



2019 Annual Report

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Neighbors Working Together for a Healthier Watershed Community

Engaging the Community

Building **relationships** & lasting **partnerships** |
Community **learning** | **History** & **culture** |
Collaborative **problem-solving** | **Public** meetings
& tours | Sharing **data** | Volunteer **engagement**

Restoring Rivers & Streams

Connecting **habitat corridors** | Planting native
trees & shrubs | Managing **invasive weeds** |
Creating instream **habitat for rare species**

Stewarding Rare Habitats

Enhancing **oak, prairie & wetlands** | Engaging
Tribal & Indigenous partners | Traditional
Knowledge **education for Native youth** |
Exploring **biochar & prescribed fire**

Enhancing Urban Environments

Stormwater & green infrastructure projects |
Long-term **pesticide monitoring** | Broad
partnership network | **Trout Friendly Landscapes**
| Water & soil **health for the entire watershed**

Long-Term in the Long Tom

Connecting **urban & rural communities** |
Exploring alternatives for **fish passage in**
Monroe | Working collectively for **long-term**
solutions | Building **climate change resiliency**

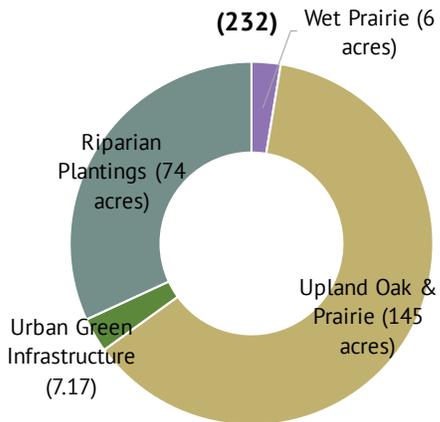


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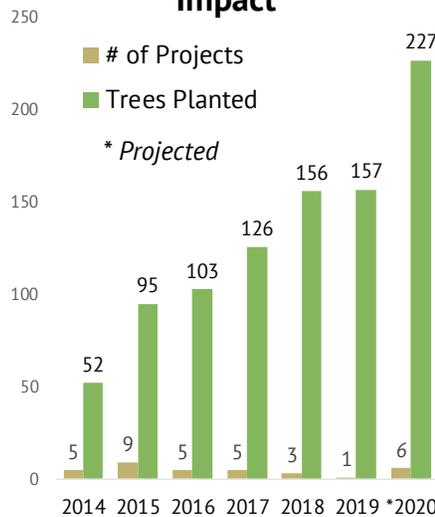
The Long Tom Watershed Council serves to improve water quality and watershed condition in the Long Tom River basin and surrounding drainages through education and collaboration among all interests, using the collective wisdom and voluntary action of our community members.

2019: Building on a Legacy of Impact

Acres of Habitat Enhanced in 2019



Growing our Urban Impact



More 2019 Highlights

- New look website launched!
- Highest attended Annual Celebration ever! (155)
- Installed 1,300 foot grassed waterway in Owens Creek basin
- Installed 45 log jams on projects in Jordan and Bear Creek
- Co-crafted criteria with technical partners for prioritizing urban projects
- Held 7 volunteer events, including one with 61 volunteers!
- Hosted biochar workshop with nearly 70 landowners & partners attending
- 523 lbs of seed planted on upland and wet prairie project sites!

LTWC planted nearly 100,000 native trees in 2019, with **3/4 of a million trees** planted since 1999!

Over **90 acres** of impervious surface has been treated since 2014!

Growing Our Cultural Awareness



The Long Tom Watershed Council has always been a cultural organization at its core—in a watershed that is 90+ percent privately owned none of this work gets done without a culture of caring by supporters and landowners investing the lands and waters we share. Recently, the watershed council has leaned into a growing awareness of cultural perspectives and stewardship expertise that have been excluded or undervalued in environmental work. The council is actively investing in greater engagement with Tribes and Indigenous members of our community as environmental stewardship experts and leaders.

Originally called "Lumtumbuff," the habitats of what is now the Long Tom Watershed were created by over 10,000 years of reciprocal human relationships and stewardship on this landscape as the homelands of the Chemapho and Chelamela bands of the Kalapuyan people. The watershed council acknowledges and honors Kalapuyan's continued connections and ongoing contributions to the stewardship of this place. Increasingly, the council is working to prioritize the inclusion of Tribes and Indigenous Voices in dialogue and co-management of projects and program work. Recent examples include support of a community led "Team TEK" Indigenous youth and family program focused on Traditional Ecological Knowledge exchange coordinated by Joe Scott (Siletz). This summer also saw the completion of a signage project in cooperation with Dr. David G. Lewis (Grand Ronde) acknowledging Kalapuyan homelands at the watershed divide on Highway-126. Other projects in cooperation with Tribes and Indigenous leaders are underway and seek to strengthen equitable partnerships toward shared ecological priorities to benefit the lands and waters we share here in the Long Tom, and beyond.

