

# Fiscal Year 2021 Annual Report



January 1 - December 31, 2021

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\*T-shirts, hoodies, hats, visors, and more!

## Featured Project:

### Protecting the Best: Upper Luckiamute Enhancement



#### Project Snapshot

**Goal:** Improve salmonid and lamprey production and water storage in Luckiamute anchor habitat and enhance conditions in a unique high-elevation wetland.

**Land Ownership:** Manulife (Hancock Timber Resources) and Starker Forests, Inc.

**Primary Funder:** Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB)

**Other Partners and Funders:** Bonneville Environmental Foundation (BEF), Bureau of Land Management (BLM), US Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS), Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife (ODFW), Institute for Applied Ecology (IAE), Xerces Society, Trout Unlimited, Trask Consulting, Trask Design & Construction, D. Franco Contracting, Inc.

#### 2021 Accomplishments:

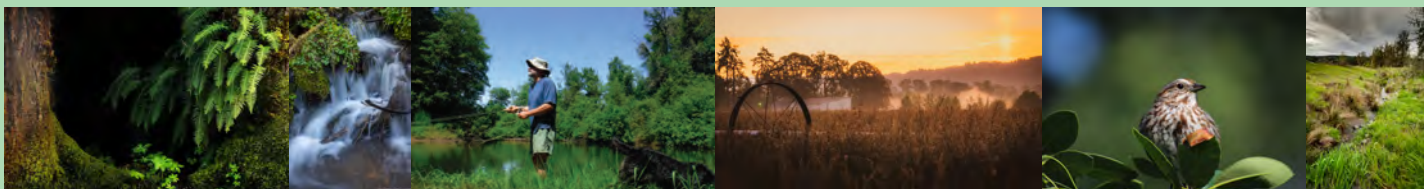
- Freshwater mussels survey and steelhead redd survey completed
- Thinned overstocked douglas fir stand within 1.5 acres
- Placed 22 log structures along 1.5 miles of the project reach
- Inventoried and developed management plan for 8-acre wetland
- Seeded disturbed wetland areas with native seed gathered on-site

Officially titled, "Protecting the Best: Upper Luckiamute Mainstem Anchor Habitat Enhancement," this project is focused on restoring and enhancing the riparian (stream-side) and aquatic habitat along the uppermost reaches of the Luckiamute River. Watershed analysis and mapping using NetMap software identified this area as an "anchor habitat" for native salmon and trout, meaning that this site has some of the greatest potential in the watershed to be restored back to health and to once again provide high quality spawning and rearing habitat for the native fisheries that flourished here in the past. During summer 2021, logs were harvested and placed in the river to improve fish habitat and slow down water velocity. Tightly packed stands of conifers were thinned to encourage the growth of larger diameter trees within the riparian area. Following log placement, volunteers gathered seeds from nearby native species and spread them in the project area to help remediate some of the impacts from the heavy equipment. IAE completed an inventory and restoration assessment of an 8-acre wetland along the river, during which 71 native species were identified — including a unique population of a checkermallow species that may be a hybrid of the federally threatened Nelson's checkermallow (*Sidalcea nelsoniana*) and meadow checkermallow (*Sidalcea campestris*).

**Learn more at [LuckiamuteLWC.org/upper-luckiamute-mainstem](http://LuckiamuteLWC.org/upper-luckiamute-mainstem)**

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## Capturing All the Ways We Love Our Watershed



Left to Right: Grand Prize winner and Plants category winner, "Ferns," by Kent Fields. Other category winners are "Bezell Forest Waterfall," by Deb Merchant (Water), "Fishing the Little Luckiamute," by Emily Plec (People), "I Love Oregon," by Dana Sharman (Landscapes), "Song Sparrow Sitting in a Bush," by Sam Oliveros (Wildlife), and "Cloudy Evening Creek," by Dashiell McNett (Youth Entries).

