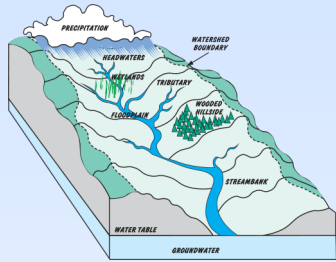


## What is a Watershed?

A **watershed** is an area of land that drains to a common water body — such as a river or lake. The boundaries of a watershed are determined by the topography of the land, and are usually formed by hills and ridges.



**Luckiamute Watershed** drains 315 square miles (201,668 acres), and is bounded by the Willamette River to the east, the crest of the Coast Range to the west, Green Mountain and Marys River to the south, and the Rickreall Creek Watershed to the north. Fanno Ridge separates the watershed into two rivers, with the Little Luckiamute to the north (Falls City) and the main stem of the Luckiamute to the south (Kings Valley).

**Ash Creek Watershed** is a 36 square mile watershed that lies between the Rickreall Creek and Luckiamute River watersheds. Ash Creek starts in the Polk County community of Dallas, travels through Monmouth and Independence, and drains into the Willamette River.

## What YOU Can Do!



There is a lot you can do at home and in your community to help protect and enhance the health of your watershed.

### Here are some ways you can help:

- Plant native trees and shrubs
- Volunteer at a stream clean-up party or community weed pull event
- Make a financial or an in-kind contribution to the LWC
- Attend a workshop or tour to learn about conservation practices
- Join one of our committees
- Attend a Council meeting to share ideas

The LWC meets on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00pm. Everyone is welcome to attend LWC meetings and participate in watershed activities. Check our website for details and directions at [www.LuckiamuteLWC.org](http://www.LuckiamuteLWC.org)

## Come Join Us!

The LWC's all-volunteer Board oversees and guides the direction of the Council. We welcome representatives on the Board that reflect the diverse interests across our service area — including Commerce, Agriculture, Environment and Forestry.

Putting your valuable skills and experience to work in one of our committees is a terrific way to help put ideas into action. Here are some of the ways you can help:

- *Fundraising*
- *Education and Outreach*
- *Project Review*
- *Finance*
- *Ad hoc committees (e.g. temperature monitoring, governance)*



Consider Board or committee involvement with the Luckiamute Watershed Council! Visit [www.LuckiamuteLWC.org](http://www.LuckiamuteLWC.org) or call to learn more.

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*Our mission is to engage landowners and communities in the voluntary protection, restoration and enhancement of the Luckiamute and Ash Creek watersheds.*

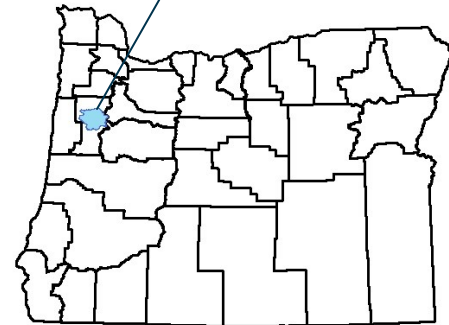


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The LWC Service Area straddles Polk and Benton Counties.




**1 Model Watershed Program Area**




The LWC is among a select group of councils chosen to receive funding to focus habitat restoration and enhancement efforts within a significant portion of a key watershed. Since late 2010, we have been working with landowners to treat invasive knotweed, plant native vegetation, install livestock exclusion fencing and monitor progress towards healthier riparian habitat.

