

McKenzie Watershed Council Work Plan

October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011

Adopted at October 14, 2010 Retreat

Goal I: Protect and Restore Key Fish and Wildlife Habitats

Restoration/Conservation

- Continue implementation of Lower McKenzie Fish Habitat Enhancement Program in partnership with EWEB, ODFW and MRT, with particular focus on key conservation areas. Work with partners to develop restoration management plan for Berggren Watershed Conservation Area.
- Conduct outreach to Camp Creek basin landowners in cooperation with partners and develop collaborative restoration projects. Begin implementation of riparian restoration project on lower Camp Creek.
- Complete the McKenzie Riparian Enhancement Project on the mainstem in Leaburg, Deerhorn and Vida and along Cedar Creek and Swamp Creek.
- Facilitate meetings of the Cedar Creek Partnership and assist ODFW with implementation of STEP program to improve flows for fish in Cedar Creek. Continue landowner outreach and restoration project development in the Cedar Creek basin. Seek funding from MWMC and other sources.
- Complete plant establishment associated with new I-5 bridge construction site at Armitage Park.
- Complete implementation of Lower Mohawk (SCC) riparian enhancement project. Continue outreach and project development in lower Mohawk downstream of SCC.
- Complete implementation of Cartwright Creek riparian enhancement project.
- Complete Phase I of Middle McKenzie Side Channel project in collaboration with project partners. Continue to seek funding for Phase II. Begin outreach to landowners and project development on private land from Vida to Blue River.
- Continue development of McKenzie clematis control project in cooperation with ODA.
- Seek funding for restoration of McKenzie Oxbow in cooperation with MRT.
- Monitor and maintain restoration sites.

Fish Passage

- Reexamine permit design options for the Wolf Creek culvert. Pursue funding for replacement work as warranted.
- Address other fish passage problems as they arise.

Goal II: Protect and Restore Water Quality and Quantity

- Continue participation in the Cedar Creek water quality sampling project in partnership with Springfield Public Schools, SUB and EWEB.
- Continue to partner with Springfield Public Schools, EWEB, Weyerhaeuser Company and BLM to implement 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.

- Convene Water Quality Committee as needed to develop regular reporting of water quality conditions in the watershed. Develop and implement macroinvertebrate sampling program with WQ partners.
- In collaboration with Cedar Creek Partnership, develop and implement fish and water quality and quantity monitoring program.

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 3 newsletters.
- Facilitate meetings and annual BBQ.

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. Seek volunteers to help.
- As time allows, develop and facilitate volunteer events including cleanups, trail maintenance, weed control and tree plantings. Document volunteer participation in all Council activities.
- Participate in community events as feasible within workload constraints.
- Present award to landowner conducting best management practices when appropriate.
- Conduct tour of Leaburg restoration sites.

Communication to Public and Decision-Makers

- Continue improvement of Council website, social media, 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.
- Distribute MWC Annual Report to Lane County Commissioners, EWEB, SUB and the Cities of Eugene and Springfield.
- Conduct an annual tour for Council Partners and decision-makers.

Develop Watershed Professionals

- Award MWC/McKenzie Guides scholarship in June.

- Collaborate with local colleges to encourage internships with Council.

Watershed Education

- Continue Camp Creek Basin Study in collaboration with project partners. Seek additional funding as warranted.
- Implement Delta Side Channel Project baseline monitoring in collaboration with McKenzie School District and USFS.
- Implement Cartwright riparian enhancement and monitoring project in collaboration with Mohawk School District and MWP.
- Continue Cedar Creek riparian restoration and monitoring project in collaboration with Thurston Middle School.

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

Document Accomplishments

- Document current and historical results of projects with specific outcomes and metrics. Produce watershed map depicting locations of projects.

Organizational Capacity

- Convene 9 monthly meetings, one tour and one annual retreat. Address high priority issues as directed at retreat.
- Institute new process to take positions on watershed issues on a regular basis.
- Convene committee to develop Charter amendment language to revise consensus voting procedure.
- Recruit representative of agriculture community as a Council member.
- Convene Executive Committee at least quarterly in conjunction with Alliance Board.
- Fund core operating expenses.
- Prepare grant applications for high priority projects (e.g., habitat, water quality, education and outreach) as opportunities arise and seek a diversity of funding sources.
- Try to increase staff capacity for projects with particular focus on Cedar Creek and lower mainstem McKenzie.

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.