In honor of our 20th Anniversary in 2021, the LWC held a watershed-wide photo contest during the spring, which resulted in a total of 110 photographs showcasing the beauty of the Luckiamute and Ash Creek watersheds. Following the submission phase, we turned it over to the public to vote for their favorite photos within each of six categories - Landscapes, Water, Plants, Wildlife, People and Youth Entries. The LWC's Education and Outreach Committee then chose category winners out of the three photos in each category with the most votes. In the end, the winning photos not only were among the favorites selected by the voting public, they also stood out to our Education and Outreach Committee in three ways: (1) excellent photo composition, (2) engaging and relevant photo subject and (3) overall representation of what we LOVE about our watershed.

Congratulations to our Grand Prize winner, Kent Fields, for submitting the overall winning photograph and winning the \$100 prize! And congratulations to all of our Category winners as well, who each received a \$30 gift certificate to the LWC online store. We are grateful to all who participated by submitting photos or voting for their favorites. You can view all of our photo contest winners at [LuckiamuteLWC.org/lwc-photo-contest-winners](https://LuckiamuteLWC.org/lwc-photo-contest-winners)

## Love Your Watershed Events

Love Your Watershed in-person and virtual events engaged 1,195 people in 2021, despite COVID-19 restrictions continuing to limit large gatherings. Take a closer look at how we stayed connected with you throughout 2021, inspiring and empowering individuals to take action for watershed health — at home and in their communities!



### Virtual Engagement

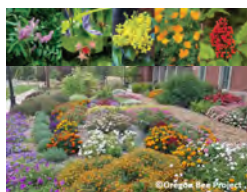
The COVID-19 pandemic meant that we had to stay at home throughout much of 2021, but that didn't stop us from engaging and connecting with the watershed community from afar with online contests, Love Your Watershed care packages, YouTube content, virtual event recordings and more!



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### Photo Contest

Our first ever watershed photo contest inspired many to get out and explore the watershed, and resulted in a collection of 110 uniquely beautiful photographs of local plants, animals, landscapes and waterways!



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### Virtual Workshop

Conducting virtual workshops with our partners give us the opportunity to reach many more viewers than we could ever accommodate in person.



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### Volunteer Opportunities

Native tree plantings, road clean-up and deer-fencing projects provided opportunities for individuals of all ages to contribute to watershed health and community engagement!

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### Sips 'n' Science Pub Talks

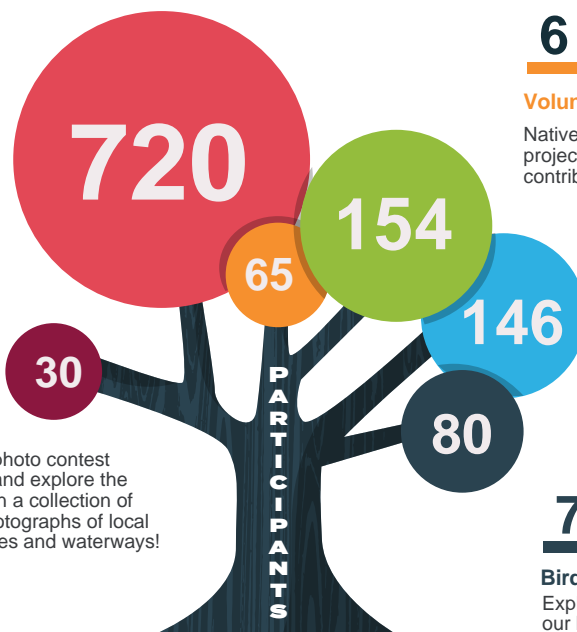
Whether in-person or over Zoom, our Sips 'n' Science events bring watershed science topics and conservation tools to the heart of our communities. In honor of our 20th Anniversary this year, we also featured speakers who focused on the history of the LWC and our watershed.



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### Bird / Nature Walks

Exploring the diverse life found within our beautiful natural areas helps foster awareness and love for our watershed.



\* Note that our Virtual Engagement activity includes all events conducted only online, as well as viewings of recorded live events listed in other categories on this page.

