



Long Tom Watershed Council

October / November 2020 Newsletter

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There is Plenty to Celebrate

2020 Annual Celebration and Fundraiser

NOVEMBER 12 - 17

VIRTUAL LIVESTREAM EVENT ON NOV. 17 AT 6 P.M.

No registration required

Donate & Learn More at longtom.org/celebration2020

Since we can't gather together in person this year, we are trying something new. Join us for an innovative, multi-day approach in November as we celebrate the very best of our watershed community!

This year's 6-day, virtual event will include:

- Fundraiser - **Help us reach our \$10,000 Goal!**
- **Series of video stories released each day,**
- **Live Evening Celebration on Nov 17th at 6 p.m.,** streamed over [YouTube.com/LongTomWSC](https://www.youtube.com/LongTomWSC) featuring:
 - *Premiere of short video, "A More Perfect Tomorrow"*
 - *Watershed Awards*
 - *Council Highlights & Community Appreciation*
 - *Drawing for Prizes!*

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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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There is Plenty to Celebrate!

Even in the dynamic year of 2020, there is plenty to celebrate in the Long Tom Watershed. **Starting November 12**, join us for a series of brief video stories capturing diverse voices of our watershed sharing what inspires them about our watershed and its people, and what gives them hope for the future. **It will all culminate in an evening celebration and fundraiser on November 17th at 6 p.m.**

Celebration Schedule:

- **November 12 - 16:** Follow our **Facebook page** (facebook.com/LongTomWatershedCouncil) or check our website (longtom.org) to check out the short video stories we release will release daily.
- **November 17:** Tune in to the **Live Celebration on 11/17 at 6 p.m.** on our **YouTube Channel** (youtube.com/LongTomWSC).

Help us Reach our \$10,000 Goal!

We at the Council are continually inspired by our watershed community. Your diverse talents, passions, collective wisdom, and generosity are essential to keeping our important work going.

In 2020 alone, you've helped us leverage your time, ideas, and gifts into nearly \$2.2 million dollars in new grants and contracts for restoration, planning, and community engagement. These community investments allow us to nurture partnerships, build relationships, and write the grant proposals to improve our watershed.

Your gifts are vitally important to improve the health of our watershed for all of us. Our goal is to raise \$10,000 to support amazing and cutting-edge work in the Long Tom Watershed!

We've already secured \$1,500 from local gifts. Please help us meet our goal by giving whatever is meaningful to you.

Sponsors so far:



Ways to Give: visit longtom.org/celebration2020

There are multiple ways to support LTWC during this multi-day celebration:

- **Donate*** by visiting our website or sending a check payable to LTWC, 11 East 27th Ave, Eugene, OR 97405
- **Purchase a \$15 mini-CSA box of vegetables** from Winter Green Farm — all proceeds go to LTWC!
- **LTWC Logo wear** including hats, plush otters, and steel pint glasses

***You're eligible for a prize with a gift of any amount, be it \$1,000 or \$1! Winners will be announced at the live event. Prizes include wine from High Pass and Brigadoon wineries, LTWC logo wear, and gift certificates from local businesses.**



While We're Apart, Let's Make a Meal Together

Even though we can't gather together, we can still prepare and enjoy a meal as a community on November 17 thanks to Shannon and Chris Overbaugh at Winter Green Farm! They are generously sharing these fabulous fall recipes and are **donating the proceeds of each \$15 veggie box to LTWC!**

The recipes include a fresh marinated kale salad, roasted kabocha squash soup, and hot apple pie.

The to sign up for CSA boxes is Monday 11/9 and they will be ready for pick up on 11/14 (Saturday) in Veneta.

Purchase your \$15 box today at longtom.org/celebration2020 to support LTWC and local agriculture!

What Comes in the Box?

- One bunch of kale
- One bunch of carrots
- One red onion
- Two leeks
- One green Kabocha squash

Fabulous Fall Recipes For You

Check out these recipes in their entirety at longtom.org/recipes2020

Marinated Kale Salad

Salad featuring fresh ingredients like kale, carrots, red onions, and hazelnuts; topped with feta cheese or goat chèvre and a vinaigrette of honey, olive oil, lemon, and apple cider vinegar.

Roasted Kabocha Squash Soup

Kabocha squash is excellent for both soup and pie. It has an amazing creamy texture and an incredible flavor. The main ingredients for this simple, homey soup is squash, leeks, and garlic.

Shannon's Favorite Apple Pie

Impress your family with a streusel-topped apple pie, where even the crust is homemade!



Purchase your box by Monday, November 9th using the form on our website. All boxes will be available for pickup from Winter Green Farm at their pickup location in Veneta on Saturday, November 14. LTWC staff will contact you after your purchase with details on how to pick up.

Thank you to Winter Green Farm for supporting LTWC with a gift of locally-sourced, fresh ingredients!

