

Fiscal Year 2020 Annual Report

January 1 - December 31, 2020



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Featured Project:

Luckiamute State Natural Area Floodplain Reconnection



Project Snapshot

Goal: Restore and enhance valuable off-channel habitat by reconnecting the lower Luckiamute River to its floodplain

Land Ownership: Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD)

Funders: Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB), Meyer Memorial Trust (MMT), Bonneville Power Administration (BPA)

2020 Accomplishments:

- 14 acres of reconnected or enhanced floodplain habitat
- 65,000 bareroot trees and shrubs and 9,000 live stakes planted on 24 acres
- 6 acres seeded with native grasses (20 acres in 2019)

Many of our rivers, including the Luckiamute, have been disconnected from their floodplains over the years. Dams and regulated flows, as well as berms, dykes, dredging, development and clearing of floodplain forests, are some of the many activities that have resulted in the loss of this valuable habitat. In turn, floodplain disconnection has led to accelerated streambank erosion, more severe flooding events, loss of winter rearing habitat for native fish, and is a major factor in the decline of our native salmon and trout populations.

At Luckiamute State Natural Area (LSNA) we are working with our partners to enhance the connection of the Luckiamute River to its historic floodplain. Guided by topographic and vegetation surveys by River Design Group, contractors from Trask Design and Construction, LLC raised and lowered the elevation of different areas of the landscape in a way that would allow the Luckiamute River to spill out over a greater portion of its surrounding floodplain during regular flooding events. Some areas of high elevation were also lowered in order to allow floodwaters to fully recede back to the stream channel as water levels drop back down. This allows fish an exit path back to the Luckiamute River as water levels drop, and avoids the risk that they will be stranded in shallow pools. Trask crewmembers were able to carefully maneuver their heavy machinery around areas we had planted in the existing swales and wetlands, minimizing impact to these thriving native plant communities. Restoration crews from D. Franco Contracting, Inc. and two volunteer work parties have planted this area and the surrounding landscape with native grasses, trees and shrubs. More at LuckiamuteLWC.org/lсна-reconnection.

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A Watershed Moment: 1,000,000 Plants in the Ground!

