



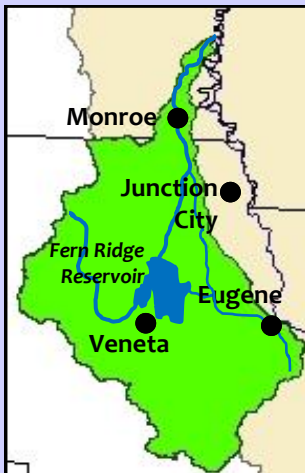
# Annual Report

July 1, 2010 - June 30, 2011

## Action through Understanding

### The Council

Formed in 1997, the Long Tom Watershed Council is a 501(c)3 non-profit citizens' group comprised of people from all perspectives, and guided by a diverse Board of Directors. The Council has a successful track record of addressing local land and water issues in a proactive and positive manner.



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## Accomplishment Highlights

### Watershed Restoration

We support private and public land managers in a range of activities that improve water quality, fish passage, and habitat. We work on farms and woodlands as well as developed and natural areas. Projects are prioritized based on watershed data and the Council's Conservation Strategy.

- Completed **6 restoration projects** of all types on private and public land.
- Performing **ongoing or new work on 14 projects**.



Above: Ash trees and other woody vegetation were thinned from this oak savanna, providing room for wildflowers and other prairie species that comprise habitat for migrating songbirds and other species.

### Sub-watershed Enhancement

We work with landowners in each creek basin to resolve known impairments to water quality and habitat by hosting learning sessions and helping with specific actions.

- **Amazon Pesticide Stewardship Partnership**—The Council is leading a collaborative effort to identify and reduce ~100 pesticides and other toxics in Amazon Creek in order to improve conditions for aquatic life and people.

### Monitoring & Assessment

Monitoring and surveying helps us identify issues, prioritize potential projects, and track the Council's progress in improving conditions over time.

- **Cutthroat Trout Migration Study**—18 volunteers helped tag the first 250 of 1,000 trout we plan to track.
- Assessed habitat quality and fish presence in 3 creeks with **Streamside Habitat Monitoring and Rapid Bio-assessment** methods.



Above top: Two of the cutthroat migration study volunteers; 18 volunteers contributed 375 hours. Above: Volunteer inserts a PIT tag into one of approximately 250 trout tagged this year.

### Community Involvement

The Council is an inclusive learning group. We hold regular discussions on watershed health and aim to turn understanding into action. People say their involvement with the Council helps them "do the right thing" and builds community among neighbors.

- **195 people** attended **9 tours and meetings** on how to improve water quality, enhance oak habitat, and improve fish passage, as well as local forestry management issues and how to identify and report important invasive species.
- Involved **64 volunteers** in plant establishment; **31 volunteers** in research and committee work; **11 volunteers** in education and outreach.



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WATERSHED COUNCIL**

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2010-11**

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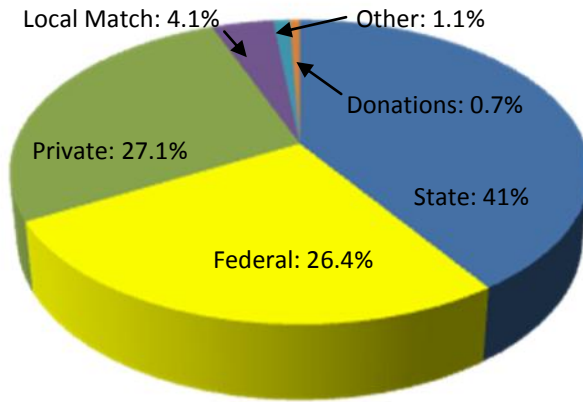
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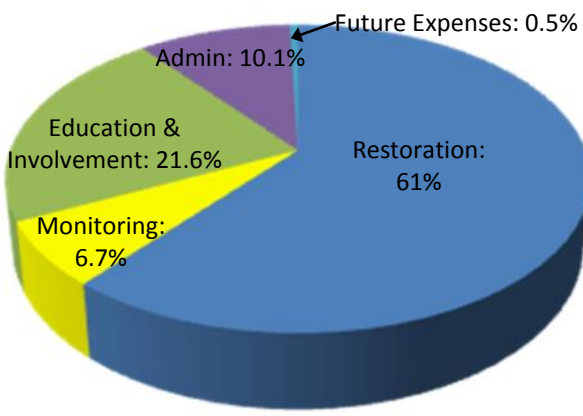
# Funding and Support

July 1, 2010—June 30, 2011

## Income: \$648,782



## Expenses: \$648,782



## Fast Facts

- Individual donations help the Council leverage approximately \$250,000 per year in state watershed enhancement funds, and help the Council compete for many other grants.
- Approximately 90% of the Council's grant funds are spent locally in Lane County.
- Every hour of staff time leverages at least an hour of volunteer time!

## Funding and Partners

### Private

- Esri software
- Freshwater Trust
- Meyer Memorial Trust
- National Fish & Wildlife Foundation
- The Nature Conservancy
- Oregon RFID fish tracking equipment
- Reerslev Farms
- SureCrop Farm Service
- Many individual Council members!

### Public

- City of Eugene
- City of Veneta
- Oregon Dept. of Agriculture
- Oregon Dept. of Environmental Quality
- Oregon Dept. of Fish & Wildlife
- Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board
- Upper Willamette SWCD
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- U.S. Bureau of Land Management
- U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
- USDA Forest Service

Note: Final Income & Expenses numbers subject to change pending accountant's review.



Left: Outdoor tour of Wild Iris Ridge project to improve oak and upland prairie habitat in Eugene's southern ridgeline. Nearly 200 people have attended Council-hosted meetings, tours, and workshops this year.

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.