



**Clackamas
River Basin
Council**

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Jack Williamson — US Forest Service Liaison
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Letter from the Director and Board Chair

Stewardship of the Clackamas River Basin continued to expand throughout 2018, setting the stage for even greater days ahead for our council, partners, recreational and municipal users and, especially, the fish and wildlife relying on us to maintain their habitats. We completed a sixth year of planting totaling 30 miles of new stream-side shade from native trees and shrubs. Fish will thrive in two new stream projects, re-opening historic side channel habitat for coho, spring chinook, steelhead and other native fish. We solicited eager volunteers in high numbers, donating 3,000 hours in work parties, school activities and our annual Down the River Clean Up. Despite increasing summer use of the lower river, our litter-collection efforts are having a positive effect. Our Clackamas Partnership of nearly two dozen local agencies and landowners sought and received major funding for natural resource projects for the next three bienniums. We've briefly highlighted our work for your review.

Please join us in enjoying this unique resource, the Clackamas River!

Cheryl McGinnis, Executive Director

Bill Monroe, Chair of the Board of Directors



The Clackamas River Basin Council (CRBC) is a local, voluntary watershed council formally recognized in 1996 by the Clackamas County Board of County Commissioners incorporated in the State of Oregon with non-profit 501(c)(3) status. The Council benefits local communities as we

*Foster partnerships for clean water and to improve fish and wildlife habitat
and the quality of life for all those who live, work, and play in the Clackamas watershed.*

Watershed Enhancement

In-Stream & Riparian Projects

The Clackamas River Basin Council partners with public and private agencies and our community members to improve in-stream and riparian conditions. We led and partnered on two in-stream projects during 2018, highlighted below.

Clackamas River streambanks got a little greener from 5 miles of riparian native trees and shrub plantings through our *Shade Our Streams* program. A total of 30 miles of streamside canopy created with support from PGE.

Clear Creek North Habitat Restoration – This project creates spawning and rearing habitat for coho salmon, steelhead and Pacific lamprey from log structures that increase habitat complexity and access to off-channel habitat in alcoves alongside Clear Creek. This creek is an important production area for coho salmon and steelhead and has an important role in maintaining the genetic and population diversity of the lower Clackamas River native coho and steelhead populations.

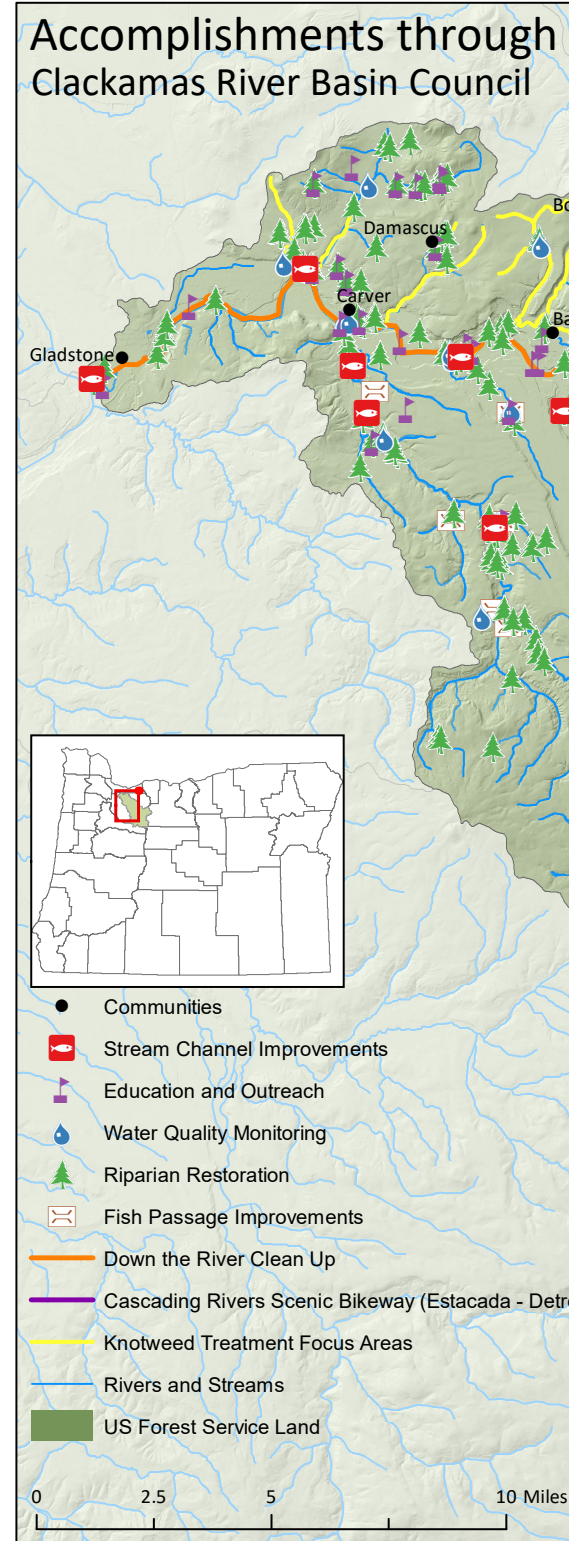


Large wood structures placed to restore fish and wildlife habitat in Clear Creek.

