

Annual Report 2013



Dear Friends and Supporters,

Sharing the story. Sharing staff. Sharing resources. Sharing in the laughter. 2013. The watershed council completed their very first five-year strategic plan in spring of 2013. In that document you will find an abundance of language around sharing. With 5 years of mileage on our non-profit status, the council has matured into the next level of planning and thought and we are asking the really tough questions now, like how do we sustain the high ecological function of our restored landscapes, and do the children inheriting our project areas someday understand and value these efforts? Without connecting to this broader audience, which includes the kids in our watershed, our efforts are jeopardized. With successful riparian revegetation, fish passage and habitat under our belts, in 2013 our watershed council prioritized development of a community engagement and youth watershed education program.

We continue to value our partnership with the Santiam watershed councils, with four very professional shared staff. We are excited that the Cal-San connections have led to shared funding resources with the Linn Soil and Water District. The Calapooia-Santiam programs have also attracted outside conservation groups like The Nature Conservancy and The Freshwater Trust. With the support of a very special anonymous private donor, The Nature Conservancy has partnered with the watershed council to enable us to begin to develop a youth watershed education across program across Linn County.

The shared laughter and celebration the youth program has brought to our council is hard to quantify. As professionals, we enjoy sharing our knowledge, skills, and enthusiasm with the next generations of council members. As kids deep down inside we love sharing the opportunity with them to get out into the field planting trees, for one or two days forgoing the contracted planting crews and showing kids how to sink a plant.

We have attempted to continually share our stories, our thoughts and our laughter with you- we now have a Facebook page, and you can sign up for our monthly eUpdate on our website at www.calapooia.org. Please share with us your watershed stories- your latest wildlife sighting on the Calapooia River, a new invasive along the banks of the Willamette, or your photos of a habitat-forming log jam activated in a good winter flow on your section of stream. We are trying to make it easy for you to connect with your neighbors in the watershed!

It is with great pleasure that we share with you our 2013 annual report, please share it with other watershed enthusiasts!

Regards,

Tara Davis

Tara Davis, Executive Director



 Meyer Memorial Trust



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Expenses		
SOURCE		AMOUNT
Contract Services	\$	693,769.36
Personnel	\$	224,639.45
Project expenses	\$	88,067.63
Rent and Utilities	\$	9,744.32
Travel	\$	8,361.84
Fiscal Management	\$	10,893.79
Supplies/Maintenance	\$	6,534.06
Printing and Copying	\$	558.65
Liability Insurance	\$	2,725.00
Donations	\$	615.00
Depreciation	\$	591.00
Postage	\$	238.35
Professional Development fees	\$	1,718.48
IT	\$	661.92
Dues/Subscriptions	\$	697.66
Fundraising	\$	693.00
Other costs	\$	142.72
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$	1,050,652.23

Revenue		
SOURCE		AMOUNT
Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board	\$	434,432.32
Meyer Memorial Trust	\$	33,200.00
Oregon Parks & Recreation	\$	303,610.99
NOAA	\$	7,864.29
Dept of Environmental Quality	\$	8,117.90
US Forest Service	\$	621.75
Bureau of Land Management	\$	8,696.62
Ford Family Foundation	\$	5,000.00
Farm Service Agency	\$	12,776.85
Other Sources	\$	7,075.42
City of Albany	\$	2,500.00
National Fish & Wildlife Foundation	\$	36,774.26
BCI	\$	5,000.00
The Nature Conservancy	\$	47,898.22
BPA	\$	16,790.42
The Freshwater Trust	\$	39,027.27
Jubitz Foundation	\$	3,000.00
Benton SWCD	\$	990.00
TOTAL REVENUE	\$	973,376.31

Cox Creek Dam Removal and Restoration

Our efforts on Cox Creek wrapped up this year with the removal of the old Nebergall Dam on Cox Creek along with riparian and wetland restoration at Cox Creek's confluence with the Willamette River.

The project involved restoration of over 16 acres in total. Crews worked diligently to remove dense populations of reed canary grass on much of the project area, and replanted the site with thousands of native plants.

This area often floods during high winter flow conditions and will provide excellent refugia for salmon and steelhead smolts migrating down the Willamette River. With its close proximity to Talking Water Gardens, the Cox Creek Dam Removal and Simpson Park riparian and wetland restoration projects will continue to serve as outdoor laboratories for many of our youth watershed education efforts as well.



Brush Creek Habitat Improvement

The 2004 Calapooia River Watershed Assessment described Brush Creek as "the sole tributary in the middle and lower watershed that has water cool enough to provide thermal refuge for spring Chinook salmon, trout, and mountain whitefish during the summer." Recognizing the importance of Brush Creek to Calapooia fish populations, the Council completed a project placing large wood jams to increase in-stream habitat complexity, capture gravels, and increase floodplain

connectivity in this critical Calapooia tributary. In total the project placed 342 logs at 57 different sites over 5 miles of Brush Creek.



Youth Watershed Education

Our youth watershed education efforts saw significant growth in 2013, expanding into three new elementary schools in the Greater Albany Public School District. We continued our efforts with sixth graders at Central Linn Elementary, and provided curriculum to fourth and fifth grade students at Oak Grove, Central Albany, and North Albany Elementary Schools. Thanks to partnerships with the City of Albany and Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, over 300 students gained access to watershed education curriculum. Our vision to provide watershed education to every student in Linn County becomes more tangible with each year's new partnerships and expansion.



At-a-Glance Restoration Accomplishments

500

Acres of riparian and
upland forest restored

116,500

Native plants planted

300

Local students
reached through outdoor
education programming

450

Logs placed as
in-stream habitat

6

Miles of fish habitat
improvements on
the Calapooia
and its tributaries

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