



LONG TOM WATERSHED COUNCIL

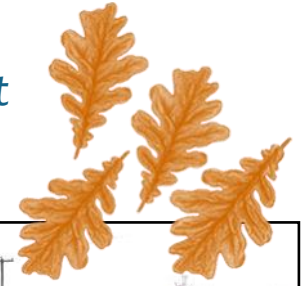
November 2019

Action
Through
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Project Tour & Stewardship Event

Saturday, November 16, noon - 2:30 p.m.

Outdoors at Empire Park Pond (at the northwest corner of the Barger Dr. / Hwy 99 intersection)



Learn about our efforts to control invasive ludwigia in the Amazon Creek basin and help us plant trees around a pond in northwest Eugene!

- Light lunch provided
- Free and open to all!
- RSVPs suggested (especially if you'd like to volunteer to plant) - email Rob at operations@longtom.org
- More details on next page

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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.

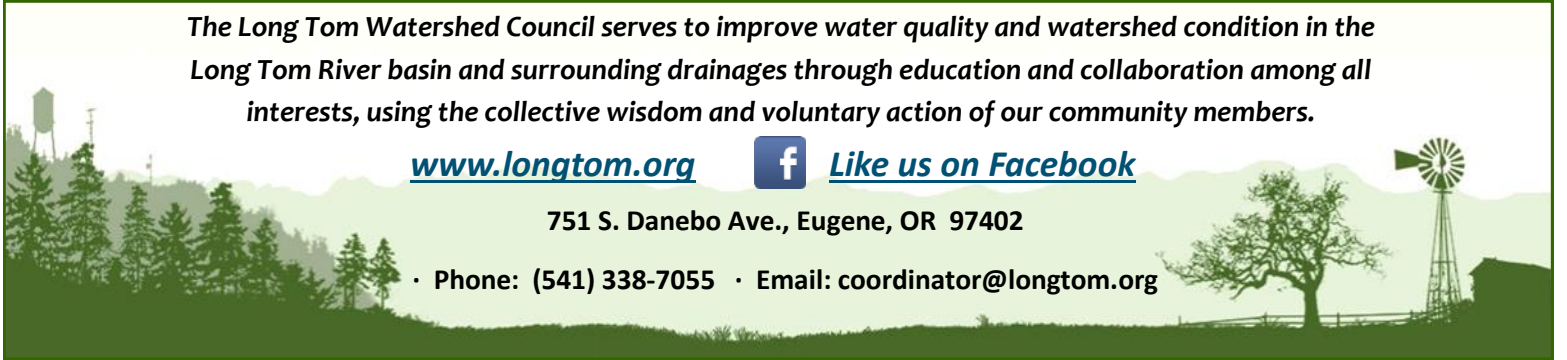
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Project Tour & Stewardship Event at Empire Park Pond

Saturday, November 16

Empire Park (at the northwest corner of the intersection of Hwy 99 & Barger Dr.)

Noon – 1 p.m. Project Tour

1 – 2:30 p.m. – Stewardship Activity

2:30 – 3:00 p.m. —Help with clean up (those who are able to stick around)

Join us for a fall project tour and community stewardship event at Empire Park Pond. **LTWC and our partners at the City of Eugene Parks & Open Space will be co-hosting a short project tour and educational discussion with a light lunch, followed**

by a volunteer stewardship activity at 1 p.m. Attendees who wish to stick around to volunteer can help us install native aquatic plugs and trees along the water's edge. These plants will offer wildlife habitat, filter toxins from the nearby highway, and provide shade to decrease water temperature repress the regrowth of invasive weeds.

Empire Park in northwest Eugene was recently acquired by the City of Eugene Parks & Open Space from the Oregon Department of Transportation. Since 2015 we've been partnering with the City on an ongoing project to remove ludwigia (also known as water primrose willow), an extremely aggressive aquatic invasive weed, from this pond and other waterways. Through a series of grants funded by the Oregon Department of Agriculture's State Weed Board, LTWC and the City of Eugene have been able to successfully repress the population in this pond, which was one of the first sites where we discovered ludwigia in the Amazon Creek Basin. Empire Park Pond is connected to the Amazon Creek A2 channel through stormwater drains. This site is a terrific example of our strong partnership with the City of Eugene, and also how multiple LTWC program areas fit together and have shared goals – urban water quality, invasive weed removal, and riparian planting.