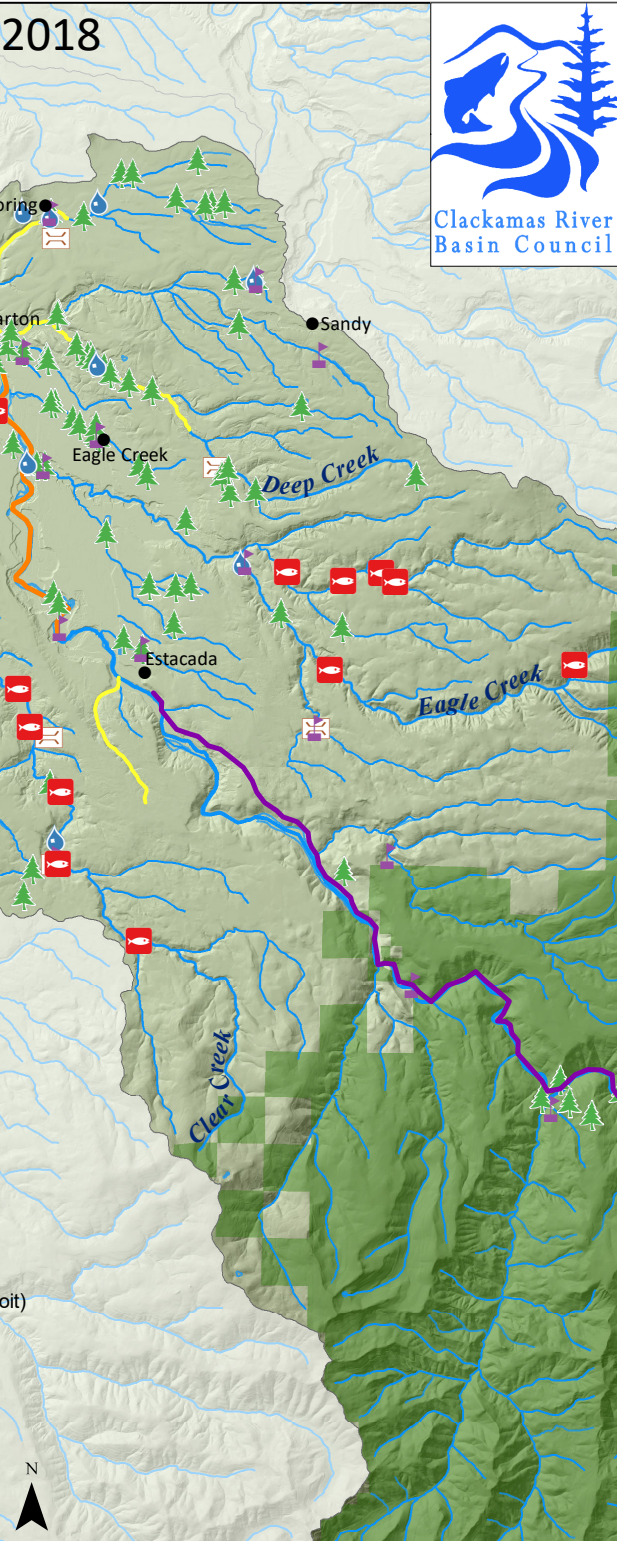
North Fork Clackamas River Restoration provides life cycle habitat for Chinook, coho and steelhead. Nearly 1 mile of this tributary to the Clackamas mainstem, northeast of Estacada, was restored to include flow to 3,975 feet of off-channel habitats to provide rearing habitat for juvenile coho, spring Chinook, and winter steelhead and spawning habitat for winter steelhead and coho salmon. In early 2019, 1.25 acres of riparian forest canopy and floodplain vegetation will be installed where invasive plants were out-competing native trees, sedges and rushes.



North Fork Clackamas River side channels provide spawning & rearing habitat.



Monitoring, Education & Outreach



The Clackamas River inspires our local citizens to become hands-on caretakers for this amazingly beautiful watershed and resource!

Incredible things happen when people intersect with nature. For example, students hone their leadership skills while coordinating peers to complete river clean up activities, property owners open their properties for environmental field classes for adults and children, for streamside forest planting, and more!

Community and student volunteers participated in hands-on service learning activities in the watershed as they assisted with water quality testing, placed Christmas trees in side channels to enhance fish habitat, planted native trees, removed invasives and cleaned up their Clackamas from the river bottom to the banks. They learned about what lives in a healthy (and not-so-healthy) stream, how to live with and enhance native wildlife through habitat creation, how to create a healthy and well-functioning streamside forest, about the dangers of mis-using pesticides and how to create healthy and beautiful native gardens at home.