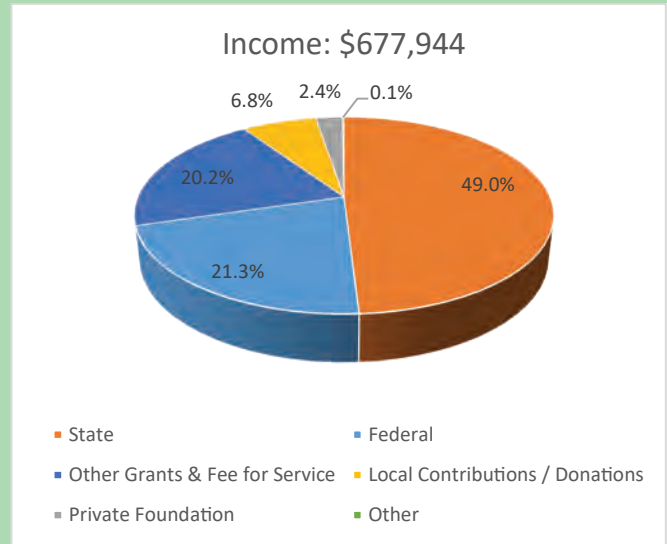


## Income and Expenses January - December 2021

### Income

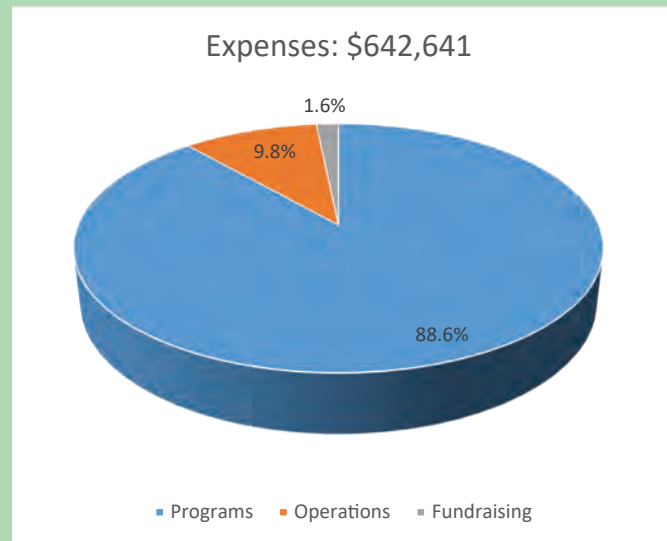
<b>State</b>	<b>\$332,216</b>
<b>Federal</b>	<b>\$144,301</b>
<b>Other Grants &amp; Fee for Service</b>	<b>\$136,888</b>
<b>Local Contributions / Donations</b>	<b>\$46,422</b>
<b>Private Foundation</b>	<b>\$16,600</b>
<b>Other*</b>	<b>\$1,517</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$677,944</b>

\*Other includes revenue from interest, book sales, and other miscellaneous revenue.



### Expenses

<b>Programs</b>	<b>\$569,155</b>
<b>Operations</b>	<b>\$63,110</b>
<b>Fundraising</b>	<b>\$10,356</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$642,641</b>



<b>Income - Expenses</b>	<b>\$35,323</b>
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Values based on the LWC's Statement of Financial Activities for January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

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 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, Farm Services Agency, Small Business Administration

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

Private Foundations: Amazon Smile Foundation, Autzen Foundation, Meyer Memorial Trust, Pacific Power Foundation, Oregon Wildlife Foundation

Local Partners and Other Grants: Benton Soil & Water Conservation District, Calapooia Watershed Council, City of Independence, Fred Meyer Community Rewards, Manulife Investment Management (formerly Hancock Forest Management), Marys River Watershed Council, North Santiam Watershed Council, One Tree Planted, PayPal Giving Fund, Polk Soil & Water Conservation District, Portland General Electric Habitat Support Fund, South Santiam Watershed Council, Willamette Habitat Restoration Fund

## Fiscal Year 2021 Donors

### **Watershed Patrons (\$5000+ or Planned Giving)**

One Tree Planted

### **Luckiamute Benefactors (\$1000 - \$4999)**

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