

McKenzie Watershed Council Work Plan

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Goal I: Protect and Restore Key Fish and Wildlife Habitats

Riparian Restoration/Conservation

- Continue Mohawk Riparian Restoration project with remaining OWEB funds.
- Continue implementation of EWEB Fish Habitat Restoration Program with particular focus on key conservation areas.
- Conduct outreach to Camp Creek basin landowners in cooperation with partners and seek restoration funds.
- Using new OWEB grant funds, implement the McKenzie Riparian Enhancement Project on the mainstem in Leaburg, Deerhorn and Vida and along Cedar Creek and Swamp Creek.
- Collaborate with OWEB and Council Partners on Willamette Strategic Investment Partnership to pursue restoration and conservation opportunities in the McKenzie – Willamette confluence area.
- Seek funding from Meyer Memorial Trust and Bonneville Environmental Foundation for model tributary watershed program.
- Continue facilitation of Cedar Creek STEP group to improve flows for fish in Cedar Creek.
- Continue to help facilitate collaborative process for identifying forest restoration opportunities in the McKenzie watershed.
- Sign contract with Hamilton Construction/ODOT for maintenance of native plants under new bridge construction site.
- Continue to work with landowners and partners to identify needed restoration opportunities in the Horse Creek watershed and seek funds as appropriate.
- Monitor and maintain restoration sites.

Fish Passage

- Complete the design of the Wolf Creek culvert and complete the permitting process. Pursue funding for replacement work.
- Seek BLM funds for Shotgun Creek and Seeley Creek culvert replacement and LWD placement.
- Continue to work with BLM, USFS, ODFW, Lane County and Oregon Salmon Plan participants to identify, prioritize and replace culverts blocking effective fish passage.

Goal II: Protect and Restore Water Quality and Quantity

- Participate in local ambient Water Quality Monitoring Management Plan in collaboration with EWEB.
- Participate in the Cedar Creek water quality sampling project in partnership with Springfield Public Schools, SUB and EWEB.

- Continue volunteer Mohawk River Monitoring Program.
- Partner with Springfield Public Schools, EWEB, Weyerhaeuser Company and BLM to continue and expand a comprehensive study of the Camp Creek watershed to include water quality monitoring, macroinvertebrates, riparian and channel habitat, GIS and riparian restoration. Seek additional funds for staff time and supplies.
- Explore opportunities to pursue expansion of the Camp Creek Study model to other focus areas in the watershed (Mohawk and McKenzie High Schools).
- Assist EWEB with continuation of the Septic System Assistance Program.
- Work with Partners to protect water quality from increased development in the riparian zone and comment on proposed developments adversely impacting the watershed as appropriate.
- Convene Water Quality Committee as needed.

Goal III: Promote Partnerships to Support Local Stewardship Actions

Mohawk Watershed Partnership

- Assist Mohawk Watershed Partnership in watershed coordination, outreach, funding, education and project implementation.
- Develop and distribute quarterly newsletters.
- Facilitate quarterly meetings.
- Coordinate and attend Mohawk Valley events, including annual barbecue, Mary Cole Days and Down-by-the-Riverside.

Confluence Committee

- Convene Confluence Steering Committee as necessary to identify new projects in the confluence area and seek funding as appropriate, with particular attention to OWEB/MMT mainstem Willamette SIP.

Community/Landowner Focus Areas

- Continue outreach to landowners throughout the basin to identify conservation and restoration opportunities.

Recreation and Human Habitat

- Continue to participate in McKenzie River Cooperative Maintenance and Security Partnership.
- Complete revision of McKenzie Corridor Map (boat launch signs) and seek funding for production.
- Work with Partners to protect water quality from increased development in the riparian zone and comment on proposed developments adversely impacting the watershed as appropriate.

Goal IV: Promote Community Understanding and Stewardship through Outreach and Education

Community Activities

- Develop and facilitate annual river cleanup event in collaboration with McKenzie River Guides and McKenzie Flyfishers.
- Develop and facilitate Down-By-The-Riverside events.
- Participate in community meetings, fairs and events to encourage increased participation in Council meetings, projects and activities.
- Document volunteer participation in all Council activities.
- Present award to landowner conducting best management practices when appropriate.

Communication to Public and Decision-Makers

- Recruit volunteers for Council projects and activities.
- Attend meetings of community groups and others to share Council information.
- Continue improvement of Council website and update in a timely fashion.
- Produce one edition of *McKenzie Meanderings*.
- Work with news media to inform public of Council meetings and activities. Contribute articles to *River Reflections* as appropriate.
- Maintain e-mail list on a regular basis.
- Promote watershed and Council issues to elected officials.
- Distribute MWC Annual Report to Lane County Commissioners, EWEB, SUB and the Cities of Eugene and Springfield.
- Conduct restoration site tours and an annual tour for Council Partners and decision-makers.

Develop Watershed Professionals

- Continue scholarship program for McKenzie, Mohawk, Springfield and Thurston high schools for students advancing into natural resource profession; secure scholarship funding by May and award scholarship in June.
- Collaborate with local colleges to encourage internships with Council.

Classroom Education

- Seek OWEB grant to help support the Camp Creek Basin Study.
- Post educational materials on the website and advertise availability to local educators.
- Recruit students to participate in riparian restoration projects and water quality monitoring in tributaries.
- Explore education partnership opportunities with Mohawk High School.

Goal V: Council Accounts For and Provides Investments in the Watershed

Organizational Capacity

- Convene 10 monthly meetings, one tour and one annual retreat.
- Convene Council program committees as appropriate.
- Convene Executive Committee at least quarterly in conjunction with Alliance Board.
- Recruit and appoint additional resident partners as appropriate (emphasis on small woodlot owner, agriculture).
- Fund core operating expenses.
- Seek increases in local match and diversify council support funding to replace OWEB support before 2014.
- Prepare grant applications for high priority projects (e.g., habitat, water quality, education and outreach) as opportunities arise.

Office Management

- Supervise staff and office operations and maintain high quality of work.
- Develop and implement budgets.

McKenzie Watershed Alliance

- Provide fiscal management services for Council grants.
- Convene Board of Directors and Finance Committee as required.
- Accept funding from private sources.
- Provide fiscal management services for other organizations as opportunities arise.