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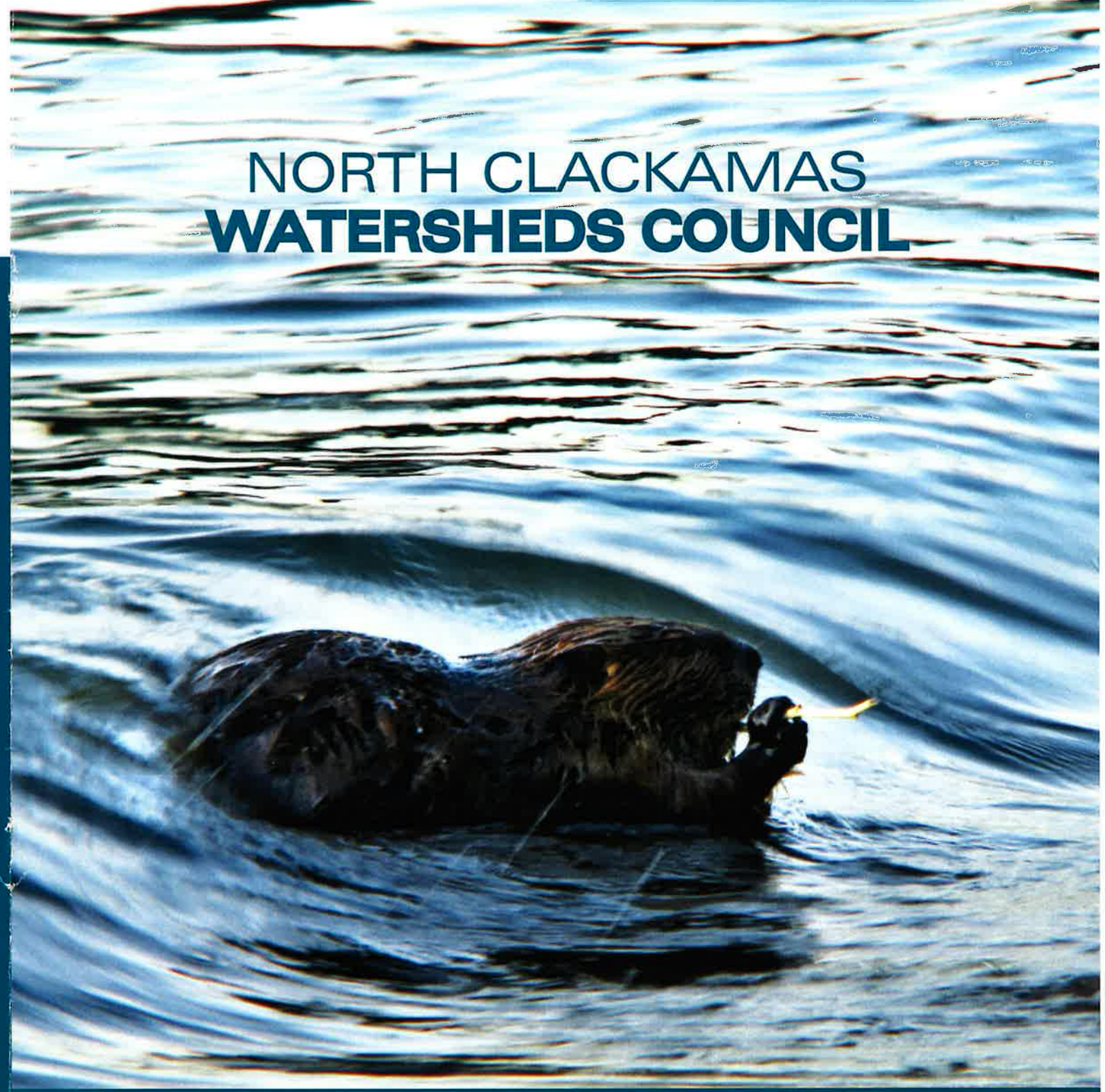