During the project tour and discussion, you'll hear from City of Eugene Ecologist Lauri Holts on the City's goals for managing this public space, as well as from LTWC Habitat & Water Quality Specialist Amanda Reinholtz on the ludwigia treatment and planting aspects of the project.

You are welcome to come for just the tour, for the volunteer activity, or both. **RSVPs are suggested, especially if you would like to help out with the planting (to give us a better idea of how many people to plan for).** Contact Rob to **RSVP or for more information at operations@longtom.org or 541-338-7055.** This is parking available along, and at the end of, Empire Park Drive. A Google Map of the site can be found on our website at longtom.org/nov16empireparkpond/ We hope to see you there!



City of Eugene Ecologist Lauri Holts

We are so Close! You've successfully matched \$4,100 of a \$5,000 Family Charitable Trust Gift for the Long Tom!

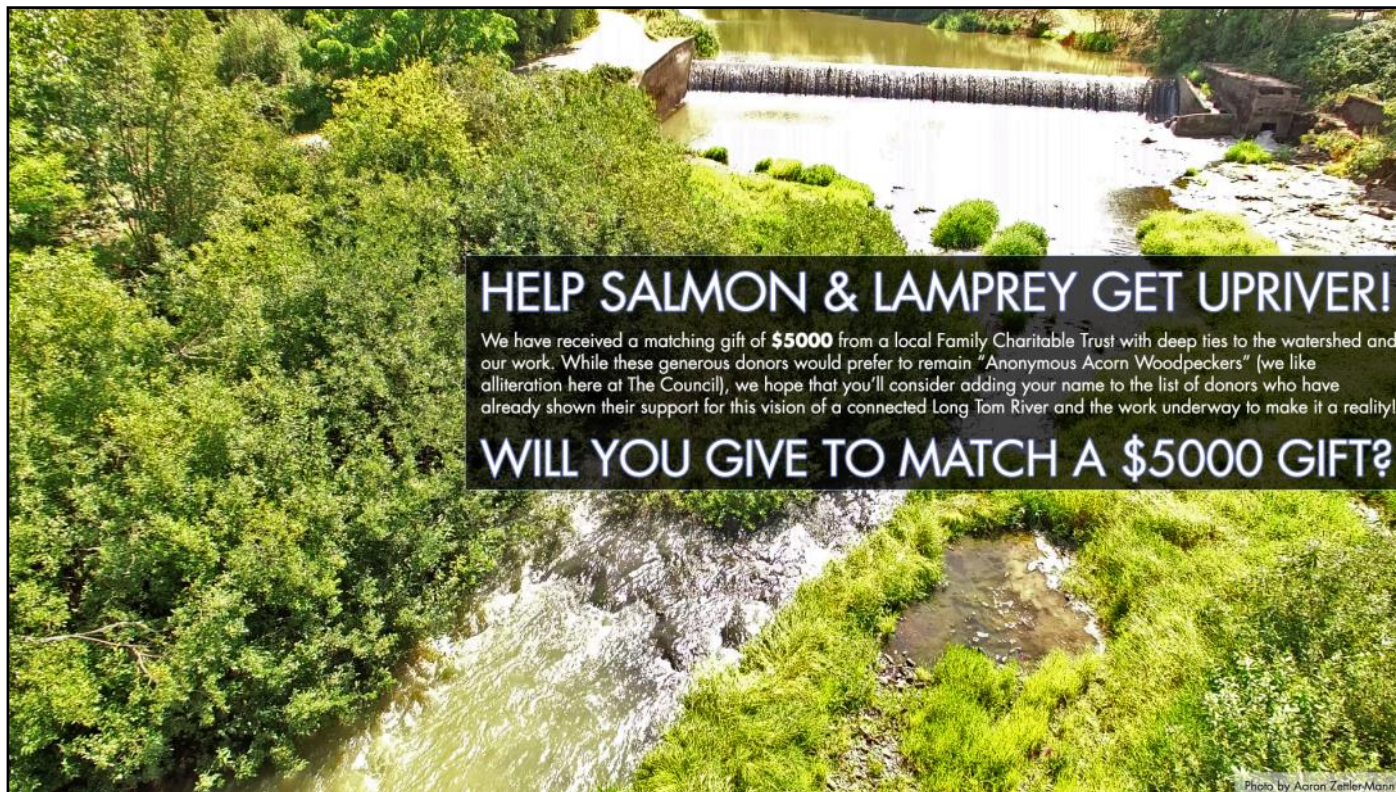
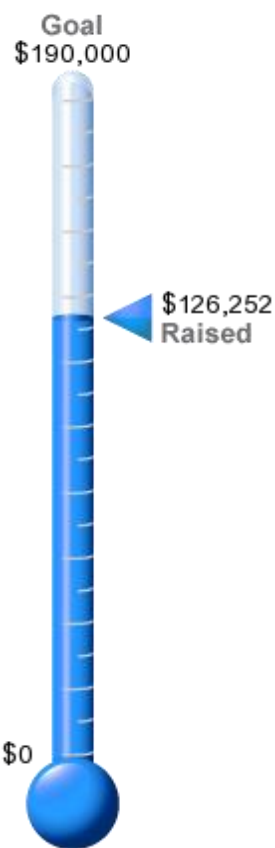


