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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 River watershed.



Staff Team (left to right): Evan Gammon, Suzi Cloutier, Zach Bergen, Cheryl McGinnis, Jenny Dezso, Katherine Cory and Morgan Parks



Clackamas River
Basin Council

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Our Leadership Team

Our Board of Directors

Officers:

Ron Blake, Chair— Water Providers
Bill Monroe, Chair-Elect — Recreation Interests
Jackie Tommas, Secretary — Environmental Interests
Dave Albrecht, Treasurer — Education/Youth
Bryon Boyce, Past Chair — Mainstem Property Owner

Along with Officers, Our Stakeholder Representatives:

Dorothy Barello — Citizens at Large
John Borden — Environmental Interests
Ris Bradshaw — Mainstem Property Owners
Andy Buoni — Agriculture
Aaron Caldwell — Agriculture
Douglas DeHart — Fish and Wildlife
Dan Fink — Commercial Wood Products
Cole Gardiner — Fish and Wildlife
Gary Guttridge — Tributary Property Owners
Lowell Hanna — Citizens at Large
Dave Heintzman — Local Utilities
Richard Jones — Water Providers
Michael Karnosh — Native American Tribes Interests
Barbara Kemper — Urban CPO
Dave Kleinke — Citizens at Large
Bill Lenon — Small Woodlot Owner
Nick Loos — Local Utilities
Earlean Marsh — Rural CPO
Michael Morrow — City Interests
Jim Rice — Commercial Wood Products
Guy Rodrigue — State Natural Resource Agency
Gail Shaloum — Special Districts
Ivars Steinblums — Citizens at Large
Kelly Warren — Native American Tribes Interests
Ela Whelan — Commerce
Jack Williamson — US Forest Service Liaison
Bruce Zoellick — BLM Liaison

Letter from the Director and Board Chair

Thank you to you as one of our many partners that joined in efforts to improve and protect the Clackamas River watershed. With local landowners, we planted native trees and shrubs along over five miles of streams toward our goal of 30 streamside miles. Our volunteers enthusiastically participated in several activities as stewards for the Clackamas River during 2,679 total hours dedicated to work parties, school activities, salmon carcass tosses, and *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 2016 as committed landowners and volunteers join our leadership and staff team in protecting and restoring the health of the watershed, all while bringing resources to our local economy.

Isn't it a great day to enjoy the Clackamas River watershed?!