NORTH CLACKAMAS WATERSHEDS COUNCIL

2018-19 Annual Report

What We Do...and Why

The North Clackamas Watersheds Council protects and enhances our watersheds' water quality and fish and wildlife habitat, so people and nature can flourish together in a healthy ecosystem. We serve the Kellogg-Mt Scott, Boardman, River Forest, and Rinearson watersheds, and the east bank of the Willamette River. 160,000 people call this area home, along with bald eagles, kingfishers, salmon, river otters, and other feathered, furry and finned neighbors. We do several things to achieve our mission:

- ***Restoration:*** We restore streams with willing landowners.
- ***Stewardship and Education:*** We engage the community in projects, how watersheds are managed, and how to make a difference.
- ***Planning and Decision Making:*** We participate in decisions about how watersheds are managed so the future is stream-friendly.
- ***Durability:*** We are building a strong Council that will endure into the future.

This work requires many hands. You can help by volunteering, contributing special expertise, making a regular monthly donation, and chiming in when decisions are being made that affect our streams. Contact us at ***northclackamaswatersheds.org.***

Photos *Page 2 Top:* Volunteers at Stringfield Park; *Middle:* Restoration planting at Mt. Scott Creek; *Bottom:* Volunteers restoring Minthorn Wetlands. *Page 3 Top:* Terry Gibson installing recycled Christmas trees in the Willamette for salmon rearing habitat; *Middle:* Volunteers at 3 Creeks Natural Area; *Bottom:* Volunteer work at Minthorn Wetlands.

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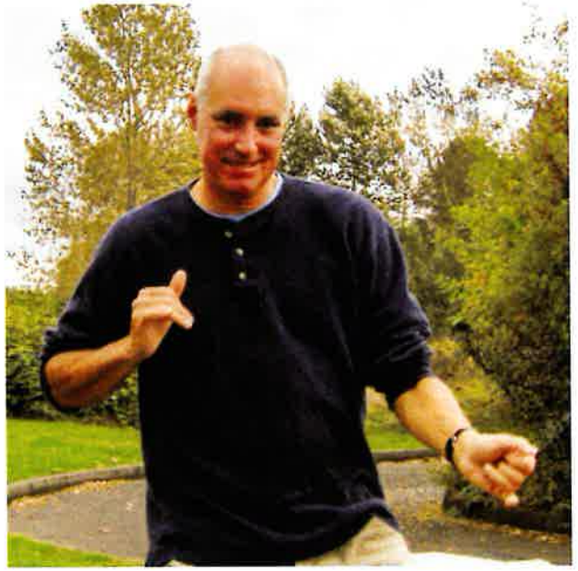

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In the next year, we'll be working on three big initiatives that have been on our wish list for years (see pg. 5.) We'll be approaching them with a stronger Council. We've diversified our funding and built our reserve. Like the trees we plant, we're ready to grow.

None of this work happens alone. The Council's Board of Directors is dedicated and smart, and have lived and worked in our watersheds, in total, for nearly 300 years. Interns and volunteers like Hilary Sueoka and David Gruen led great efforts on stormwater and community engagement. Mosaic Ecology is a great crew of restoration pros. And the 182 landowners who restore streams on their land with us make me–and future generations of salmon and humans–proud. Thank you.

Be cool,

Left: A volunteer cleanup crew at Mt. Talbert.
Right: Volunteers at the Rinearson Planting & Cleanup Days.

Highlights from the Year

- Organized a **watershed-wide cleanup**
- **Planted 7,725 native trees** and shrubs
- **Restored 19,289 feet** of stream-bank habitat
- **Restored the headwaters** of Mt. Scott Creek in Happy Valley
- **Secured funding** for a Watershed Action Plan in 2019-21 and planning for the removal of Kellogg Dam
- Advocated for **watershed-friendly development standards**

- Created **a volunteer & internship program**
- Explored future **stormwater & conservation education programs**
- **Increased revenue by 19%**
- **Built our reserve fund**

