



LONG TOM WATERSHED COUNCIL 2021 ANNUAL REPORT



Coyote Creek South overlooking Fern Ridge (Photo by Paul Gordon)

Neighbors Working Together for a Healthier Watershed Community

2021 HIGHLIGHTS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

You helped us accomplish so much this past year! We're working in streams and along ridge tops, in rural and urban spaces, and everything in between, and LTWC continues to be at the cutting edge of habitat restoration and stewardship. None of this work happens without the relationships we have with numerous landowners, partners, and community members. These highlights represent your collective wisdom, your time and energy, and your dollars at work!



Oak-pine savanna at Blair property after thinning

Restoring Rare Ecosystems

LTWC, landowners, and partners are working to restore and build resilience into rare oak and prairie habitats on our landscape that have tremendous value to humans and wildlife. We partnered with private and public landowners to restore more than 150 acres of habitat through tree thinning and underbrush mulching. This includes working with ridgeline landowners on 7 forested residential properties to reduce hazardous fuel and build fire resiliency. We also planted 506 lbs (142,578,618) of total seeds! Thanks to the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board, Natural Resources Conservation Service, and Oregon Department of Forestry for technical assistance and funding



Revetment at Snag Boat Bend (middle of photo)

Final Frontier at Snag Boat Bend & Sam Daws

After 6 years, we're entering the final phase of work at Snag Boat Bend and Sam Daws Landing along the Willamette mainstem between Peoria and Harrisburg. This final phase will reconnect a 1.25 mile historic channel of the Willamette by modifying a bank revetment while still preserving its purpose of limiting bank erosion. Over the last year, we've refined the designs and secured funding. After this last phase is complete, LTWC will have planted 500,000+ trees and shrubs, removed constructed features at 25 sites to reconnect the floodplain and side channels, installed 30 log jams, and brought in almost \$3.5 million in grant funding from state, federal, and private sources.



Renewing Fire Culture in the Willamette Valley

This fall, we organized an Indigenous Fire Practitioners Training and controlled burn at the Andrew Reasoner Wildlife Preserve with 15 people in training plus more as trainers and in support roles. In partnership with Linda and Doug Carnine, and support from Amanda Rau, Ecostudies Institute, Rivers to Ridges, McKenzie River Trust, Bonneville Power Administration, ODF, Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde (CTGR), The Nature Conservancy, OSU Extension, and others, we carried out 2 controlled burns this year on 12 acres! LTWC and partners are continuing relationships with CTGR and the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians to realize a vision that prioritizes and supports increasing Tribal burning capacity and re-introduces fire on non-federal and Tribal lands. We were awarded a grant this spring from the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board to continue working toward this vision.



Building Tribal Partnerships

We are dedicated to growing our understanding, awareness, and commitment to serving Tribes and Indigenous people at the landscape level. A team of staff and board from across the Upper Willamette Stewardship Network has worked closely with a Native advisor at Live Oak Consulting to forward the Tribal Partnerships & Decolonizing Learning Program, which includes recognizing a landscape-level shift is needed in how we and partners approach watershed work. LTWC board and staff also convened with two close Native advisors to share ideas on working toward Tribal leadership in LTWC governance.



Traditional camas oven

Uplifting Traditional Inquiry

LTWC supports the Traditional Ecological Inquiry Program (TEIP), a holistic, place-based education program focused on empowering inquiry into traditional knowledge for Native youth and their families. For a second year, TEIP navigated virtual learning across Oregon, and gathered in-person for a camas bake, mussel harvest, and planting after the burns at the Andrew Reasoner Preserve.



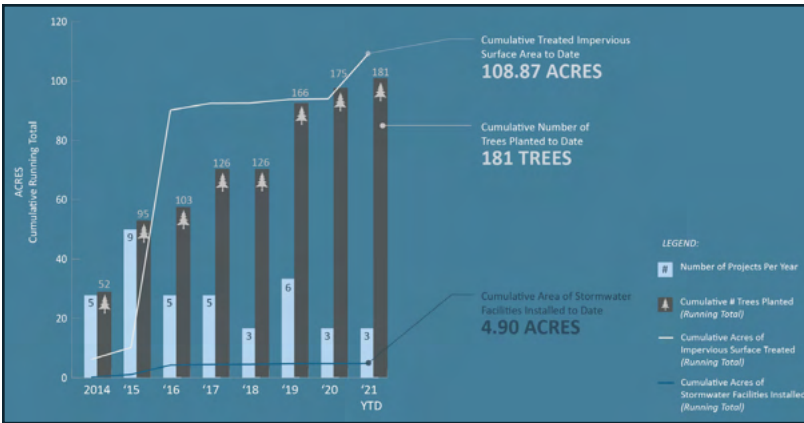
Progress on the Monroe Dam Project

Amazing collaborative partners on the Monroe dam project have moved a step closer to final alternatives. The public meeting was held by the Corps on Nov 3, welcoming comments through Dec 3. Partner LTWC, co-sponsors City of Monroe and the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, and the Army Corps of Engineers will next sort through comments, work on technical and cost issues, and present a final array of alternatives and a selected alternative in 2022. Project info available at the [Army Corps of Engineers website](#) at and [our website](#). Imagine trout, Chinook, and lamprey free to swim upstream!