Photo by Aaron Zettler-Mann



Since our last newsletter announcement about an exciting \$5,000 matching gift for our ongoing campaign, the watershed community has given big to get us so close! We are just \$900 away from hitting our match target for this generous donation from a local family with deep ties to the watershed. **If you haven't yet given, now is the time to double your impact!**

As you know, the watershed council has asked our community to dream big for the future return of juvenile spring Chinook and Pacific Lamprey to their historic ranges of the Long Tom River. Please give generously and your name to the list of donors below who have already shown their support for this vision, and the work underway to make it a reality! If you've already given, thank you so much for your passion and connection to this special watershed!

You can learn more about our fish passage efforts underway now in the Lower Long Tom River at our campaign page: longtom.org/springchinook/

Thank you so much to the following donors have given to this campaign!

UP TO \$150: Laura Allen, Merle & Kathy Allen, Mike Brinkley, Paul Brown, Nancy Hafner, Nikolai Hall, Einar & Deb Ingebretsen, Green Theory, LLC, Kachina Inman, Jessica Lambricht, Laughing Stock Farm, Fred Meyer, George & Pat Miller, Shelly Miller, Eileen Nittler & Greg Van Vlack, Jim and Joan Remington, Nancy Rich in honor of Jim Rich, Anami Ridge, Court Smith, Transition Management, Inc., United Way of Lane Co., Charles & Karen Van Duyn, Peter Pollock & Diane Yates

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UP TO: \$5,000: “Anonymous Acorn Woodpecker” Family Charitable Trust.

Thank you to each and every one of our donors for this incredibly strong start and showing that you care about these little fish, and a healthier Long Tom Watershed. **You can learn more about this project and give online at www.longtom.org/springchinook**

**Many donors also generously gave to support our annual celebration at the time of purchasing their tickets. Please appreciate all those important donors, in addition to our event sponsors, listed in the section below!*

Annual Celebration Donors and Sponsors—Thank You!

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Annual Celebration Recap

We couldn't have asked for a better evening for our 22nd Annual celebration! Thanks to all 155 people who joined us, which set a record for our largest Annual Celebration (or any LTWC event) ever! We want to thank all our sponsors (listed on the previous page), our gracious hosts Jon Texter & Dana Hansler, the Eugene Barnstormers, Little Red Fox Farm, and Los Faroles Taqueria. We especially want to thank our incredible speakers and performers: Esther Stutzman, Shannin Stutzman, and Dr. David G. Lewis. Thanks to everyone who helped make this such a wonderful watershed event!



Top Row: Little Red Fox Farm brought baby goats; music by the Eugene Barnstormers; tacos & fixins' from Los Faroles Taqueria
Middle Row: Kalapuya Song Keeper Shannin Stutzman; a young attendee enjoys a cookie; fall sunset before the clouds roll in
Bottom Row: Kalapuya Elder and Storyteller Esther Stutzman; Dr. David G. Lewis of the Grand Ronde Tribe

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History of Indigenous Peoples of the Southern Willamette Valley: Resources for Continued Learning and Reflection

The speakers at this year's Annual Celebration—Dr. David G. Lewis, Esther Stutzman, and Shannin Stutzman—graciously shared some history of this region's Indigenous Peoples through discourse, stories, and songs. **We'd like to continue the conversation and shared learning of Indigenous history started at the Annual Celebration by encouraging our members to read and reflect on the resources below**, starting with the overview of the history of Long Tom Indigenous Peoples Dr. David G. Lewis (Grand Ronde) wrote for the community page on our website at longtom.org/indigenouspeoples/.