Where We've Been: A Message from Board Chair Joseph Edge

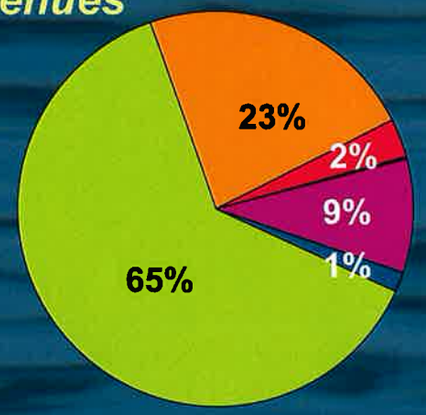
The Council started out in the late 2000's to protect the streams that flow into the Willamette River north of the Clackamas River. At the time, there was no organized group caring for these often-overlooked urban streams. A dedicated group of volunteers created the Council to be that champion.

- First, we created Streamside Stewards, which improves habitat and connects residents with nature in their own backyards by replanting streambanks. Streamside Stewards is still going strong: the sites we've planted are becoming established and sustainable. We've cultivated a sense of stewardship, which coincides with increased public interest in restoration of habitat and natural areas. We don't think this is coincidence.
- We advocate for science-based land use and environmental decisions by our local governments. We mobilize volunteers to comment on these decisions, and we track long range planning efforts to ensure watershed health is a priority. We've protected a significant stand of endangered Oregon White Oak adjacent to a floodplain in Milwaukie, and a wetland in Gladstone. In the coming year, we'll be tracking the Milwaukie Comprehensive Plan, and planning by Oak Lodge Water Services and Clackamas Water Environment Services, to name a few.
- Because of a dedicated Board and effective staff, the Council punches above its weight. We've seen consistent funding growth and we've built a robust volunteer corps. We've proven that we can leverage funds from many sources to turn our promises into action.
- We're looking ahead toward future restoration projects. Our watersheds are critical cold water refugia in the Willamette River, which makes them essential both for local populations of salmon, steelhead, and lamprey, and for any fish in the Willamette river system as far up as the McKenzie, Santiam and other rivers. This makes the eventual removal of Kellogg Dam, strong stormwater management, and allowing our floodplains to function naturally even more important. In the next few years, several of these planning efforts will take shape.

We hope you'll join us in this work.

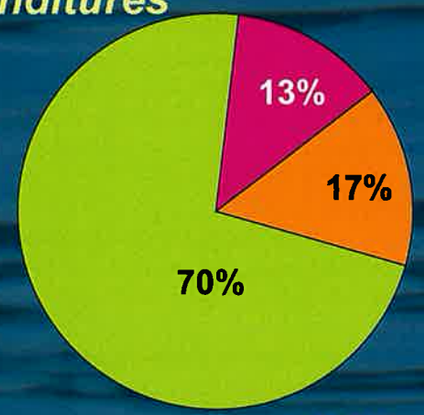
Revenues & Expenditures

Revenues



Local & State Jurisdictions:	$ 92,506 -	65%
Foundations:	$ 32,750 -	23%
Program Service Revenues:	$ 13,402 -	9%
Individuals:	$ 2,456 -	2%
Other:	$ 1,000 -	1%
Total:	$142,114 -	100%

Expenditures



Programs:	$ 85,360 -	70%
Management & Administration:	$ 21,307 -	17%
Fundraising:	$ 15,900 -	13%
Total:	$122,567 -	100%

What's Next?

In the coming year, the Council has three big initiatives:

1. ***Expanding Streamside Stewards***
   Streamside Stewards is expanding to Milwaukie! Invasive plants don't follow city l
   for our crews along Kellogg Creek.
2. ***Creating a Watershed Action Plan***
   We'll assess current watershed conditions, and identify future projects that will ma
   The plan will take about 18 months; then we'll start working on the projects at the
3. ***Kellogg Dam***
   Removing Kellogg Dam is the single biggest thing we could do to improve stream
   The dam–which has blocked salmon passage since Abraham Lincoln was a Cong
   1858–is a big project that will take years to move forward. Thanks to support from
   Watershed Enhancement Board, Patagonia, and an anonymous donor, we'll be s
   to restore Kellogg Creek to a free-flowing stream and open up salmon, steelhead

2019-20 will be busy. It already is. Thanks for your help along