Connecting Community through Learning Events

Despite an ongoing pandemic, LTWC has been able to deliver presentations and learning opportunities in 5 virtual public meeting broadcasts, a guided nature walk, 3 project tours as part of our week of celebration, and a video on the impacts of climate change on forestry.



Left: In-ground stormwater planter at Pacific Corrugated (photo: Tim Hahn); Right: planter box at The Monroe

Expanding Urban Partners & Impact The Urban Waters & Wildlife Partnership continues to grow its impact! It now works across the Eugene-Springfield metro, reflecting support for this critical work at a regional scale. We're working with low income housing and Safe Sleep Sites, exploring ways to both improve site ecosystem functions and provide green jobs training for site residents. Our first project of this kind can be seen at The Monroe, a small low income veterans housing unit. The Mim's House, home of the local NAACP chapter will be a Trout Friendly Landscape demonstration site, weaving together history, sustainability, and community. With growing interest, and exciting opportunities, we hired Greg, our newest staff member!



Collecting Long-Term Pesticide Data

The Amazon Creek Pesticide Stewardship Partnership is entering its 2nd decade! Last year, LTWC collected 65 water samples at 5 locations throughout the Amazon watershed to test for pesticides. Recent sampling has shown that the concentrations of most pesticides in the creek have been decreasing over the past 5 years. This downward trend reflects a promising sign of a community committed to improving water quality, and we'll need that continued support to keep seeing progress!



Community At Work! Volunteers (and even a few sheep) helped with watershed stewardship activities this year, including tree planting, invasive weed removal, and creating biochar. Thank you!



Habitat Contracting folks hand-pulling ludwigia

Controlling Invasive Weeds

Six years after starting work at just a couple of sites, our treatment of the aquatic invasive weed ludwigia now covers 25 miles of stream and river and a handful of ponds. Habitat Contracting has been working with us from the start, and their hard work and dedication are paying off, with the plant mostly or entirely under control throughout the entire project area.

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"The Long Tom Watershed Council has been phenomenal in what they have been able to accomplish in such a short period of time. Their contractors were efficient and courteous and communications from all have been extremely professional. We now count them amongst our friends."

- Shane Hughes, Clear Lake & ludwigia project landowner.

In Memoriam: Jean Beal - Last year we were saddened to hear of the passing of Jean Beal from our watershed community. Jean's generosity of spirit showed not only in her financial contributions, but also in her good sense of humor and supportive voice on the phone. Her significant contributions helped bring needed flexible dollars at a time of growth for our organization that was greatly needed and set us on a strong course for the future. Her legacy lives on in so many plants and birds and fish in the Long Tom that are healthier because of her generosity. **Thank you, Jean.**

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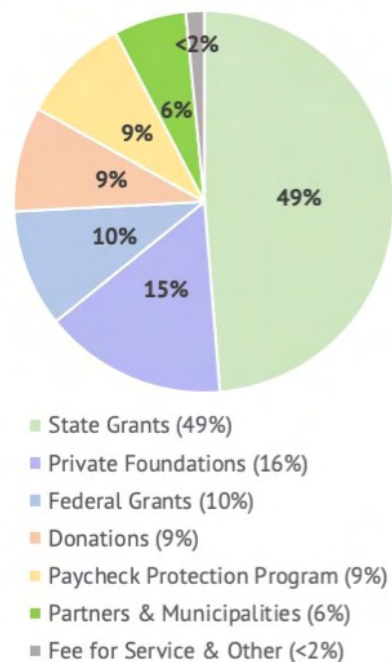
The Long Tom Watershed Council serves to improve water quality and watershed condition in the Long Tom River basin and surrounding drainages through *education and collaboration* among all interests, using the *collective wisdom and voluntary action* of our community members.

