



# 2020 Annual Report

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** | Restoration  
**Innovation**



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## Mission

*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.*



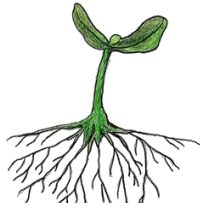
# 2020: Building on a Legacy of Impact



*"[The Long Tom Watershed] is a beautiful and unique example of the Willamette Valley ecosystems [...] and there is a lot of intact ecosystem here with really ancient roots."* - Heron Brae; herbalist & educator | **Columbines School of Botanical Studies**

Your gifts helped enhance over **50 acres of oak & prairie habitat** and planted over **70 lbs of native seed!**

*Three new voluntary stormwater projects covering nearly 30,000 square feet of impervious surface are now cleaning over 878,000 gallons of rainfall annually!*



Your gifts helped us secure over **\$2.2 million** in new grants and contracts in 2020!



*"We (R. Franco Restoration) have planted more than 750,000 trees for the Long Tom Watershed. I'm proud of all these projects with really beautiful habitat."*

- Rosario Franco, R. Franco Restoration Inc. | **Restoration Contractor**

Your gifts help plant nearly **125,000 trees & shrubs** in 2020. In the last 12 years, we've planted over **800,000!**

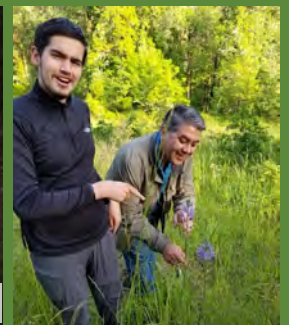
## 2020 Program Highlights



**Working out a fish passage solution at the Monroe dam**, which blocks local cutthroat trout and migrating Chinook salmon and Pacific lamprey. **A big highlight this year is the City of Monroe and the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians (CTSI) have agreed to co-sponsor an Army Corps of Engineers' Ecosystem Restoration (1135) study** to evaluate and select an alternative to provide passage for fish. The project start was approved in D.C. and the Corps will be kicking off the process as soon as funding is allocated. We really appreciate the Siletz (CTSI) leadership in this partnership and join them in virtually celebrating Federal re-recognition of CTSI this month! An increased understanding of their history and the current importance of the land and rivers is important to us in this partnership. The 2020 virtual Run to the Rogue is available as a visual story at [longtom.org/siletzstorymap](https://longtom.org/siletzstorymap) **Questions and ideas are welcome to [dana@longtom.org](mailto:dana@longtom.org).**



Joe Scott



**Traditional Ecological Inquiry Program: Engaging Indigenous Youth & Families.** Now in its third year and funded by a grant from Meyer Memorial Trust, TEIP is in a unique position to work with Tribal communities. It continues to expand and adapt, even in the midst of a pandemic, by offering virtual learning.

*"The Traditional Ecological Inquiry Program explores traditional ecological knowledge and Indigenous ways of Knowing and interacting with the landscape and understanding their place in restoring a compromised place, and encouraging Tribal people to express their sovereignty through food cultivation, landscape management, and habitat restoration. And it's a family affair. We started out originally working with youth, and it very quickly became apparent that youth come with families. [...]*

***We are a part of this place, and this place is a part of us, and as such, we belong here."***

- Joe Scott, Siletz Tribal member, language & culture bearer | Curriculum Director, TEIP



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# 2020 Program Highlights



QSL in Springfield

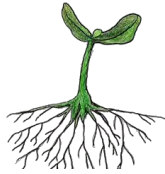


Thermo Fisher in Eugene



Oak woodland after thinning at Clausen property

**Urban Waters & Wildlife:** This year's completion of a system for prioritizing new urban projects is helping effectively work with local businesses to voluntarily improve water quality on their sites! Also, a coalition of partners secured a significant Environmental Protection Agency grant to scale up voluntary stormwater improvements in the Eugene/Springfield metro area through an innovative partnership with EWEB, SUB, Cities of Springfield & Eugene, Willamalane, Lane County, and McKenzie and Long Tom Watershed Councils. This expansion of LTWC's Urban Waters & Wildlife approach signals big things for our shared urban geography. We are grateful to our partners for their work on propelling this ambitious vision!