Local Beverage Pairings You Might Consider for the Meal

There are many amazing local wineries and breweries in the Long Tom Watershed, and many of them have generously supported LTWC over the years by hosting celebrations and “Taste the Watershed” events, contributing through our Business League, or donating in-kind products for gifts and events. We reached out to a few who responded with some suggested potential pairings for this meal. Here are some ideas when you’re doing your fall shopping or thinking of what to pair with the recipes above.

From High Pass Winery:

2019 Sauvignon Blanc to pair with the squash soup and kale salad

2019 BellPine Pinot Noir to pair with the crumble top apple pie

Both are available at Capella Market, the Kiva, New Frontier, Newmans Market, South Liquor Willamette, Sundance Wine Cellars, and Broadway Wine Merchants

From Pfeiffer Winery:

Black Eye Chardonnay

2016 Blue Line Pinot Noir

Bottles are available at the winery, 2540 Jaeg Rd, Junction City. Call ahead to confirm times open (due to COVID-19) 541-998-2828



From Falling Sky:

Dark Heart Munich Dunke Lager

Available at Falling Sky Brewing / Pour House, 790 Blair Blvd, Eugene and 1334 Oak Alley, Eugene



From WildCraft Cider Works:

Your Fruit Your Cider - this year’s Community Apple Drive Cider - all proceeds benefit the Upper Willamette Stewardship Network, which includes LTWC! Available for pickup curbside or they can ship direct. More at shop.wildcraftciderworks.com/

Thank you to these local businesses for their suggestions!

Putting Your Gifts to Work!

So far in 2020, your gifts have helped us leverage **nearly \$2.2 million in 24 new grants and contracts!**

These projects rely on the collective wisdom and support of many partners, landowners, and funders. As we approach the end of 2020, we want to thank the community for making these projects possible!

Capacity, Community Engagement, & Upper Willamette Stewardship Network (~\$479,500)

- **OWEB** (~\$123,000) This is our biennial council capacity grant that supports critical backbone services.
- **Resources Legacy Fund of the Hewlett Foundation** (\$93,000) in support of continued engagement with local and federal partners to design and vet fish passage alternatives.
- **Meyer Memorial Trust** (~\$165,500) funded the Traditional Ecological Inquiry Program to Indigenous youth in exploring traditional ecological knowledge.
- **The Collins Foundation** (\$40,000) and the **Oregon Community Foundation** (\$26,000) in support of advancing partnerships with Tribes and to explore reconfiguring land management's cultural contexts.
- **OWEB** (~\$32,000) Upper Long Tom Restoration Planning, supporting landowner outreach and project development in the Upper Long Tom and Elk Creek Basins, including near Veneta, Noti, and Poodle Creek.

Rural Riparian and Upland Restoration & Monitoring Projects (~\$1,398,500)

- **Oregon Department of Agriculture** (~\$50,000) for pesticide sampling in Amazon Creek and to conduct a strategic planning process surrounding future pesticide monitoring with stakeholders.
- **Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB)** (~\$300,000) funded an oak and prairie restoration project with four landowners in the Greenhill Road / Crow Road area.
- **OWEB** (~\$66,000) for building prescribed fire capacity in the southern Willamette Valley.
- **OWEB** (~\$164,000) In collaboration with the owner, McKenzie River Trust, this project will improve oak and prairie habitat adjacent to several other projects southwest of Eugene.
- Contract with **Oregon Dept. of Forestry** (\$96,000) to work with private landowners on landscape management - including fuels reduction, oak habitat improvement, and developing management plans.
- **Oregon State Weed Board** (~\$14,500) for the sixth year of ludwigia treatment and eradication.
- **Upper Willamette SWCD** contract (\$85,000) to analyze data and produce a summary and plan for Long Tom River water quality concerns, especially those upstream of Monroe.
- **Bonneville Power Admin.** (~\$250,000) & **OWEB** (\$290,000) for floodplain reforestation at Snag Boat Bend.
- **Coast Fork Willamette Watershed Council** (\$4,000) for the creation of a story map for the Willamette Basin on behalf of the Anchor Habitats Working Group.
- **Middle Fork Willamette Watershed Council** (two contracts for ~\$54,000) in support of staff time to participate in Upper Willamette Stewardship Network action teams (executive, education, fiscal, inclusion).
- **Landscape Conservation Catalyst Fund** (\$25,000) to support restoration and stewardship teams for the Upper Willamette Stewardship Network.

Urban Waters & Wildlife Program (\$320,000)

- **Oregon DEQ** (~\$23,000) and **City of Monroe via Oregon Health Authority** (\$30,000) to support outreach and development of stormwater projects with an eye toward improving downstream drinking water quality.
- **City of Eugene** (\$60,000) and **City of Springfield** (\$8,000) toward business outreach, landscape architectural design, and technical assistance for the implementation of green stormwater projects.
- **EPA and EWEB** (\$199,000 in granting and matching funds) Support to formalize a partnership around urban stormwater efforts in the Eugene/Springfield by bringing key partners to the table, including EWEB, SUB, City of Eugene, City of Springfield, Lane County, and the McKenzie Watershed Council.

