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Eagle Creek Fish Passage Project completed in September, 2015.
Photo: Sarah Dyrda



All hands on deck at Play in the Rain Day at the MFWWC stream table station. Photo: Michelle Emmons



Oregon State Parks AmeriCorps team in training with OPRD Ranger, Sean Stewart, and MFWWC Education Coordinator, Michelle Emmons. Photo: Chris Gilliland

MIDDLE FORK WILLAMETTE WATERSHED COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2015

2015 was a big year for the Middle Fork Willamette Watershed Council! The organization experienced significant change in leadership, but thanks to thoughtful succession planning, as well as board, staff, and partner dedication and engagement, the transition was relatively seamless. The timely completion of a brand new 5-year strategic plan helped guide this transition by outlining the organization's programs, objectives, and benchmarks through 2019. Transitions and planning don't put programs on hold, however. In the midst of change, the organization still successfully delivered the following program accomplishments in 2015:

RESTORATION

- **62 acres** of active riparian restoration in the Lost Creek basin;
- Restored fish passage **to over 2 miles** of spawning and rearing habitat in the Lost Creek basin;
- Treated Japanese knotweed at **over 3 stream miles** in the Lost Creek basin;
- Monitored restoration effectiveness through the collection of physical and biological data **across 10 stream miles** in the Lost Creek basin; and
- Monitored restoration effectiveness through the collection of physical and biological data **across 7 stream miles** in the Little Fall Creek basin.

YOUTH EDUCATION

- **405 individual students** reached;
- **46 Watershed Rangers classroom lessons**;
- **44 Watershed Rangers field trips** (60% with a service learning component);
- **820 youth volunteer service hours** generated (between restoration plantings and invasive removal projects); and
- Completion of the *Watershed Stewards* high school curriculum and 2015/16 *Watershed Rangers* Teacher & Volunteer Training.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- **2015 Annual Celebration**;
- **Discover Your Watershed Series** – Alpine Meadows & Tire Mountain Wildflower Tour, Mt. Pisgah Family Hike & Picnic, Mushrooms of the Middle Fork;
- First-ever **community pub event** – Plank Town Pours for the Middle Fork;
- Participation in **watershed-wide events** such as McKenzie River Trust's Living River Celebration, Oakridge Tree Planting Festival, The Great Willamette Cleanup, Eugene screening of Freshwaters Illustrated's new film UPRIVER, and Youth in Nature's Play in the Rain Day; and
- Updated and published quarterly News & Notes, and launched **new communication tools**, including a monthly MFWWC Watershed News email campaign and social media.

Each of these program accomplishments wouldn't have been possible without the enthusiasm and dedication of our staff, partners, supporters, and funders. Looking ahead in 2016, we are excited to include oak and prairie habitats in our restoration program, expand our youth education program by offering *Watershed Rangers* to more schools and launching the *Watershed Stewards* high school curriculum, and complete a comprehensive Community Engagement plan that will enable more people to have meaningful connections to the amazing Middle Fork watershed.



2015 FINANCIAL PULSE

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

The strength of a watershed council is a direct result of the cooperation, collaboration and diversity of its stakeholders, partners and supporters. The Middle Fork Willamette Watershed Council thanks all of its General Council Members and Landowners as well as the following agencies, businesses, and individuals for their generous contributions to our programs this year.

