



McKenzie Watershed Council

Annual Report

Fiscal Year 2014

(October 2013 - September 2014)

"THE RIVER LINKS US ALL..."

COUNCIL PARTNERS

Accomplishments at a Glance

The year was special for the McKenzie Watershed Council. With the help of partners and volunteers, the Council accomplished great things.

Education Program

- 168 students participated in team field-based education activities.
- 100 students participated in classroom-based education.
- Over 170 people attended the inaugural Salmon Celebration.
- 1000+ students participated in the Salmon Watch Program.
- 4 new education grants were secured to support current ongoing programs.

Project Program

- Native trees and shrubs were planted covering almost 23 acres throughout the watershed.
- We participated in the EWEB Voluntary Incentives Program Pilot Project.

- Outreach to Cedar Creek landowners continued.
- Restoration work associated with 14 different grants continued.
- We assisted in the building of downstream fish passage.
- 2 new restoration grants were secured for future work.

Community Involvement

- 10 Monthly Council Meetings were held throughout the area.
- 4 Mohawk Watershed Partnership meetings and the annual BBQ were held.
- Business Support Program launched in January 2014.
- The Annual McKenzie River Clean Up hosted 60+ volunteers.
- Participation in community committees continued.
- We toured of the Portable Floating Fish Collector at Cougar Dam.
- We updated our website.

- 6 Resident Partners
- Mohawk Watershed Partnership
- McKenzie Flyfishers
- McKenzie River Guides
- McKenzie School District
- US Army Corps of Engineers
- Wildish Company
- International Paper
- Lane County
- Association of NW Steelheaders
- McKenzie River Trust
- Rice Family Farms
- Eugene Water and Electric Board
- Upper Willamette SWCD
- Weyerhaeuser Company
- City of Springfield
- City of Eugene
- OR Department of Fish & Wildlife
- US Forest Service
- Bureau of Land Management

McKenzie Watershed Education Program

Our Education Program accommodates a variety of educational, administrative and scheduling needs and constraints through a multi-modal approach, and in collaboration with a variety of federal, state and local community partners.

The team-based watershed assessment and monitoring programs included six teams composed of students from three high schools, and six riparian restoration teams composed of students from four middle schools. Students participate in one full-day field outing each month throughout the school year. This year, 168 high school and middle school students from Springfield Public School and McKenzie School District participated in the program.

Class-based watershed education engages students in assessment, monitoring and restoration on school campuses or adjacent locations occurring within the school class schedule. The Program engages about 70-80 students at Thurston Middle School through a Watershed focused “Flex” class during two school terms, and 25 middle school students at Mohawk School during their regular science class period, twice a month throughout the school year. A combined annual total of 100 middle school students participated in our class-based programs. The McKenzie Watershed Council will work with Mohawk High School during the 2014-15 school year to develop a watershed program for a high school biology class.



PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS

Agnes Stewart Middle School
 Briggs Middle School
 Hamlin Middle School
 Mohawk Middle School
 Springfield Middle School
 Thurston Middle School
 Springfield High School
 Thurston High School
 McKenzie High School
 Mohawk High School

Salmon Watch Program

More than 1,000 students attended 32 field trips that provided salmon education and experiential learning opportunities. The field trips expand on curriculum taught by the middle and high school teachers focusing on the salmon life cycle. The trips would not have been possible without the help of volunteer educators that taught about salmon and watershed ecology through the use of four stations. The education stations focused on water quality, ecology, macroinvertebrates, and fish biology.

In September 2014, the Council hosted the inaugural Salmon Celebration at the McKenzie Hatchery. This salmon-focused event featured education, art, and entertainment for all ages. The event offered a variety of hands-on activities based on the Salmon Watch curriculum with additional entertainment that gave attendees the opportunity to appreciate the complex river ecosystem and the significance of salmon to the people of the Northwest. Over 170 participants came to enjoy the event.





Berggren Watershed Conservation Area Floodplain Enhancement Phase I and associated plant maintenance began during FY14.



Invasive Removal and native plant establishment was completed at McKenzie Oxbow during FY14.

