



ANNUAL REPORT



2019

A Year in Review

Last year marked our 20th year and one of great growth and partnership. This year we focused on program integration to marry floodplain restoration at Coal Creek with the re-route and expansion of the Middle Fork Trail. This project brought together an amazing team of restoration partners, students, trail users, and members of our outdoor community. Visit our highlights to the right to learn more.

At the watershed council, we have long considered community involvement core to the success of our work. This year we dedicated time to consider the history of our organization and our community in order to better understand who we are and who might be left out of the conversation. Our goal is to create a more diverse, equitable, and inclusive organization that is strengthened by the fabric of our community. Our staff and board worked together to create our diversity, equity, and inclusion statement, which you can read on our website at middleforkwillamette.org/about. We believe diversity, equity, and inclusion are critical to the success of our organization. We also believe that working toward these goals doesn't represent a new table to sit at, but rather will create a larger, more inclusive table at which all can participate and all can benefit.

We're pleased to share a snapshot of the wonderful work and accomplishments your support helped make possible in 2019. We couldn't have done it without you! Thank you for your contributions and love for your Middle Fork.

--Sarah Dyrda
Executive Director

Collaboration at Coal Creek

Partnerships – both within our own organization and with other organizations – are key to the success of our work. We fuse our restoration, community engagement, and youth education programs to broaden our reach and improve our work, which was on display at our Coal Creek floodplain restoration project. Working with multiple Forest Service departments, local trail building groups, students, and volunteers, we have engaged the community in both restoration and recreation work. At the

confluence of Coal Creek with the Middle Fork, you'll now find a healthy, connected floodplain. And thanks to our great contractors, the Middle Fork Trail has been re-routed out of the floodplain. Stay tuned as the trail work gets completed in 2020!



Students and Volunteers Make a Difference

In addition to our Forest Service partners, our community and student volunteers were critical to the success of the Coal Creek restoration work. We'd like to specifically thank the students and staff at Twin Rivers Charter School. These students are amazing young people who give back to their community and know how to work in the woods. They got their hands dirty building new trail and helped design interpretive signage to share our work with the public. Community volunteers also

made a huge impact helping at our fish salvage volunteer day (photo at bottom). Without volunteers, our work wouldn't be possible, or as much fun! We hope you can join us for a volunteer event this year.



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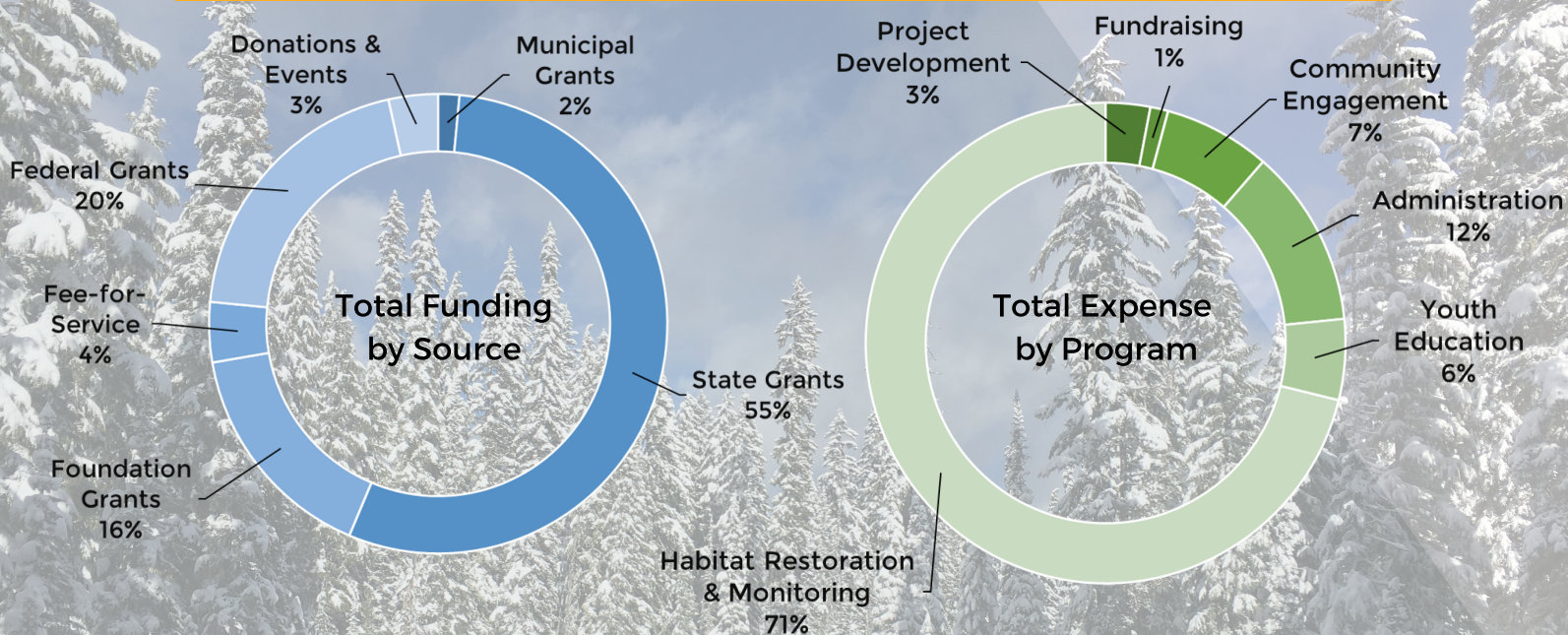
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Working with communities for a healthy Middle Fork Willamette Watershed





A Big Thanks!



Lisa Kurian

Forest Service Hydrologist

Lisa is an integral part of our restoration team. For years she has worked hand in hand with Audrey to plan, restore, and monitor projects at Staley and Coal Creeks. She always goes above and beyond to make our projects successful, including delivering popsicles to our hard-working volunteers at Coal Creek!



Duane Bishop

Retiring Board Member

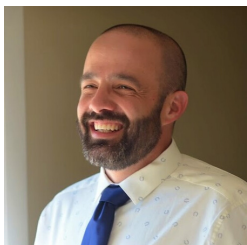
Duane joined the board as the Forest Service Advisory member in 2010 and has played a pivotal role there ever since. His insight, imagination, and enthusiastic involvement have made him a joy to work with. We will miss Duane, but wish him well in his new role as Assistant Forest Supervisor for the Willamette National Forest. If you see him around, raise an ice cream cone and thank him for all his hard work!



Erika Coyer

Outgoing Youth Education Coordinator

Erika made a huge impact on our youth education program and accomplished so much in her time with the watershed council. Her legacy lives on in engaging curriculum for youth that integrates science and art, as well as in all the robust relationships with local teachers, artists, and agencies. The youth of our watershed are better off for having had Erika in their educational journey!



Jay Breslow

Twin Rivers Charter School Principal

Jay has become a critical partner over the last year and a key to our education program. He consistently brings us new, exciting partnership ideas and our projects have benefited from the hard work and creativity of his students. Jay is a passionate, thoughtful educator and we look forward to expanding our partnership in the future.

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