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When the river thrives, we all thrive – especially when we work together!



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Basin Council

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Our Board of Directors

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Along with Officers, Our Stakeholder Representatives:

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Ela Whelan—Commerce
Jack Williamson — US Forest Service Liaison
Bruce Zoellick — BLM Liaison

Letter from the Director and Board Chair

We share our appreciation for our many partners that joined in our efforts to improve and protect the Clackamas River watershed. With local landowners, we planted native trees and shrubs along over 5 miles of streams. Our volunteers came with boots on and sleeves rolled up showing their commitment to stewardship for the Clackamas River during 4,205 total hours dedicated to work parties, school activities, salmon carcass tosses, *Down the River Clean Up* – to name a few. You'll read details of our work highlighted in the following pages of this annual report.

We look forward to 2015 as we build on the efforts of the last year to continue landowner and volunteer involvement that bring a multitude of benefits to the health of the watershed and our local economy.

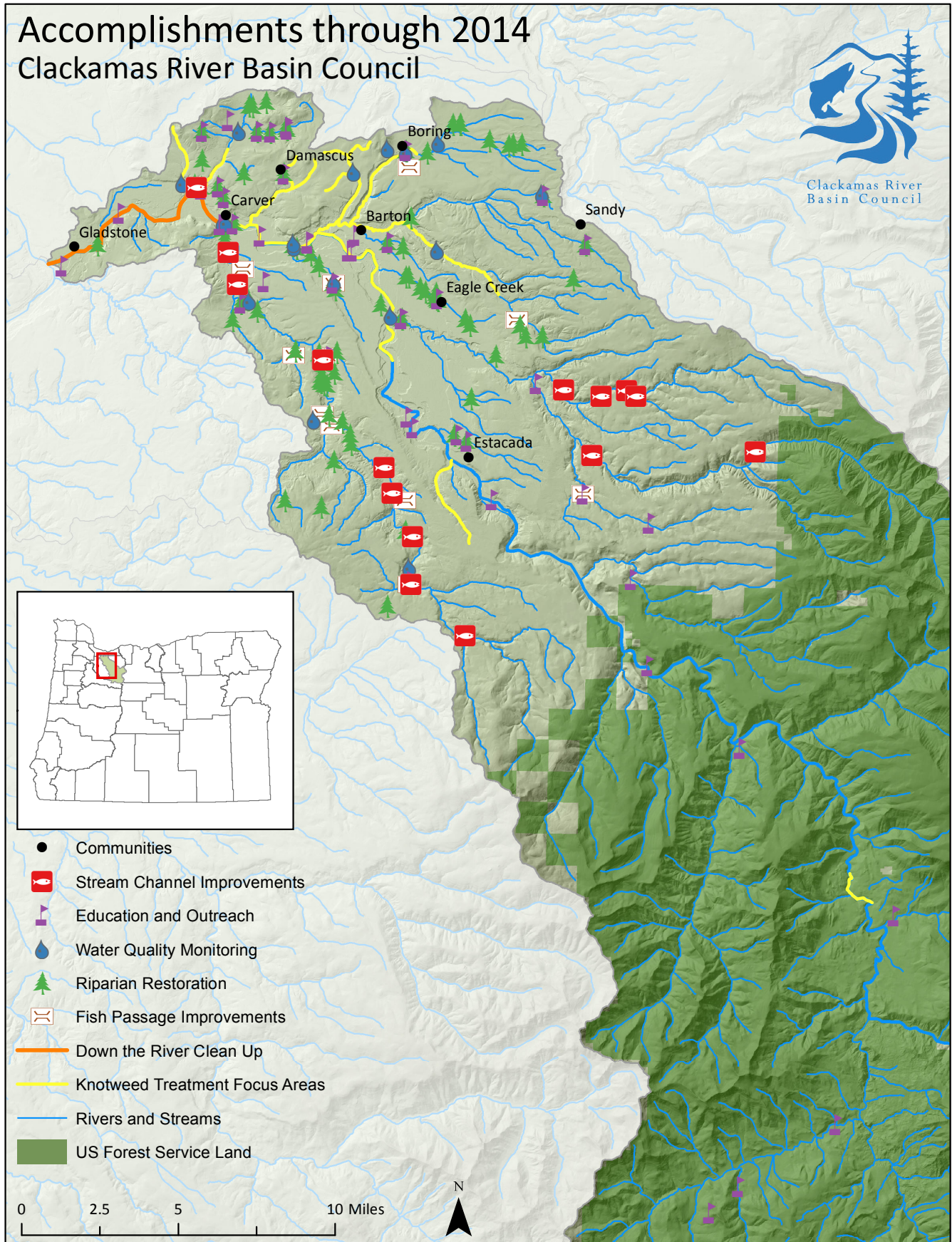
It's a great day to enjoy the Clackamas River watershed!

Cheryl McGinnis, Executive Director
Bryon Boyce, 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.*

*The Clackamas River Basin Council
has nearly two decades of proven results transforming the watershed*



Streamside landowners hold the key to the health of our river

Watershed Enhancement

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 2014.

Clackamas River streambanks got a little greener from 5 miles of riparian native trees and shrub plantings through our *Shade Our Streams* program.