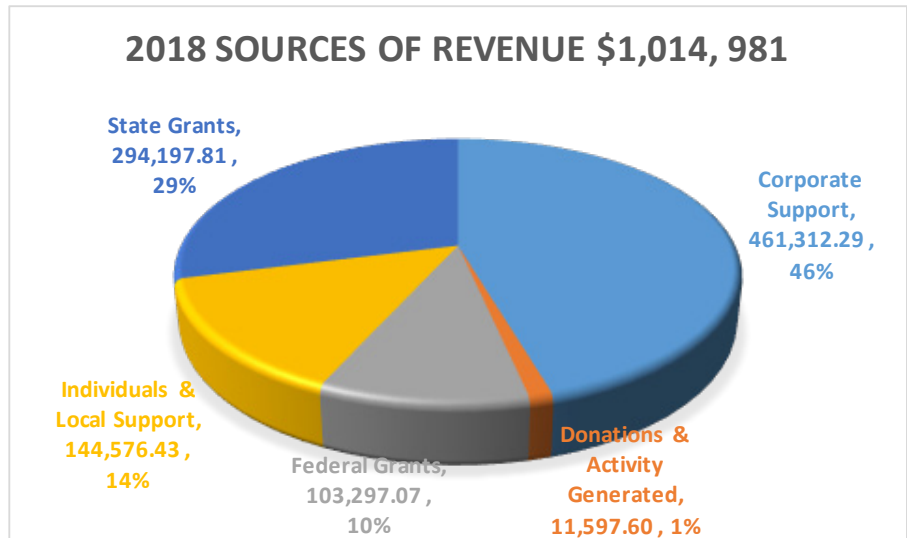


Local students spent time digging into Noyer Creek's banks removing invasive ivy and replacing it with native trees and shrubs to create effective pollution filtering at bioswales and ponds in Estacada.

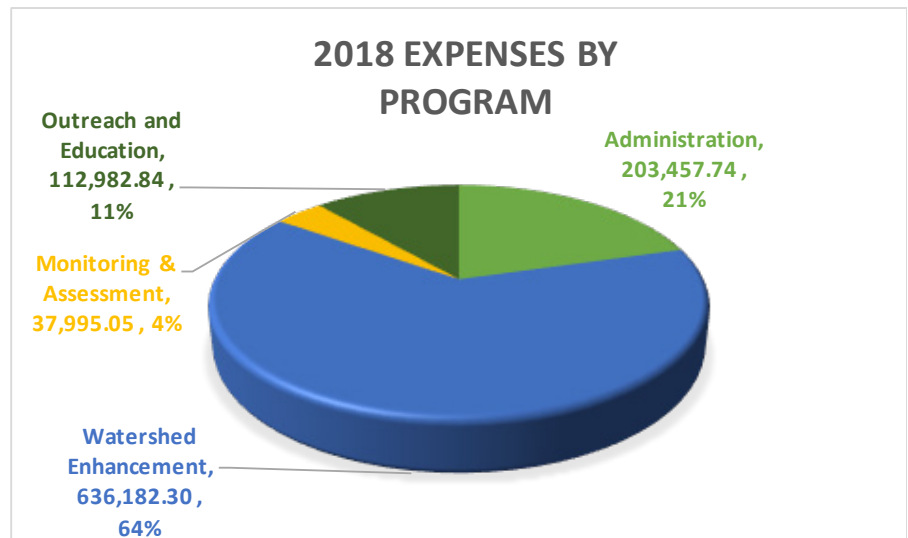
Revenue & Expenses

Revenue - Work in the watershed was generously supported by corporations, donations, foundations, and grants including:

- Clackamas County Parks
- Clackamas River Water Providers
- Clackamas Soil & Water Conservation District
- Individuals in Local Communities
- McBain & Associates
- Metro
- Oregon City Brewing
- Oregon Department of Agriculture
- Oregon State Parks
- Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board
- Oregon Department of State Lands
- Portland General Electric
- Sitka
- WARN Industries
- Water Environment Services (WES)
- We Love Clean Rivers
- US Forest Service



Expenses - Our activities emphasize on-the-ground projects dedicated to watershed enhancement, water quality monitoring, and outreach & education.



Non-cash Community Support

2018 Local Volunteerism \$78,527

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Attend our Council meetings:

3rd Thursday of each month 6:00pm -8:30pm
held at the
Mt Scott Fire Station
9339 SE Causey Ave
Clackamas, OR 97086



Volunteers planting trees in the floodplain of Rock Creek subbasin



Over 400 volunteers removed 2.81 tons of debris from the Clackamas River following the summer recreation season.



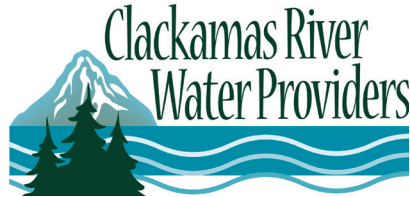
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Our Successes are Achieved with Assistance
from Our Many Partners. Thank You!



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