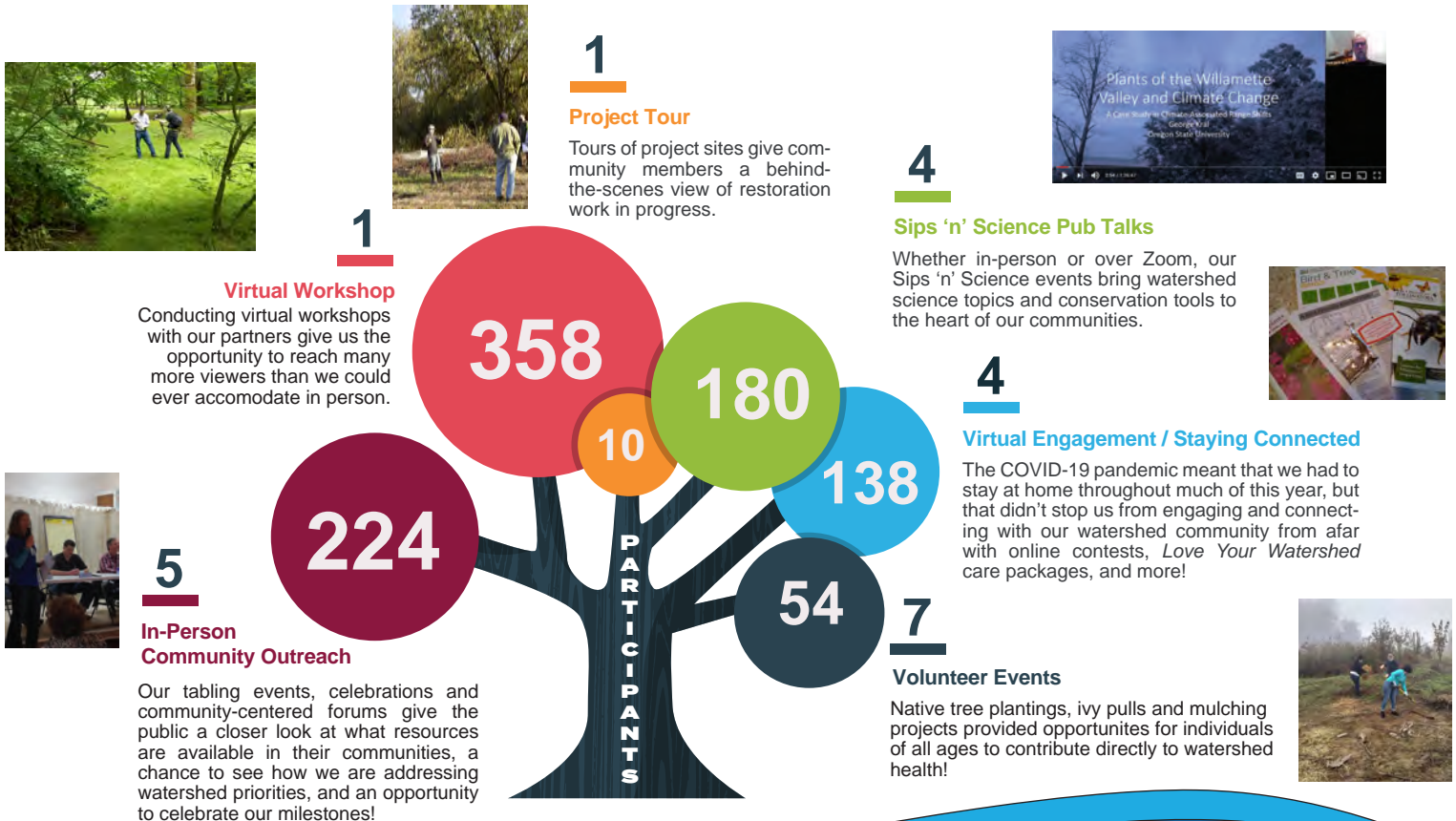


Left to Right: A celebratory banner hangs at Riverview Park in Independence, marking the LWC's 1,000,000 plants milestone; This 2010 photo of the Luckiamute River at Wildwood Bridge shows a riparian (streamside) area overgrown with invasive knotweed and Himalayan blackberry; Ten years later, this same area has a diverse, thriving native plant community; Executive Director Kristen Larson scoops a shovelful of dirt to help plant our honorary 1,000,000th tree—an Oregon white oak (*Quercus garryani*) sapling that goes by the name of "Garry;" Board member Dave Ehlers poses next to Garry, who we hope will continue to grow and thrive for hundreds of years to come!

During 2020, the Luckiamute Watershed Council put its one millionth plant in the ground, a significant achievement that was symbolically marked with the planting of an Oregon white oak at Luckiamute State Natural Area (LSNA) on October 22, 2020. Located at the point where the Luckiamute and Santiam Rivers joins the Willamette River, LSNA was an appropriate site for this commemorative event, since almost half of the million trees and shrubs were planted within its North and South Units. We would not have been able to reach this milestone without our supporters, project partners, planting crews, nurseries, and all of the landowners and community members that are involved in every single one of our restoration projects. **THANK YOU, watershed community, for helping us achieve this major milestone and for making the watershed a healthier place for all!**

Love Your Watershed Events

Despite the onset of COVID-19 and the ensuing restrictions on in-person gatherings, *Love Your Watershed* in-person and virtual events engaged 964 people across 22 events in 2020. Take a closer look at how we continue to stay connected, inspiring and empowering individuals to take action for watershed health — at home and in their communities!



Income and Expenses January - December 2020

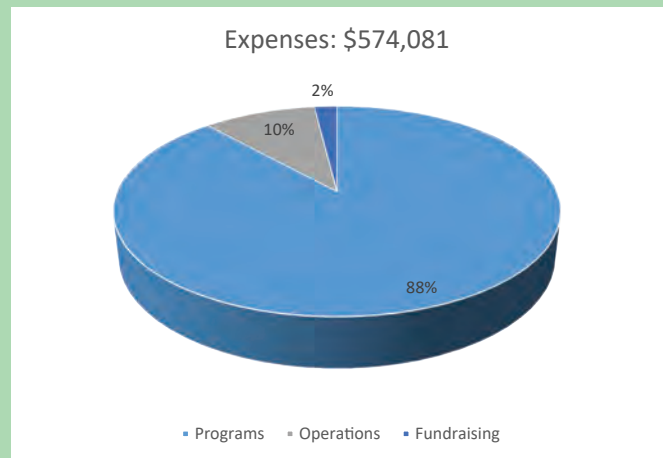
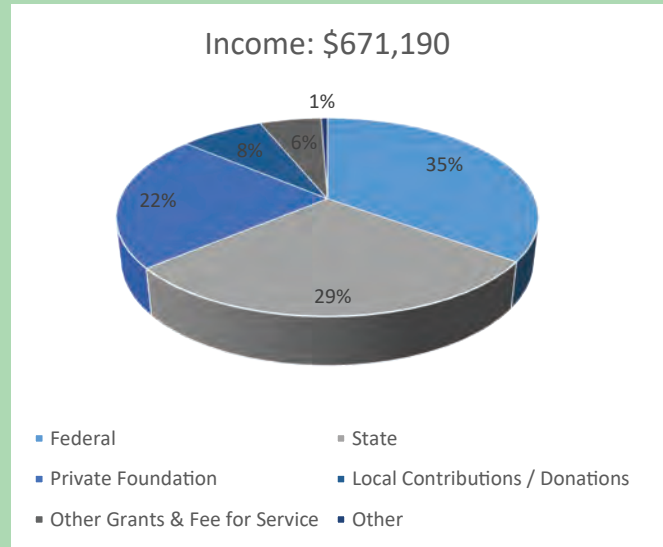
Income

Federal	\$234,831
State	\$194,161
Private Foundation	\$149,397
Local Contributions / Donations	\$51,234
Other Grants & Fee for Service	\$37,710
Other*	\$3,857
Total Income	\$671,190

*Other includes revenue from interest, event registration, office sub-lease rental payments, and other miscellaneous revenue.

Expenses

Programs	\$507,175
Operations	\$55,658
Fundraising	\$11,248
Total Expenses	\$574,081
Income - Expenses	\$97,109



Values based on the LWC's Statement of Financial Activities for January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020.

Revenue received in this fiscal year can be spent in the same fiscal year or reserved for use in future years based on project and grant timelines.

We would like to thank the following funding partners and in-kind donors for their contributions to our projects and outreach programs this year. We could not have accomplished our goals without their generous support!

Federal Funding Sources: Bonneville Power Administration, Bureau of Land Management, Small Business Administration

State Funding Sources: Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board

Private Foundations: Amazon Smile Foundation, Meyer Memorial Trust

Local Partners and Other Grants: Ash Creek Water Control District, Benton Soil & Water Conservation District, City of Independence, Fred Meyer Community Rewards, Hancock Forest Management, Monmouth-Independence Rotary Club, Polk Soil & Water Conservation District, Portland General Electric Habitat Support Fund, Willamette Habitat Restoration Fund

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