Rock Creek Fish Habitat Improvements – Over 20 large wood structures and numerous boulders were constructed and installed in the stream bank to increase stream complexity, reconnect the stream to its floodplain, and reduce bank erosion. With urbanization occurring on all sides, this project protects 2000 feet of in-stream habitat for threatened and endangered Chinook, coho, and steelhead returning to the creek year after year.



Over 20 large wood structures along with boulders were placed to restore fish and wildlife habitat in Rock Creek

Salmon Recovery at Milo McIver State Park

occurred after resurrecting two side channels for coho, Chinook and steelhead and include logs and boulders for stream diversity and for protection and feeding pools for fish. Clackamas River Basin Council coordinated the installation of over 10,000 native plants, at this PGE project, and continues to manage invasive species. Large numbers of juvenile salmon are seen using both channels.



Milo McIver State Park side channel with native planting

Monitoring, Education & Outreach

The Clackamas River is a source of drinking water for over 300,000 people and home to legacy wild fish, including coho, Spring Chinook and steelhead. We monitor the health of our streams and involve people in protecting water quality.

Students participate in hands-on activities in the watershed as they planted native trees, learned about stream pollutants, cleaned up the river banks, and tossed salmon carcasses to enrich the streams with beneficial nutrients.



Four **interpretive signs** create a connection for people to their watershed. CRBC and Clackamas County Parks partnered on designing signs that educate park users about the Clackamas watershed, history and natural heritage of the region, salmon life cycle and habitat needs, native and invasive plants, and how individuals can support watershed health. An Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB) grant supported the project. Signs are erected at Barton Park, Carver Boat Ramp, Eagle Fern Park, and Metzler Park.



Financial Resources

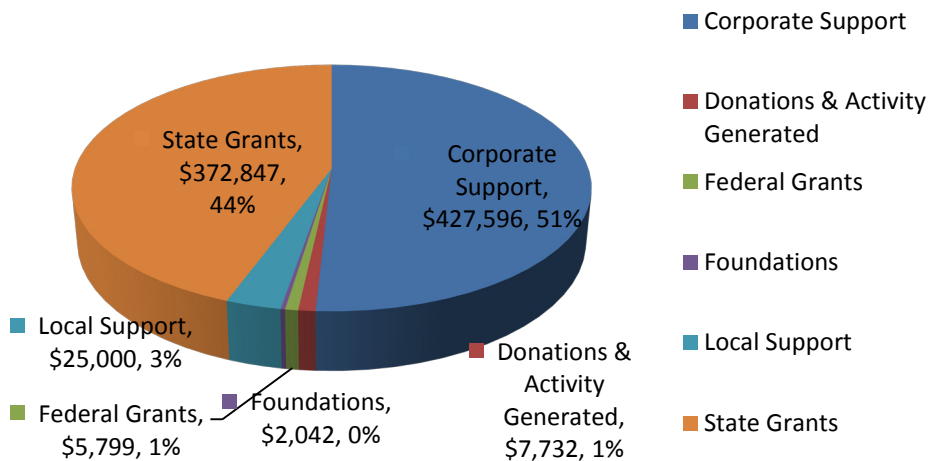
Revenue

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

Clackamas River Water Providers
 Clackamas Soil & Water Conservation District
 Individuals in Local Communities
 Metro
 The Nature Conservancy
 Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board

Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife
 Oregon Department of State Lands
 Portland General Electric
 Water Environment Services
 US Forest Service

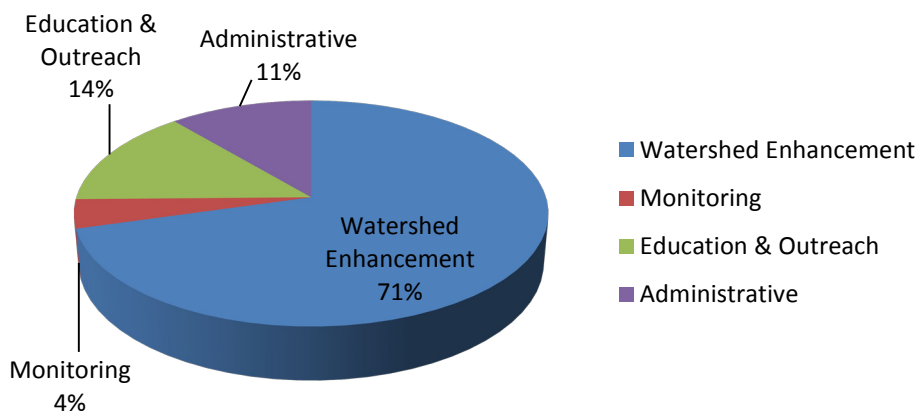
2014 Sources of Revenue \$841,016



Expenses

Our activities emphasize on-the-ground projects dedicated to watershed enhancement, water quality monitoring, and education and outreach. Administrative functions were held to just 11% of all expenditures.

Expenditures by Program Area



Community Support

2014 Local Volunteerism a \$97,021 Value!

from over 900 volunteers

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Attend our Council meetings:

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



Volunteers planting trees in the floodplain of Rock Creek subbasin



Amber Harvey assisted with Stash the Trash program



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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