Originally called “Lumtumbuff,” this landscape that is now called the Long Tom Watershed are the homelands of the Chemapho and Chelamela bands of the Kalapuyan people. **The watershed's habitats were created by thousands of years of reciprocal human relationships and stewardship by these Indigenous Peoples.** Following treaties in the 1850s, the Kalapuya people were dispossessed of and forcibly removed from their Indigenous homeland by the United States government. Today, many descendants are citizens of the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community and the Confederated Tribes of the Siletz Indians, and there are many important contributions they continue to make to their communities, including to the stewardship of this watershed.

Dr. David G. Lewis, Ethnohistory Research, LLC, is a writer, researcher, and educator of Indigenous anthropology and history. His website at ndnhistoryresearch.com/sources-of-oregon-native-history/ has an array of links to critical essays on Indigenous history written by Native perspectives. Dr. Lewis also shares frequent blog posts at ndnhistoryresearch.com.

As Dr. Lewis mentioned at the Annual Celebration, the Oregon Education Department is developing Native curriculum to educate students about Indigenous history and culture. As this curriculum is being rolled out, there are opportunities for all of us—whether a student or adult— to take it upon ourselves to learn about the history of Tribes in our area. The Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde provides a link to **Tribal history curriculum** at grandronde.org/history-culture/culture/curriculum.

In addition, there are **documentaries on the history of Oregon's Tribal Nations**, including “Standing Strong | The Tribal Nations of Western Oregon” (YouTube) at youtube.com/watch?v=-43tfBzWfDE and an episode of OPB's Oregon Experience Series entitled “Broken Treaties” at opb.org/artsandlife/series/brokentreaties/

There are **opportunities to engage in local events** as well. Folks can attend a screening of “Native Wisdom: The Peoples of Western Oregon” at the University of Oregon Many Nations Longhouse (Sunday, November 10th, 7-10 p.m.). On the film, Indigenous scientists, elders, and culture keepers share their wisdom while also exploring their rich cultural arts and traditions. The upcoming 2019 Western Humanities Alliance Conference, also at the University of Oregon, is free and open to all to attend the Indigenous-themed panels and keynotes, which will include a performance by Team TEK Curriculum Director Joe Scott—“Salmon is Everything”— on Friday, November 8th at 4:30 p.m. (ohc.uoregon.edu/2019-wha-symposium/)

We encourage you to explore these resources and the many other Native perspectives on Indigenous history—an important part of the history of Oregon and this watershed.



One of the largest environmental film festivals in North America is coming to Eugene! The Wild & Scenic Film Festival works with nonprofits across the globe to host the film festival as a way to outreach into their communities and bring together a diverse audience. The goal is to use film to inspire people to help the lands and rivers that surround us, and this year the Long Tom Watershed Council is a Co-sponsor along with our Upper Willamette Stewardship Network partners!

The 2019 Eugene Wild & Scenic Film Festival, presented by the Upper Willamette Stewardship Network, will raise money for education in the Upper Willamette watershed. The Upper Willamette Stewardship Network was formed in 2017 by conservation nonprofits working together and with communities to care for land and water in the Upper Willamette. The Coast Fork Willamette Watershed Council, Middle Fork Willamette Watershed Council, Long Tom Watershed Council, McKenzie River Trust, and McKenzie Watershed Council are working together toward a brighter future for wildlife and people in the Willamette headwaters we all call home.

The education programs delivered and supported by these organizations offer local youth hands-on outdoors education experiences such as Salmon Watch field trips, riparian ecology lessons, culturally relevant education for Indigenous youth, and more. Proceeds from the Wild & Scenic Film Festival will directly fund these efforts, and enable our team to engage a broad coalition of partners serving the youth and families of the Upper Willamette.

You can buy your tickets online by visiting www.upperwillamette.org, or by visiting the McDonald theater’s box office when they open within 1 hour of any show time to save on Ticketmaster fees.