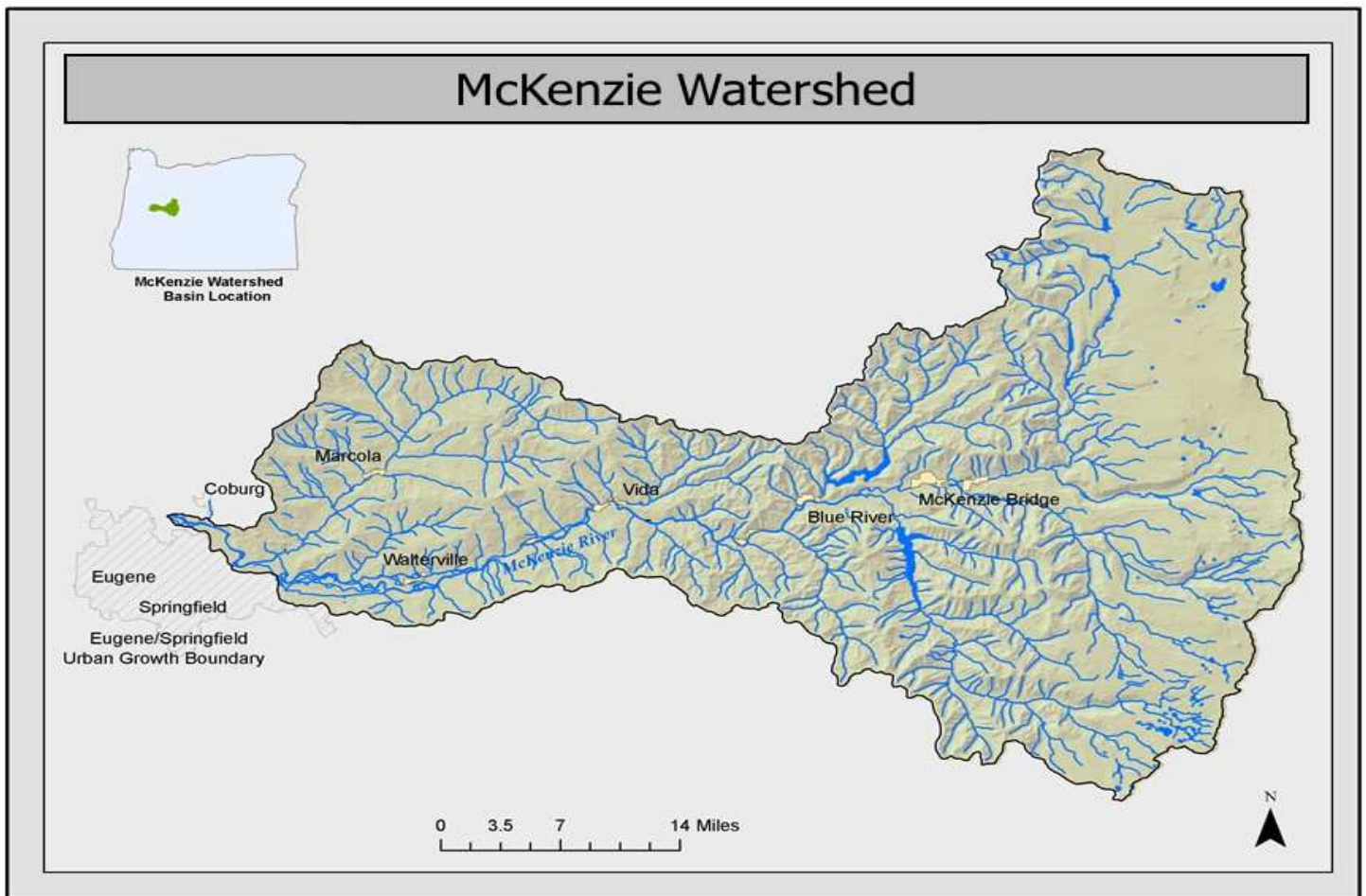
Projects Program

Restoration activities included riparian plantings on over 23 acres and invasive species removal on over 27 acres throughout the watershed. Project maintenance, such as irrigation, mulching, and caging, was completed on many of the Councils' historical project locations.

Permitting and planning for future work was a big part of this year's work. Engineering and permitting was completed for future large wood placement associated with the restoration work at Berggren Watershed Conservation Area. Additionally, six conceptual plans were developed with private landowners for future work along Cedar Creek.

The Council, in partnership with a variety of other organizations and agencies began work on the Eugene Water and Electric Board's Voluntary Incentives Program, currently in the pilot phase. Baseline and reference site monitoring was completed in conjunction with the Upper Willamette Soil and Water Conservation District.

A preliminary project tour targeted outreach to stakeholders interested in the proposed work along the South Fork McKenzie River was completed in partnership with the US Forest Service – McKenzie District in August 2014. Funding for project planning, design, and engineering work has been secured.



Financial Information

Income		
	MWA Donations	11,004.83
	MWA Income	10,125.12
	MWC Grants & Contracts	348,920.53
	MWC Local Match	45,000.00
	MWP Income	6,685.00
Total Income		421,735.48
Expense		
	Contracted Services	64,335.05
	Corporate Fees	346.33
	Council Activities	5,738.64
	Materials & Supplies	18,481.71
	Insurance	6,272.90
	Newsletter	5,499.84
	Operations	18,226.22
	Payroll Expenses	289,949.88
	Professional Services	5,749.00
	Training/Conferences	144.08
Total Expense		414,743.65

THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR 2014 SUPPORTERS

Bureau of Land Management

Charlotte Martin Foundation

City of Springfield

City of Eugene

Eugene Water and Electric Board

Grey Family Foundation

Individual Private Donors

Lane County

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McKenzie River Trust

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

Oregon State Weed Board

Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board

Redtail Fund of The Oregon Community Foundation

Spirit Mountain Community Foundation

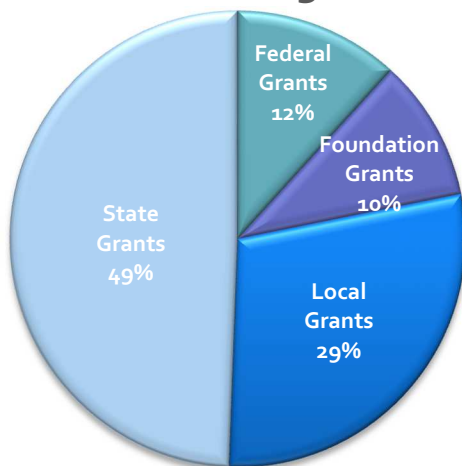
Springfield Utility Board

The Freshwater Trust

Weyerhaeuser Foundation

Wildish Company

Grant Funding Sources



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