Information on Ballot Measure 20-312

With ballots recently having arrived in the mail, you'll find it includes Measure 20-312. The [Upper Willamette Soil & Water Conservation District](#) (SWCD) is asking voters for a permanent levy to fund their work in the Long Tom and surrounding watersheds including the communities of Eugene, Springfield, Junction City, Veneta, Creswell, Cottage Grove, Vida, Oak Ridge and others.

Because the SWCD is a special district, you won't find information about the measure, (opposition or endorsement) in your state or city voter's pamphlet. You can find out more about Measure 20-312 at the district website: <https://uwsxcd.org/> and click below for a briefing document prepared by the district about the tax base.

uwsxcd.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Briefing-document-8.15.pdf

**LTWC is providing this information as a service to the community on environmental issues that affect them. Consistent with our bylaws, LTWC does not endorse or oppose Measure 20-312. Please direct all questions to UWSWCD board of directors via their website [www.uwsxcd.org] or the [Yes for Our Conservation District - Measure 20-312 Political Action Committee](#).*

Partner Spotlight: Upper Willamette SWCD

If you're curious to learn more about the Upper Willamette Soil & Water Conservation District (UWSWCD), they are a local government entity organized under the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) and established under Oregon revised Statutes (ORS) 568.210 to 568.808. The UWSWCD is classified as a municipal corporation that works on a voluntary basis to assist landowners at their request and has no regulatory authority; and serves as the Local Management Agency for implementation of the Oregon Agricultural Water Quality Management Area Plan. Their board members are elected officials.

Their mission is to “encourage and promote the responsible stewardship of our natural resources through conservation, restoration and protection, to enhance the health, economic benefits and quality of life for the citizens within the District.”

You can find out more about their mission, vision, and guiding principles at uwsxcd.org/about/

Learn more about the types of work they do at uwsxcd.org/what-we-do/projects/



Photo courtesy of Upper Willamette SWCD



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November 19, 7 pm | Online

Tickets on sale at qudio.com/event/UWSN



Presented by The Upper Willamette Stewardship Network



Thank you to our sponsors:



One of the largest environmental film festivals is back! The Wild & Scenic Film Festival, presented by the Upper Willamette Stewardship Network, works with nonprofits across the globe to host the film festival as a way to reach out to 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. This year's theme is a tour around the world where viewers will check out local heroes from all over the globe and how they have been making their communities and environment more resilient.

The link to buy tickets for this year's **virtual festival** is qudio.com/event/UWSN. Proceeds this year will benefit fire recovery, preparedness, and post-fire restoration efforts in the McKenzie River basin and throughout the Upper Willamette. **Thank you to our sponsors for making this event happen!**

Thank You for Giving to LTWC!

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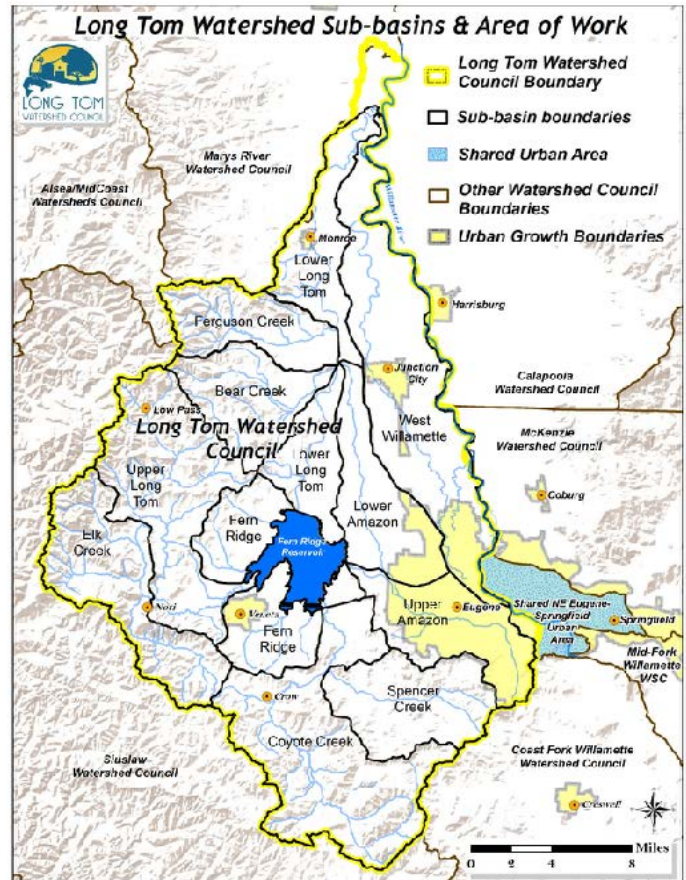
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