**2 Ash Creek Restoration**

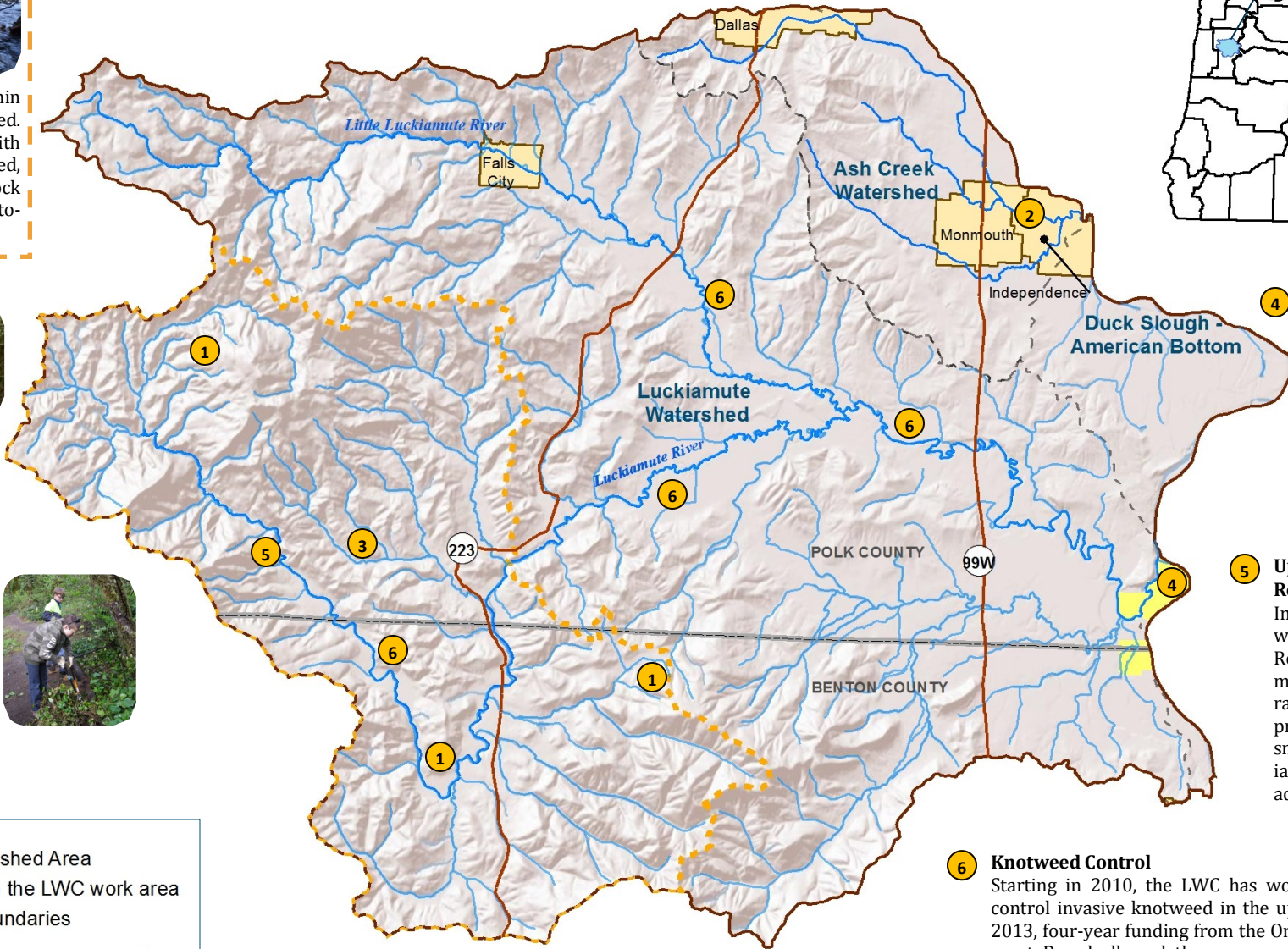


This urban community-centered project was initiated in 2014, and focuses on eliminating invasive plants and restoring native riparian habitat along a 2.8 mile stretch of Ash Creek that runs through the cities of Monmouth and Independence.


**3 Ritner Creek Park Enhancement**



Ritner Creek provides important habitat for native fish and wildlife. Since Spring 2015, we have been working with our partners to eliminate invasive English ivy from this beautiful little county park and restore its native riparian habitat.




**4 Luckiamute State Natural Area (LSNA) Enhancement**




Since late 2010, our restoration work at LSNA has focused on replacing non-native invasive weeds with native plants. Restoring the Natural Area's unique gallery forest habitat is one of the project priorities.

**5 Upper Luckiamute Side Channel Reconnection**

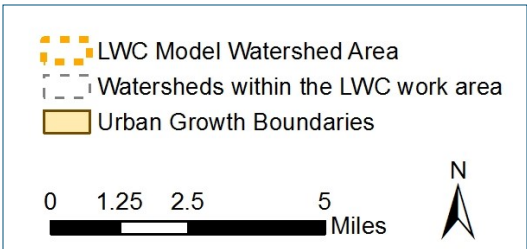


In 2013, we partnered with Hancock Timber Resource Group to remove a section of an old railroad berm on their property, and reconnect a small side channel with the mainstem Luckiamute River. Fish now have access to four additional miles of upstream habitat.

**6 Knotweed Control**



Starting in 2010, the LWC has worked with landowners to control invasive knotweed in the upper Luckiamute River. In 2013, four-year funding from the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board allowed the program to expand to include the entire extent of knotweed along the Luckiamute and Little Luckiamute Rivers—spanning a total of more than 50 miles.



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