



Middle Fork Willamette



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Members of the Southern Willamette Forest Collaborative who partnered with MFWWC to hand out over 800 ponderosa pine seedlings, provided by BLM, at the Oakridge-Westfir Tree Planting Festival.

A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear friends, partners and river lovers - It is a tremendous pleasure to present this annual report of the Middle Fork Willamette Watershed Council. The accomplishments in this report belong to everyone – MFWWC staff & board, dedicated contractors, volunteers, landowners, partners, community members, teachers, funders, and supporters. I'm really proud of the work that we've done together for the betterment of this place that we all love and depend on. We do this work because we believe in it, and the outcomes make our communities, rivers, and landscapes stronger and more resilient. We do this work for ourselves and each other because it's what we value. We recognize that we can't do this work alone, but that together we can accomplish great things. There is always room for more helping hands, visionaries, and talent – this is your watershed, these are your rivers, and this is your community. Join us as we work together to make the Middle Fork Willamette a better place to live, work, and enjoy!

-Sarah Dyrda, Executive Director

WE ENGAGED THOUSANDS OF SUPPORTERS IN WATERSHED-WIDE EVENTS!

It was a busy year for collaboration with our community outreach partners, including:

- 2016 Annual Celebration** featuring the UPRIVER Film Screening
- Discover Your Watershed Series** – Backyard Bird Counts at Salmon Creek and Elijah Bristow State Park, Tire Mountain Wildflower Tour, Mushrooms of the Middle Fork, and Forest Management Tour: Private Lands in Lost Creek Basin
- Science Pubs** - showcasing Chinook salmon, western pond turtles, and Townsend's bats
- Participation in **watershed-wide events** such as McKenzie River Trust's Living River Celebration, Oakridge-Westfir Tree Planting Festival with the Southern Willamette Forest Collaborative, The Great Willamette Cleanup, and Youth in Nature's Play in the Rain Day

OVER 60,000 NATIVE TREES AND SHRUBS PLANTED ALONG LOST CREEK CONFLUENCE WITH THE MIDDLE FORK!

We're in the process of **actively restoring 62 acres** of riparian areas in the Lost Creek basin, sourcing our native plants from local nurseries, removing invasives, and improving floodplain habitat. Getting a head start on our project at Dorris Ranch, we **treated 38 acres of prairie and 21 acres of oak woodlands** for invasive species. In Staley Creek, we **staged 120 large trees** (60 with attached rootwads) for floodplain restoration, and continued to monitor restoration effectiveness in the Little Fall Creek basin.

580 WATERSHED RANGERS STUDENTS PARTICIPATED IN 53 FIELD TRIPS, GENERATING 1,120 SERVICE HOURS!

Our students produced a record-breaking year for community service hours including restoration plantings and invasive removal projects. We also **launched the Watershed Stewards** high school pilot program in Oakridge, while **Watershed Rangers released an estimated 700 Chinook salmon** through a new *Eggs to Fry* partnership with ODFW.



Native planting at Lost Creek.



Katherine Nordholm, ODFW, and Lundy Elementary students collect macroinvertebrates in the field.



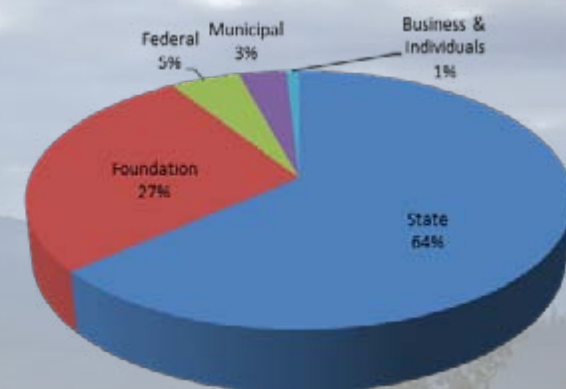
2016 FINANCIAL PULSE

COMMUNITY SUPPORTERS

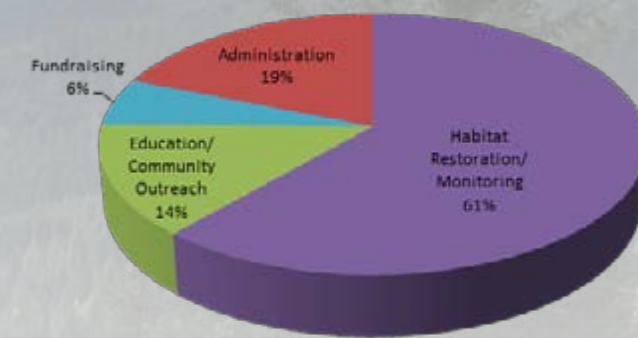
The strength of a watershed council is a direct result of the collaboration and diversity of its stakeholders, partners, donors, funders, and supporters. The Middle Fork Willamette Watershed Council thanks all of its members and landowners as well as the following agencies, businesses, and individuals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

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ARBOR DAY FOUNDATION
BIG MOUNTAIN PIZZA
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BREWER'S UNION 180 BRIDGEWAY HOUSE
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TOTAL FUNDING SOURCES: \$331,333



INCOME BY PROGRAM: \$331,333



EXPENSES BY PROGRAM: \$331,133

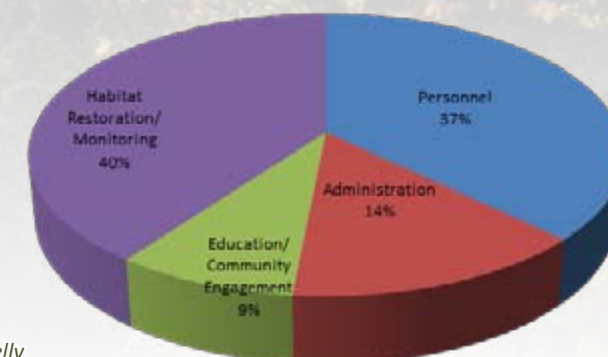


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*The staff and board wish to thank outgoing board members
Chuck Davis, Pat Burns and Julie Whalen.*

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