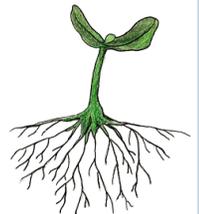
Program Highlights



Wild Chinook in the Long Tom? LTWC, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and the City of Monroe and surrounding community are working collaboratively to decide the best fish passage solution for the lower Long Tom River that will maximize watershed benefits and also align with the needs of the community. We also partnered with ODFW and the Monroe High School to engage students in a fish sampling study on the river right on school property!



Benefiting drinking water sources! LTWC's Urban Waters & Wildlife Program broadened its work this year to include the lens of identifying projects in the urban and downstream agricultural lands that can benefit communities like Monroe that use the Long Tom River for drinking water. These efforts will help create a healthier watershed for all—including our downstream neighbors!



Expanding our understanding of restoration techniques. LTWC and its staff are working to continue building skills and awareness of tools such as prescribed fire and the creation of biochar—a form of charcoal creation from woody debris in a low-oxygen environment. To assist in growing community-wide learning, LTWC partnered with Kelpie Wilson and Claire Philips to host a series of workshops and field demonstrations aimed at providing partners and landowners a better understanding of the benefits and potential uses of biochar. People came from as far away as Phoenix!



Removed final barrier culvert in Jordan Creek! We reached a milestone by opening up our 4th(!) watershed stream for year-round fish passage by installing a 171" x 110" pipe arch culvert to accommodate winter flows. Jordan Creek is an important spawning area and summer cold water refuge area for native cutthroat trout and brook lamprey. LTWC also installed 30 log jams on two miles of the stream.



Program Highlights



Engaging Indigenous Youth in exploring Traditional Ecological Knowledge. Following conversations with area Tribes, Native youth organizations, local elders, and Indigenous educators, “Team TEK” developed an internship program for Indigenous youth to learn about traditional language, knowledge, history, and habitat restoration practices. Led by Siletz tribal member and curriculum director Joe Scott, students have the opportunity to learn from Native educators and explore TEK at the Andrew Reasoner Wildlife Preserve. The 4th learning season was completed this year.



Volunteers help control invasive weeds! For the last 5+ years LTWC has been partnering with the City of Eugene, ODOT, and the U.S. Army Corps to control the aggressive invasive weed, ludwigia. This year, volunteers came to the rescue on two separate “Paddle & Pull” events to remove ludwigia by hand at Clear Lake (Amazon Creek) and upstream of the Monroe dam on the lower Long Tom. Our partners at the McKenzie River Trust also got involved through coordinating this and other volunteer stewardship events as part of their monthly “Watershed Wednesday” series.



“The Long Tom Watershed Council has demonstrated vision and innovation in recognizing and supporting Indigenous ecological knowledge as a basic foundation of the West’s development. Because of efforts like the LTWC, our voices are being heard and our knowledge is being applied in a very practical, functional, and real way. The traditional practices of Tribal people have, for far too long, been variously co-opted, relegated to the realm of cultural curiosity, or deemed impractical by colonizing forces; as a Tribal person, I appreciate the recognition and innovation provided by LTWC.”

- Joe Scott | Siletz Tribal member and language bearer, Team Traditional Ecological Knowledge curriculum coordinator

“My favorite thing about where I live is all the wildlife that I get to watch every day on our farm where the watershed council did a restoration project with my dad. I enjoy sitting there with my son and seeing him get excited by the geese, swans, and other wildlife.

- Jason Hunton | Farmer

Cantrell Road Sunrise: Photo by Jed Kaul

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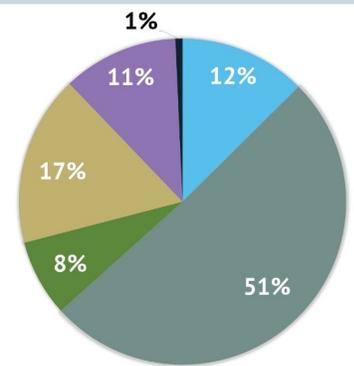
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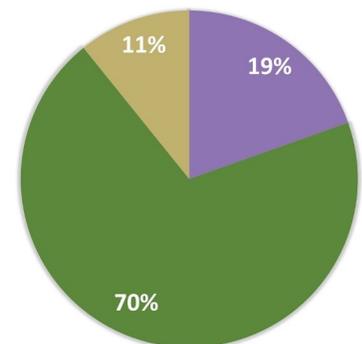
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Funding Sources



- Federal Grants (12%)
- State Grants (51%)
- Municipalities & Partners (8%)
- Private Foundations (17%)
- Donations (11%)
- Events & Other (<1%)

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- Restoration & Monitoring (70%)
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