ongoing opportunities during the week for volunteers to get out and learn about their watershed while lending a hand to improve water quality and fish and wildlife habitat:

Tuesday and Friday afternoons at the Native Plant Nurseries and Thursday at Delta Ponds. There will also be at least three large planting projects along the Willamette River in the Whilamut Natural Area on weekends in February and early March. Please call for directions, more information, or to be added to our email notification list. Thanks, Lorna Baldwin - 682-4850 or [lorna.j.baldwin@ci.eugene.or.us](mailto:lorna.j.baldwin@ci.eugene.or.us)





# Calendar

## January

20	Eugene Metro Waterways Study Open House <b>4:30 - 7:30 pm</b> (drop-in format) Location: TBA <i>See p. 5 for more information</i>
22	West Eugene Wetlands Workday <b>8:00 - 10:00 am</b> Location: West Eugene Wetlands <i>See p. 5 for more information</i>
22	East Lane Soil and Water Conservation District Annual Meeting <b>12:00 - 2:00 pm</b> Location: E.W.E.B. <i>For more information contact: 465-6436</i>
25	Long Tom Watershed Council Monthly Meeting <b>6:30 - 9:00 pm</b> Location: Amazon Subbasin - Irving Grange <i>See back page for map and directions. See p. 2 for Meeting Backgrounder</i>
29	Long Tom Watershed Council Tree Planting <b>10:00 am- 1:00 pm</b> <i>See p. 6 for more information</i>
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31	Long Tom Watershed Council Program Committee Meeting <b>5:00 - 7:00 pm</b> Location: Council Office <i>Contact : Lori 683-6949 or lquillen@longtom.org</i>

## February

5	Long Tom Watershed Council Tree Planting <b>10:00 am - 1:00 pm</b> <i>See p.6 for more information</i>
5	Winter Bird Walk <b>8:00 am - 12:00 pm</b> <i>See p. 5 for more information</i>
8	East Lane Soil and Water Conservation District Monthly Meeting <i>For Information, contact: 465-6436</i>
19	Feed the Birds Workshop <b>10:00 - 11:30 am</b> <i>See p. 5 for more information</i>

# Council Meeting Notes

## November 30, 2004 ? Monroe Community Center

Intro and Welcome by new vice-chair, Chris Massingill. Other new officers introduced, (Mike Kesling, chair), (Tina Fenley, treasurer). Ryan Collay is new program committee liaison from Steering.

Steering Committee members wrote letters of support for general OWEB grant.

More on 501(c)3 discussion opened by Chris:

- ♦ Liability issues with current structure. Current staff, Cindy and Dana, provide insurance for themselves but have limited coverage, usually cover attorney fees only. Their ins. ends however, if they ever end contracts with Council. If a project fails after they are gone, who's liable? Suggestion to look into how Coos and Siuslaw councils are dealing with insurance. Steering Committee members may also be liable but have no coverage. Liability highest for large woody debris (LWD) placement projects. Note: OWEB directors do have insurance.
- ♦ Many grants presently unavailable to us because we are not officially non-profit. Current relationships amongst staff and steering is somewhat at arms distance because it's by contract—no care and feeding. Some organizations don't like dealing with a 3<sup>rd</sup> parties in general, Cascade Pacific RC&D in our instance. Currently, some funding from State DEQ is likely to be lost because we are not our own 501(c)3 not-for-profit.
- ♦ Presently, there are many watershed councils with non-profit status, and they are functioning well.
- ♦ There was a concern from one that non-profit orgs. have no accountability; esp. from a financial standpoint. A counter response to this stated that this was not so, they are required to report to the state. Someone within the board or steering committee would have to do this, such as a treasurer.  
*Coordinator's note: The fact is that non-profits file tax forms with the federal government annually. The main one of these forms, the 990, is available to anyone on the web, and the rest of the forms can be requested from the IRS at any time.*
- ♦ Suggested not to have an elected board if we ever went not-for-profit.
- ♦ An e-mail forwarded to the chair was read from a former steering member regarding a previous effort by a sub-committee looking into 501(c)3. The concern was that the recommendations from that committee not be ignored. The committee at that time recommended not going 501(c)3 and developing its relationship with Cascade Pacific RC&D. The e-mail was duly noted and to be discussed fully at future steering committee meetings.

**Main presenter-** Gail Glick Andrews, OSU Extension Service. Gail made an excellent class (as in instructional) and classy presentation on well water and septic systems. She also gave out some informative brochures. Her assistant tested well-water samples from class participants for nitrate during the class. If you missed this presentation and would like to know more, she left her phone no. and e-mail address and web page: (541) 737-6294, <http://wellwater.oregonstate.edu>

### **Valuable Points from the class -**

1). A permit is needed for wells > 10' deep. 2). Older well logs are available online through Water Resources Dept.- mainly post 1965. 3). If you have a sanitary well cap, do not loosen bolts or nuts to inspect, contamination and un-ability to put back together will occur. 4). Test well water for bacteria and nitrate every 1-2 years, more often if changes in activity on your or neighbors property taking place. 5). Inspect casing & grouting. 6). Prevent backflow. 7). Fill in unused wells.

Her homemade recipe for clogged household drains: Pour boiling water with ¼ cup baking soda and vinegar mixed in. She added that this is safer to the environment than commercial products.

Overall, Gail said drinking water is in good shape in Oregon.

Thanks to her efforts, I'm sure she has had a lot to do with this.

By Duane Zenter

**INSIDE: Upcoming Council Meeting Topic: Pesticide Use, Volunteer Tree Planting Opportunities,  
Amazon Creek Planning Workshop—Thursday, January 20th, 4:30 - 7:30**

**Long Tom Watershed Council**  
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Eugene, OR 97402

**IRVING GRANGE, 1011 Irvington Rd**

**6:30 p.m. Tuesday, January 25th**

**Directions:** Take NE Expressway to Irvington Rd. Go East on Irvington Rd.  
**OR -** Take River Road to Irvington Rd, Turn West on Irvington Rd.  
The Irving Grange is the yellow building on the North side of Irvington Rd.  
**Address: 1011 Irvington Rd**