Cheryl McGinnis, Executive Director
Ron Blake, Chair of the Board of Directors

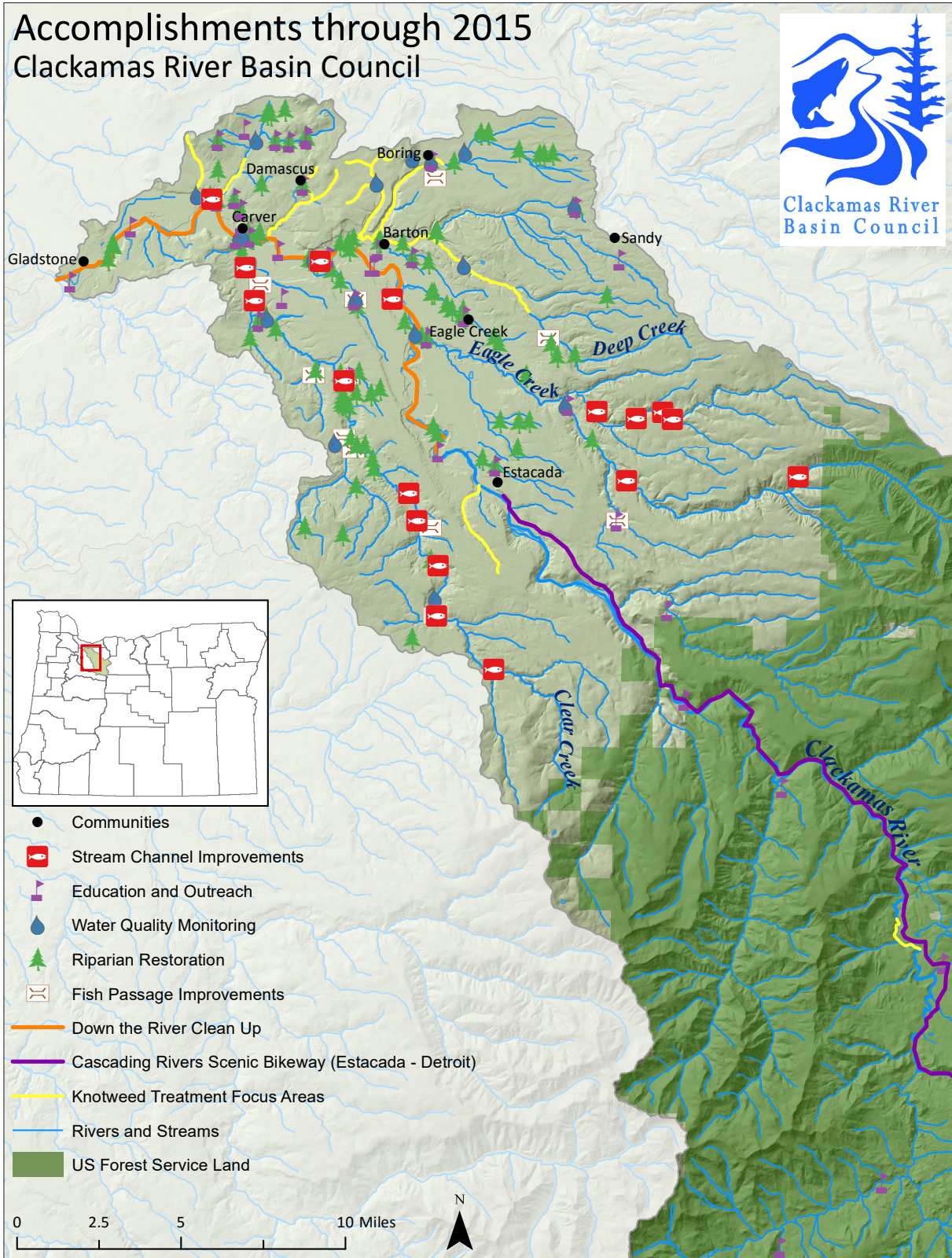


Dave Albrecht, Earlean Marsh, Dave Heintzman, Lowell Hanna (standing), Barbara Kemper and Jackie Tommas honored for their 20 years of service.