**Building More Resilient Ecosystems & Communities.** Four highly supportive and engaged landowners near Greenhill and Crow Roads helped us secure an Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board grant to enhance rare oak and prairie habitat their properties. We're also excited to begin work funded by The Collins Foundation and the Oregon Community Foundation to **build relationships with Indigenous people**, Tribal staff, Native youth, and educators, with the goal of exploring opportunities for partnerships on private & public lands. Where appropriate, we will build capacity and community of practice among partners to support this work by **uplifting Indigenous voices while breaking down systemic barriers and forces of colonization.**



Snag Boat Bend, Willamette River

**Restoring Rivers & Streams.** This past winter, we **planted 120,000 trees & shrubs at Snag Boat Bend**, and since 2016 we've planted over 412,000 stems at our Willamette River project sites! We also **completed a multi-year fish passage and instream project at Bear Creek** (Coyote sub-basin), opening up the entire tributary for native fish! For the last 6+ years we've been treating invasive ludwigia. This year, we **surveyed 25 miles of Amazon Creek and the Long Tom mainstem** for remaining ludwigia populations, **finding at least 95% reduction in all areas!**



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**Finding Innovative Ways to Stay Connected.** Even in the dynamic year of 2020, we found creative ways to keep the community engaged in our work, such as with "LarkTV" and our live streamed Annual Celebration. Before the pandemic, we hosted a Long Tom trivia night and looked at our watershed in 3D. We also launched an **online story map** where folks can interact with texts, maps, images, and graphics to take a virtual tour of the Coyote Creek South wet prairie project. The story map was part of a grant-funded "**Telling the Story**" which allowed us to highlight efforts to improve dwindling wet prairie habitat for federally-listed red-legged frogs and streaked horned larks. Last year, the site produced 3 lark nests and 14 fledgling larks!





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## **Building a More Effective, Resilient, and Inclusive Environmental Movement in the Upper Willamette.**

The Upper Willamette Stewardship Network is a group of 6 local conservation partners: Coast Fork Willamette Watershed Council, Friends of Buford Park & Mt. Pisgah, McKenzie River Trust, Mckenzie Watershed Council, Middle Fork Willamette Watershed Council and LTWC. UWSN was awarded 8 new collaborative grants totalling over \$650,000 to advance shared priorities together and was awarded both the 2020 Presidents National Fishery Conservation & Conservation Achievement Award from the American Fisheries Society. It established 6 project teams composed of staff from all partners to tackle our most important challenges together. Thanks to all our UWSN partners for their trust and collaborative vision! Thanks to our UWSN funders: Meyer Memorial Trust, Center for Landscape Conservation, Land Trust Alliance, Gray Family Foundation, EPA, OWEB & EWEB!



**Volunteers Lend a Helping Hand!** In November of 2019, LTWC and the City of Eugene hosted Webelos II, Pack 12 for a two-hour planting event at Empire Park Pond. **More than 20 scouts, siblings, and parents showed up to help, impressing us with their insightful questions and positive attitudes through some rocky, mucky work.** We are thrilled to see the future of our watershed will be in such good hands! **We also hosted a work party of over 60 volunteers cleared brush to restore the open understory of a unique urban wetland at Wellspring Friends School.** Our friends at **McKenzie River Trust hosted several "Watershed Wednesdays"** in the Long Tom, including a pair of socially-distanced ludwigia paddle and pulls and a rain garden planting event at HIV Alliance.



