

LWC Board

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Ed Miller
- These and other volunteers dedicated hundreds of hours to the Council and community!



Rockin' the River fundraiser held at Rogue Farms raised over \$1,500 for Ash Creek



Board members and staff from the Marys River and Luckiamute Watershed Councils participated in a joint tour of LWC projects



Luckiamute Watershed Council Fiscal Year 2015 Annual Report

July 1, 2014 — June 30, 2015



Featured Project: Ash Creek Restoration

In 2014, the Luckiamute Watershed Council (LWC) was awarded a grant from the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB) to restore the ecological health of Ash Creek. In partnership with the City of Independence, Monmouth Public Works, Central School District 13J, the Ash Creek Water Control District, Pacific Power Blue Sky Habitat Funds / The Freshwater Trust, and private landowners, the LWC is working to remove invasive species that have taken over much of the riparian area and replant streamside areas with native vegetation. Lower Ash Creek provides refuge to winter steelhead trout and Chinook salmon listed as threatened under the federal Endangered Species Act. Ash Creek also provides habitat to other native fish, birds, and aquatic life tied to the Willamette River.

This urban creek provides educational and ecological

value to our community, but faces many challenges. Human impacts from past and present activities alter the hydrology, degrade water quality, perpetuate invasive species, spread litter, and stress native vegetation. The Ash Creek Restoration Project aims to reverse some of this damage. Where once grew impenetrable thickets of blackberry, soon will support Oregon grape, swamp rose and red elderberry. Mats of ivy that were smothering streambank habitat are being replaced with thimbleberry and cascara. The landscape is slowly being revived to healthier state that will improve water quality and habitat for native species.

The project encompasses 2.8 miles of the main stem of Ash Creek, with revegetation activities on half of that stretch over 12 acres. Be sure to check out the LWC's Ash Creek Restoration Project page at www.LuckiamuteLWC.org/Ash-Creek-Restoration-Project, to find out more.



Volunteers from Central High School's Transitions Program clean-up trash along Ash Creek to prepare for planting (left). Planting crews install natives trees and shrubs at Talmadge Middle School (right).



Fiscal Year 2015 Accomplishments at a Glance

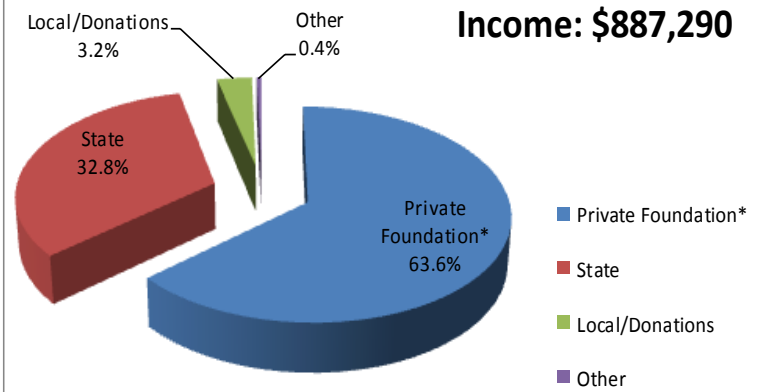
- Planted 34 new acres, inter-planted 217 acres for a total of 94,237 native trees and shrubs added at Luckiamute State Natural Area (LSNA).
- Continued stewardship of 328 acres of restored riparian and floodplain forests in our watershed, including newly planted acreage.
- Developed and updated organizational bylaws and policies and adopted a three-year strategic plan for 2015—2017.
- Secured funding for riparian restoration along 1.6 miles of the Luckiamute and Little Luckiamute Rivers.
- Launched on-the-ground activities for the Main Stem Ash Creek Restoration Project and planted 32,440 native trees and shrubs on 12 acres.
- Worked in partnership with 161 landowners as part of the knotweed control program on over 50 miles of the Luckiamute and Little Luckiamute Rivers.
- Collaborated with local partners in activities such as landowner workshops, Willamette Basin Action Planning, and organizational assessments.
- Organized eighteen volunteer events including trash pick-ups, tree plantings, 4th of July Parade clean-up, Polk County Adopt-a-Road days, and ivy pulls.

Revenue and Expenses

July 2014—June 2015

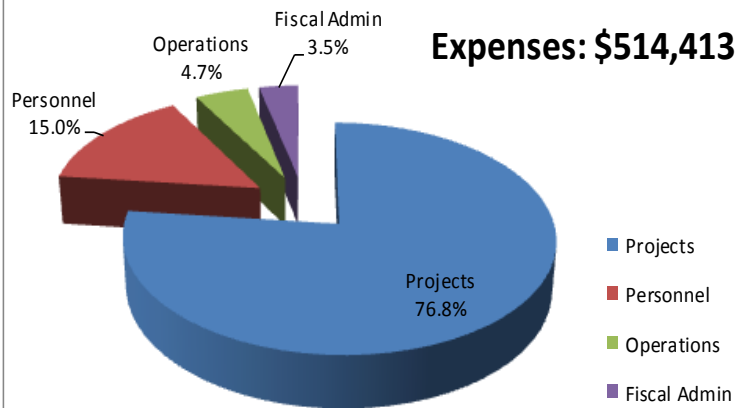
Income

Private Foundation*	\$564,118
State	\$291,243
Local / Donations	\$28,333
Other	\$3,596
Total Revenue	\$887,290



Expenses

Projects (including Education & Outreach)	\$395,265
Personnel	\$77,146
Operations	\$24,177
Fiscal Administration	\$17,825
Total Expense	\$514,413



Revenue - Expense	\$372,877
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Revenue and expenses are funds of the LWC's fiscal sponsor, Marys River Watershed Council (MRWC), an Oregon public benefit 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation. Funds were directed to projects and activities managed by the LWC. All values based on June 30, 2015 financial statements provided by MRWC.

*Includes \$174,309 in funds returned and re-granted to MRWC when changing fiscal sponsor at the beginning of the fiscal year.

State Funding Sources: Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB), Oregon Department of Environmental Quality

Private Funding Sources: Meyer Memorial Trust (MMT), SOLVE

Local Partners: Ash Creek Water Control District, Central School District 13J, City of Monmouth (Public Works)

Donations & Other: Rockin' the River silent auction purchases and donations, Burgerville Partnership Nights, anonymous donors, and individual donors including: Sean Hathaway, Anne Scheck, Trammert Inc., Peter Dinsdale, Dan Farnworth, Cliff Hall, Charlotte Heffley, Hollis Fishelson-Holstine, Wendy Hudson, Judy Walrod, Similand, Cynthia Spencer, Karin Stutzman, Jean-Paul Zagarola, Mike Moon, Suzanne Ortiz, Richard Baumann, Ruth Versteeg, Elaine Ferguson, Ed Miller, D. Hudlow, Robert McKee

Thank you to all our donors, funders, volunteers, and partners. We could not achieve our goals without you.



Students from Luckiamute Valley Charter School's (LVCS) Pedee Campus released trees and a fence line from invasive ivy at Polk County's Ritner Creek Park.

With funding from OWEB and MMT and partner support from LVCS and Polk County, ivy will be controlled and replaced with native plants. *Photos: S. Teller*



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