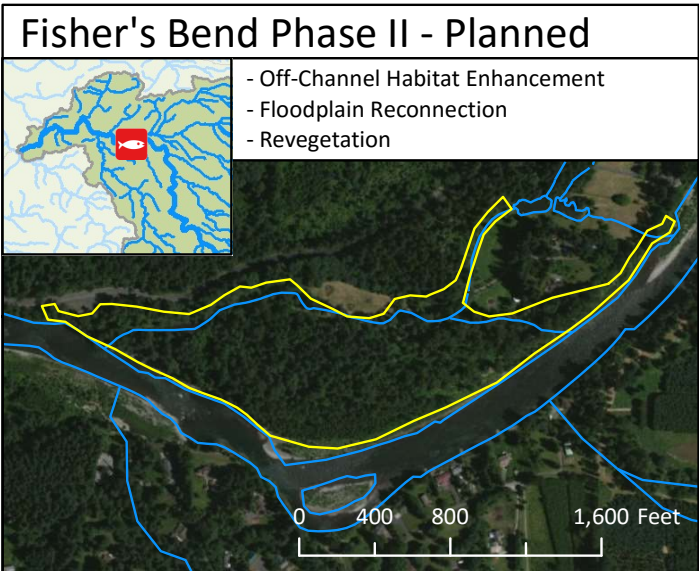
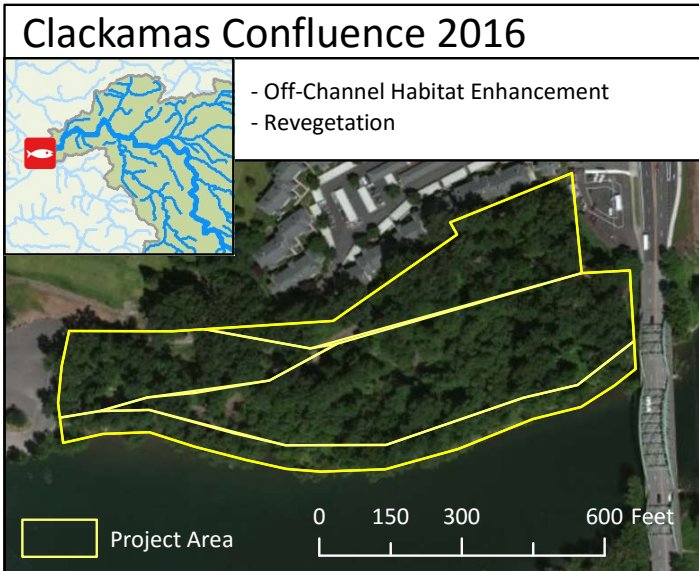
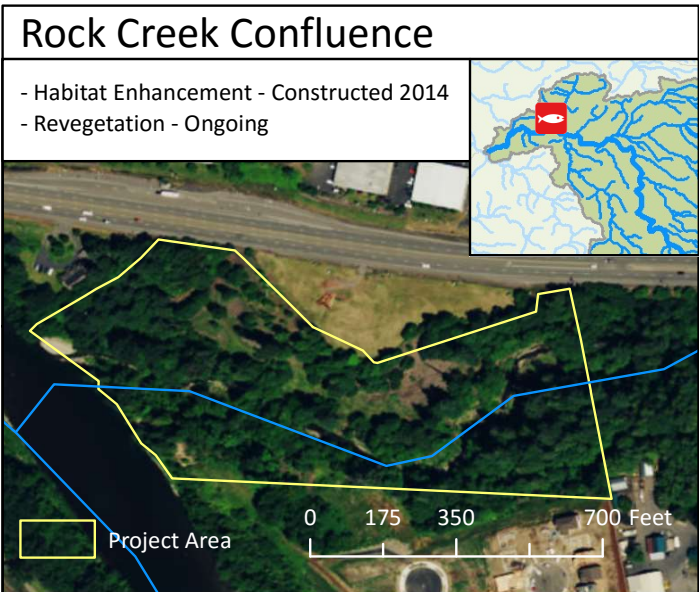
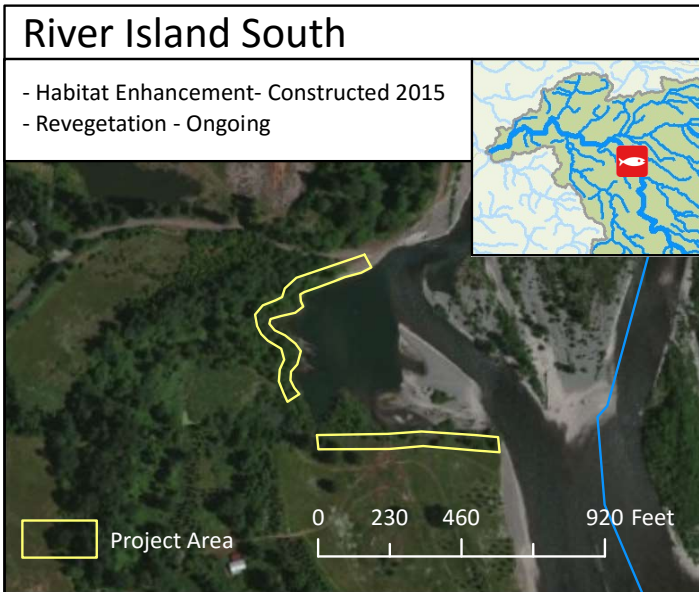
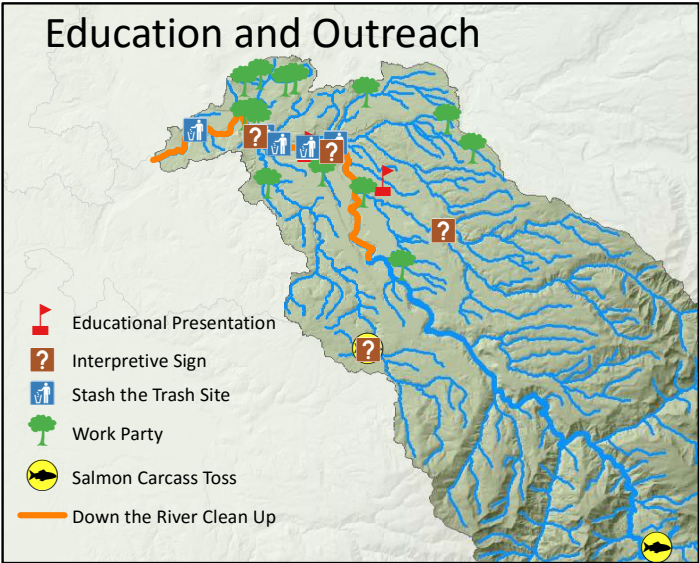
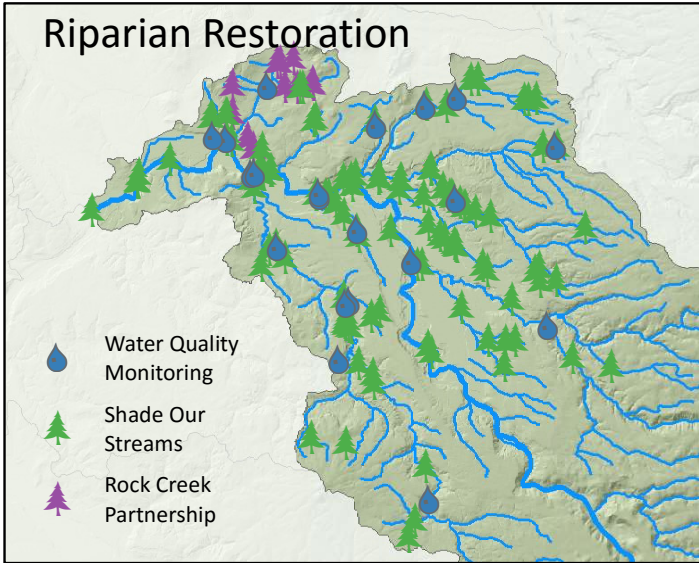
The Clackamas River Basin Council (CRBC) is a local, voluntary watershed council formally recognized in 1996 by the Clackamas County Board of County Commissioners incorporated in the State of Oregon with non-profit 501(c)(3) status.