*"The Council's greatest strength is to come to the table with knowledge, and to add their thoughts and opinions without trying to control, so they come with this exuberance and excitement that we're going to make things better and then they just offer what they think might make things better, and that's exciting - and it doesn't feel fearful or scary. It feels fun, like a good partnership should."*

- Casey Roscoe, Sr. VP - Public Relations | Seneca Family of Companies

*"What excites me about the watershed council is I've seen this wide variety of people from all over the area who have come together to make a huge impact on the watershed."*

- Gary Holzbauer | Ferguson Creek landowner



*"I think the council's greatest accomplishments have been creating a culture of trust, and care, and collaboration around our shared love of this watershed, and bringing people together and getting everybody's knowledge so that we can work better for this watershed."*

- Peg Boulay, Wildlife Ecologist & Educator | University of Oregon



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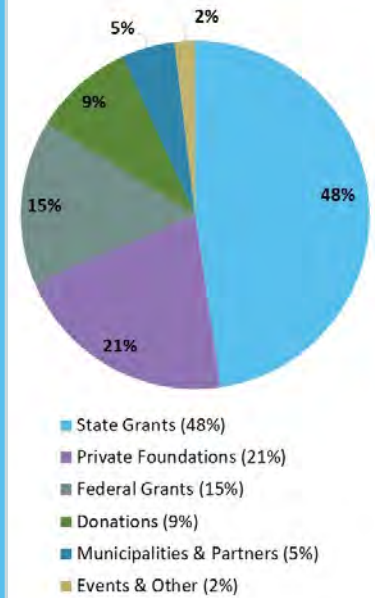
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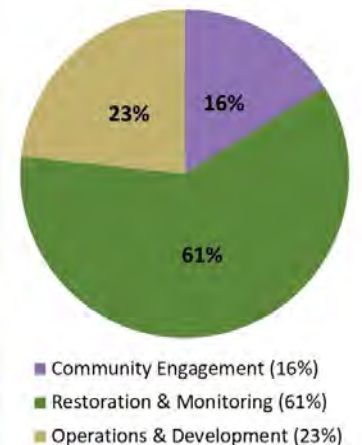
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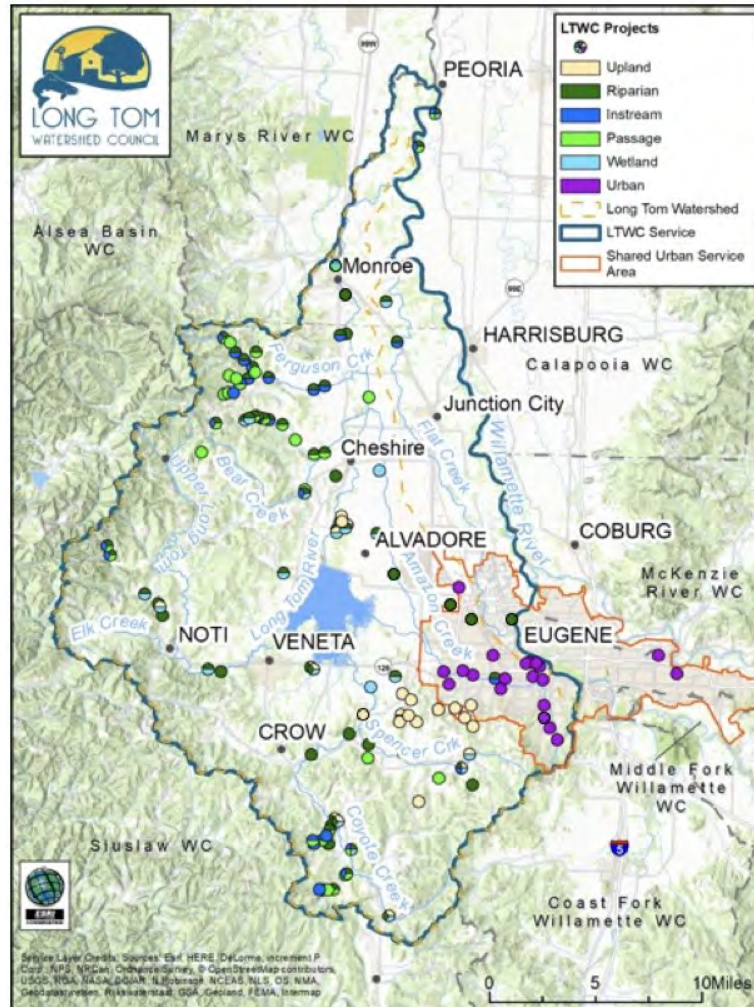
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