

Calapooia Watershed Council Annual Report July 2016-June 2017

The Calapooia Watershed Council promotes and sustain the health of the Calapooia Watershed through stewardship, restoration, education, community involvement, and strategic partnerships.

This year our staff team has continued to evolve. We said good-bye to Denise Lott, our Operations Coordinator since 2010, and celebrated her retirement. **“Thank you, Denise, for all your dedication to the Council”.** We welcome Donele Pettit-Mieding as our new Operations Coordinator, with a background in Environmental Studies and English Literature from UO and extensive experience in marketing management.



Pictured to the right is Denise Lott, and the far right, CWC staff left to right, Bessie Joyce, Savannah Baber, Donele Pettit-Mieding, Collin McCandless, and Kristen Daly.

Restoration

The Restoration Program stayed busy this year with new projects, maintenance of existing projects and developing new ones. **New plantings on 39.5 acres** include:

- 20-acres were planted at the Marble Ranch on Brush Creek.
- Courtney Creek had 16.5 acres prepped and planted on Cascade Timber Consultant property.
- With help from the City of Albany, South Albany High School youth and a small grant, 3 acres were planted in Bowman Park on Periwinkle Creek.

New projects in development include:

- Truax Island Greenway flood plain restoration and gravel pit connection proposed for implementation.
- Riverbend Hazelnut Farm floodplain and riparian restoration on the lower Calapooia River seeks design.
- A large riparian and wet prairie project is planned for Tub Run Creek.

Maintenance to ensure planting success was conducted on 190 acres throughout the watershed.

Winter steelhead redds were surveyed on 30 miles of the Upper Calapooia River with results showing **24 redds**, and we hope to monitor again in 2019.

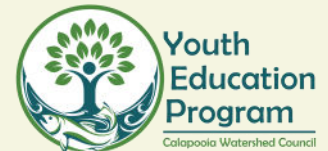
Youth Education

This was a year of growth for the Youth Education Program! In total, **we served 1387 students from 18 schools.** Staff spent 230 hours either teaching youth in a classroom or in the field. Most (74%) of those students were seen on multiple occasions throughout the year. Program accomplishments include:

- Development of the guide titled *Creating A Place-based Outdoor School Experience with CWC.*
- Residential outdoor schools were coordinated with Central Linn Elementary and, newly, Sunrise Elementary.
- Added a third Youth Watershed Council at West Albany High School. Others include Central Linn High School and South Albany High School.
- Two scholarships were awarded to Youth Watershed Council seniors.
- Our Salmon Watch field trip program grew by 91%, serving 683 students with help from 25 volunteers.
- 120 Timber Ridge 8th graders had a 10-day watershed session with 2 field days at Talking Water Gardens.
- Spring Field Days field trips served 512 5th/6th graders at Simpson Park. Nine college students earned credits for serving as station leaders, and other volunteers helped out too.

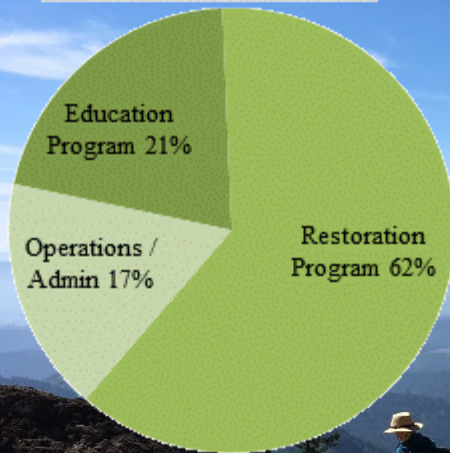


Students test water quality during the field trips to Simpson Park.

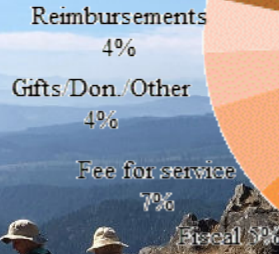


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STAFF

Bessie Joyce, Executive Director
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Collin McCandless, Restoration Program Manager
Kristen Daly, Youth Education Coordinator
Savannah Baber, Youth Education Coordinator

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Nate Meehan, Weyerhaeuser, stepped in as a new board member as Matthew Fiorito stepped down. Matthew served on the CWC board for 10 years.

Two additional board members joined us; Jim Wagner, owner of Oregon Research Electronics, and Jim Merzenich, retired from the Forest Service.

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