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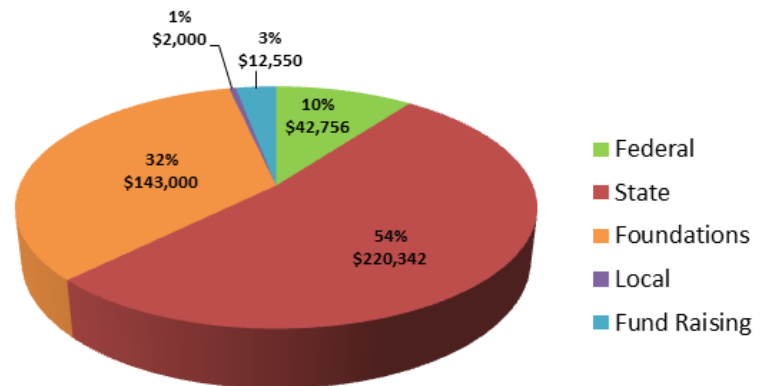
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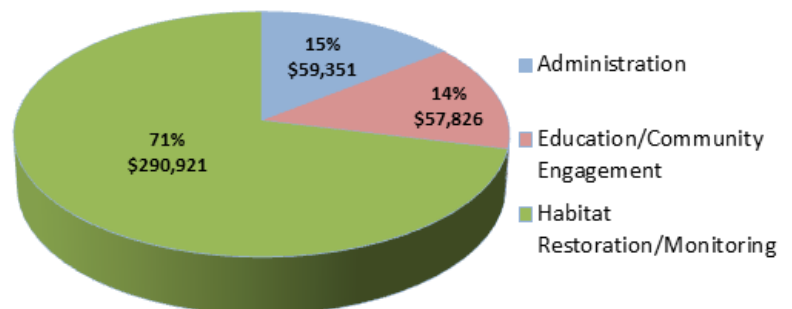
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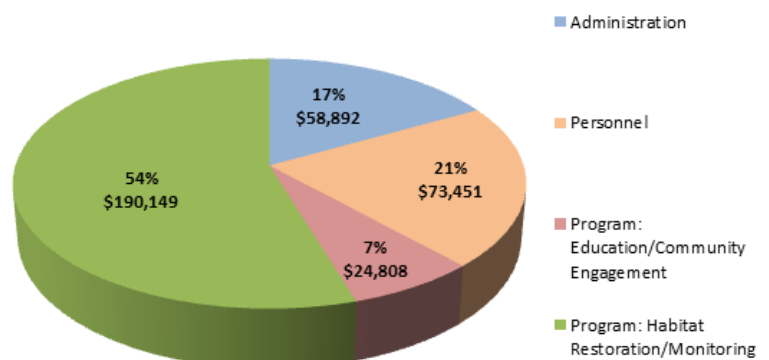
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2015 Grant Income by Program \$408,098

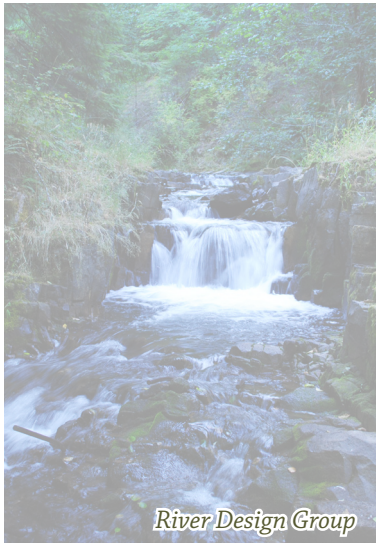


2015 Expenses by Program \$347,300





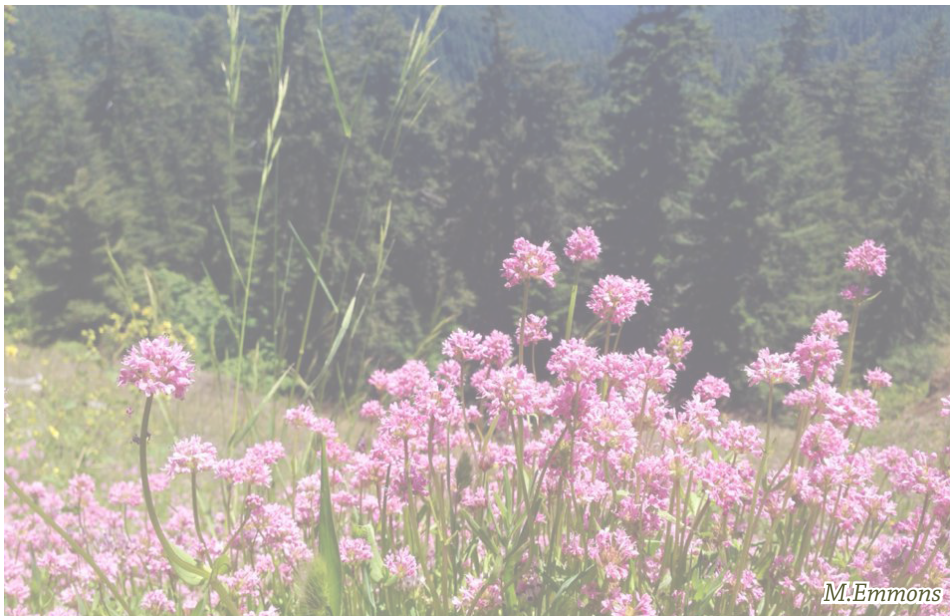
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The staff and board also recognize former Executive Director, Eve Montanaro, for her significant contributions over the last 10 years, and to the accomplishments in this report.

*Working to make the Middle Fork Willamette watershed
a better place to live, work and recreate.*