Accomplishments

CRBC has two decades of proven results transforming the watershed!



Current Projects 2016 Clackamas River Basin Council



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 2015, 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 Clackamas River Invasive Species Partnership plan was created to manage invasive weeds. Riparian planting in Rock Creek also is supported by Water Environment Services.



Over 900 lineal foot alcove and floodplain reconnection included 7 large wood structures along with boulders placed to restore fish and wildlife habitat along the Clackamas River.

Fishers Bend Alcove Restoration Project – Located on the lower Clackamas River, Fisher’s Bend is a cooperative multi-stakeholder effort to improve ecologic habitat value for aquatic and terrestrial species, improve water quality, and maximize floodplain use. Reconnection of a 850 lineal foot backwater alcove, 7 log habitat structures, and 32 acres of revegetation occurred. The Clackamas River provides important refugia habitat to ESA listed Chinook, coho, and steelhead.



River Island South alcove with habitat structures

River Island South Restoration project involved the Council in partnering with Metro who led the construction of aquatic habitat structures, turtle habitat basking areas, a 334 lineal foot alcove reconnection (.3 acres), native plantings, and removal of a failing and unused road. Water quality improvements result from removing the failing road and planting shade canopy which also provides benefits for coho, Chinook and steelhead habitat.

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 tossed salmon carcasses to enrich streams with beneficial nutrients, planted native trees, learned about stream pollutants, and cleaned up the river banks.



For Your Viewing Pleasure

CRBC and Clackamas County partnered to develop YouTube videos about the watershed, water quality issues, and *Shade Our Streams* (our native planting program). YouTube and Vimeo videos are available from our web site:

<http://clackamasriver.org/community/newsletter>

A picture-only poster encouraging proper pesticide application was created and distributed as part of our voluntary pesticide reduction efforts.