Thanks to our sponsors at Burly, WildCraft Cider Works and Café Mam for helping to make this happen!

The Upper Willamette Stewardship Network



Thank you, St. Mary's Episcopal Church!

We'd like to extend a big thank you to our friends at St. Mary's Episcopal Church for their gifts to LTWC and McKenzie River Trust through the Faith Community Fund! For the past two years, LTWC and MRT have been vehicles for the Eugene Faith Community's priority to invest in planting and carbon offsets in the watershed we call home. Every dollar donated through the Faith Community Fund goes toward planting efforts right here in our community. You can find out more about this fund at longtom.org/faithcommunityfund/

Last month, high school youth pilgrims from St. Mary's presented LTWC and McKenzie River Trust with a check for \$1,000. As part of their effort to manage their carbon footprint from their summer pilgrimage, these students committed to raising money for both organizations to go toward tree planting and watershed restoration. Thank you to the thoughtful donors of this fund and to St. Mary's youth!

We're Hiring!

The Long Tom Watershed Council is seeking applicants for an **Operations Coordinator** to manage and implement the council's administrative functions. Position duties will include member and donor tracking, systems and file management, office organization, and event planning and logistics. This position will work under the LTWC Operations Director and will be an important part of the council's administrative team. **The application closing date is Friday, November 8 at 5:00 p.m. Visit longtom.org/operationscoordinator/ for a full position description and instructions on how to apply.**

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 use the following disclaimer, standard procedure for all BLM partnerships:

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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 bringing grant funding from private and public sources to do restoration, education, and monitoring work in the Long Tom River basin. We're thankful for the donation of postage expenses!

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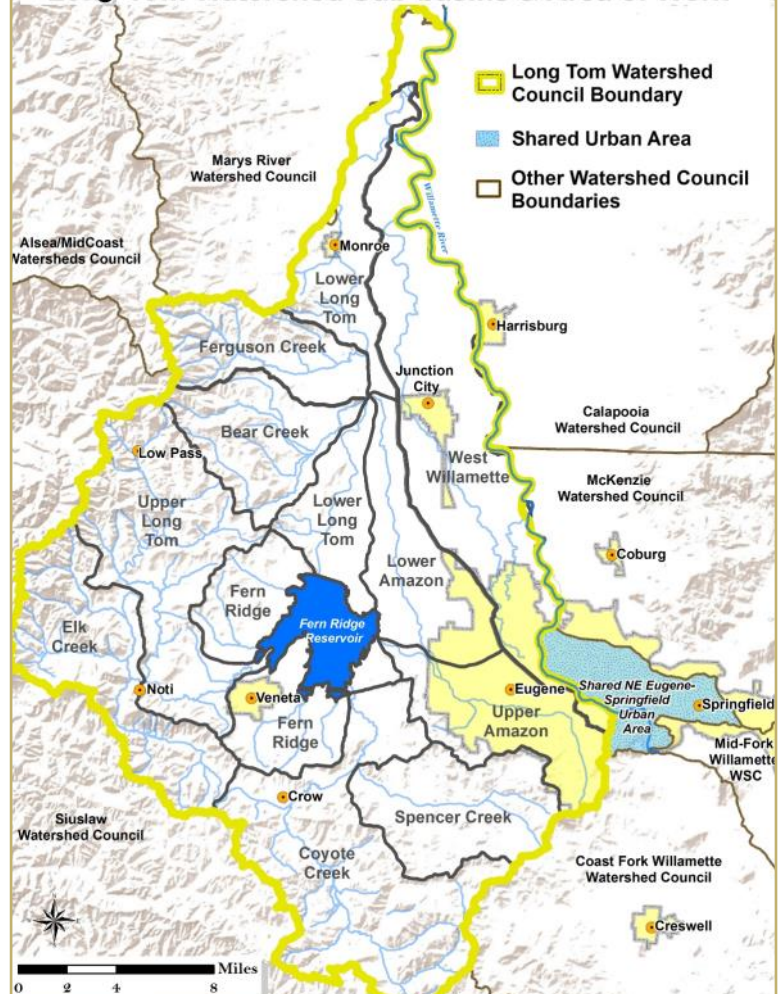
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