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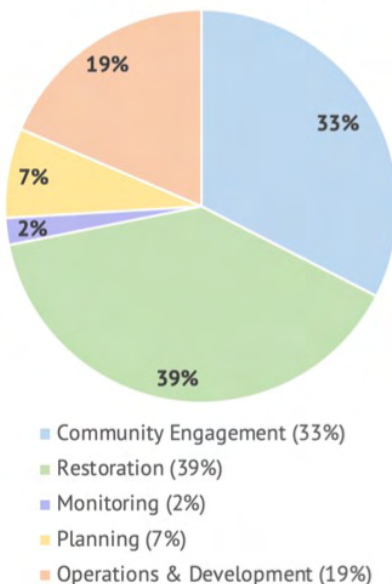
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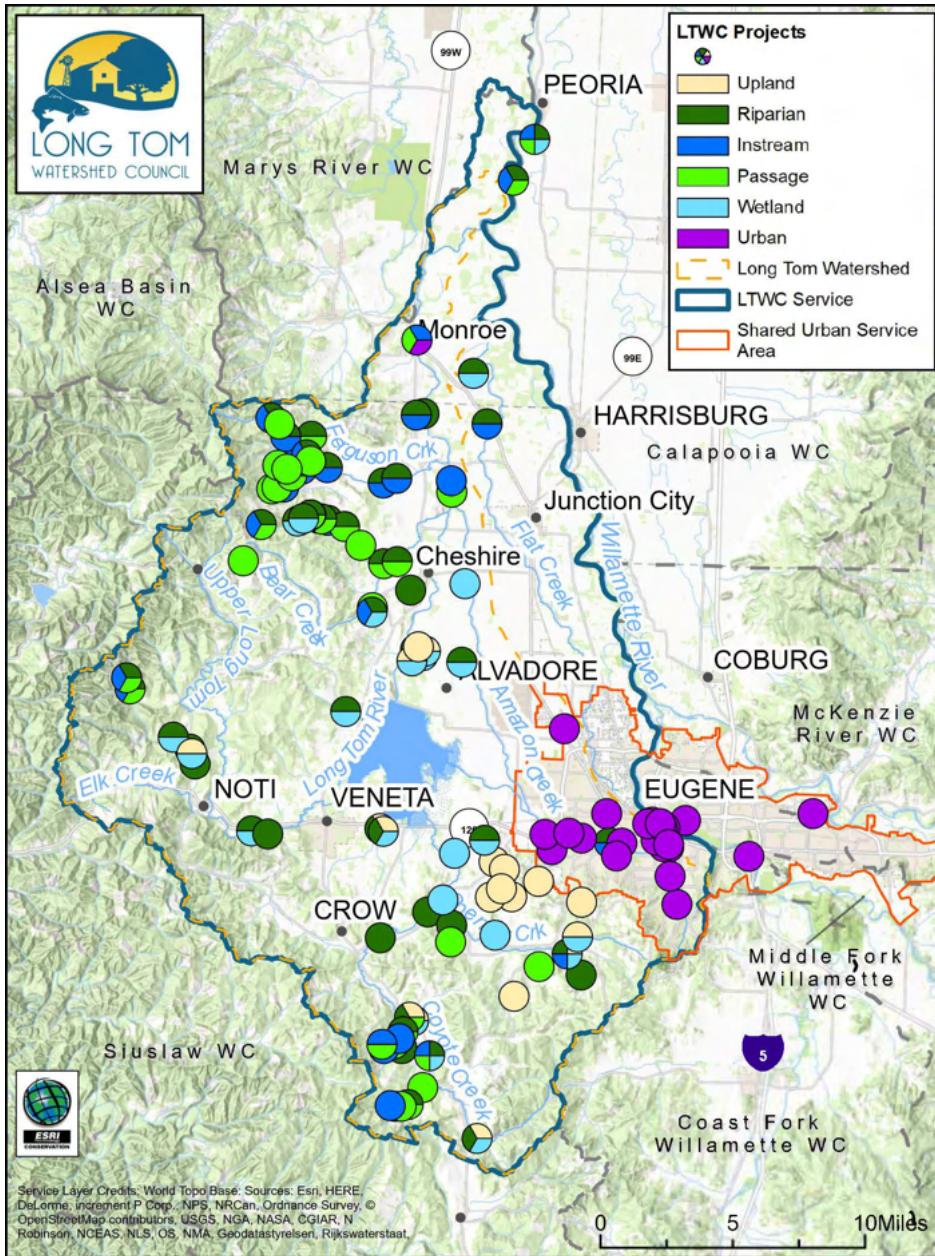
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The Long Tom Watershed lies within the traditional homelands of the Tribes and Bands of the Kalapuyan peoples. Following treaties in the 1850s, the Kalapuya people were dispossessed of and forcibly removed from their Indigenous homeland by the United States government. Today, many descendants are citizens of the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community and the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians. We acknowledge that we are on occupied lands, and express our respect for Kalapuya and all Tribal Nations of Oregon, and the important contributions they continue to make to their communities, including to the stewardship of this watershed.