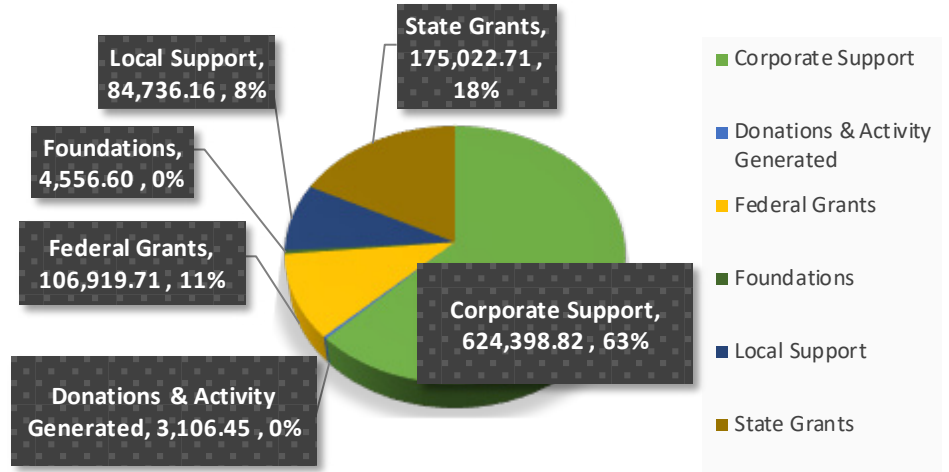
Revenue & Expenses

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

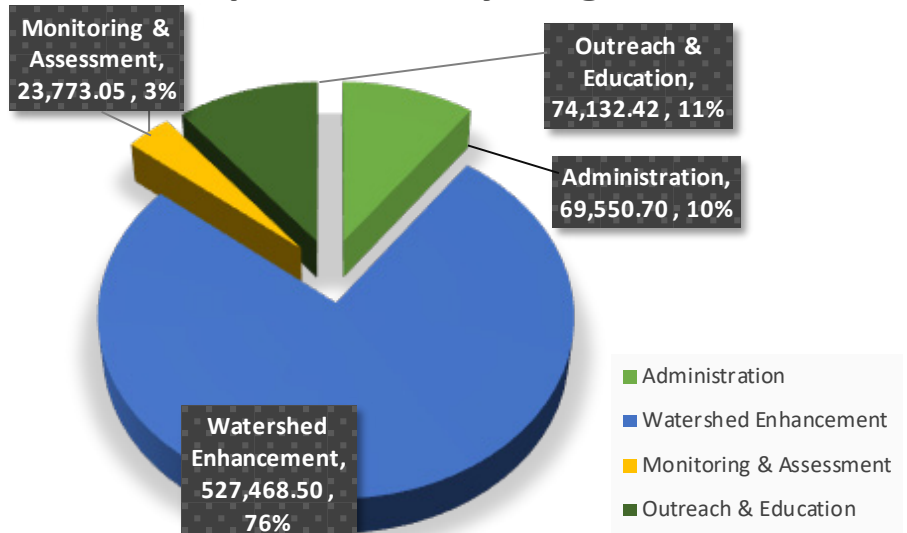
- AmazonSmile Community Match Program
- Bonneville Power Administration
- Clackamas River Water Providers
- Clackamas Soil & Water Conservation District
- Fred Meyer Community Rewards
- Individuals in Local Communities
- Metro
- The Nature Conservancy
- Oregon Department of Environmental Quality
- Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife
- Oregon Department of State Lands
- Oregon State Parks
- Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board
- Portland General Electric
- Prontobella Italian Kitchen
- Water Environment Services
- We Love Clean Rivers
- US Forest Service

Expenses - Our activities emphasize on-the-ground projects dedicated to watershed enhancement, water quality monitoring, and education and outreach. Program efforts made up 90% of expenditures with administrative functions held to just 10%.

2015 Sources of Revenue \$998,740



Expenditures by Program Area



Non-Cash Community Support

2015 Local Volunteer Value

\$61,793

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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
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Volunteers planting trees during Watershed Wide Event
in Rock Creek subbasin



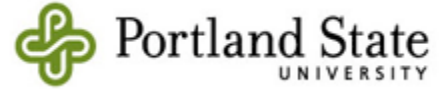
Over 250 volunteers removed 1.9 tons of debris from the
Clackamas River following the summer recreation season



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Our successes are achieved with assistance from our many partners. Thank You!



State of Oregon Department of Environmental Quality



Dump Stoppers
503-650-3333



Nature HISTORY Discovery



CLACKAMAS FIRE DISTRICT #1



CLACKAMAS SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
www.conservatiodistrict.org

Good dirt. Clean water.