



ANNUAL REPORT

A large background image showing a calm body of water in the foreground, a dense evergreen forest on the opposite shore, and a sky filled with soft, grey clouds.

2022

WORKING WITH COMMUNITIES FOR A HEALTHY MIDDLE FORK
WILLAMETTE WATERSHED THROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AND
HABITAT RESTORATION

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LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

In the 25th year since the Oregon legislature encouraged local governments to form watershed councils in 1997, the Middle Fork Willamette Watershed Council took to heart one of the statute's defining features — that councils would engage diverse stakeholders and assure a high level of community involvement. In 2022 the Council leaned into collaborative partnerships with other watershed councils, place-based nonprofits, Tribes and Tribal partners, county, state, and federal agencies, and community members in order to fulfill our mission of a healthy Middle Fork Willamette watershed through habitat restoration and environmental education.

Over the past year, the Council also revitalized efforts to coordinate volunteers, increase community ownership of projects and outdoor education and encourage local stewardship of our forests and rivers. Though we remain a small organization, we pursued new ways to increase the capacity of our programs and provide opportunities for students and recent graduates by hiring an intern through Oregon State University's New Beginnings Tribal Student Program and an AmeriCorps Member through the University of Oregon's Resource Assistance for Rural Environments program. Through these programs our team was able to develop curriculum, expand implementation in our core program areas, and also support additional pathways toward careers in environmental and outdoor education. In nourishing our relationships with our partners we've been able to pursue a greater range of restoration projects and delve deeper into learning from and collaborating with diverse members of our community. We're grateful for our strong, resilient community partnerships and look forward to deepening the ways in which we work together to expand our positive impact across watersheds in the entire Upper Willamette basin.

Dov Weinman,
Executive Director

HABITAT RESTORATION AND REGIONAL EDUCATION

Our continued commitment to stakeholder and Tribal engagement at Elijah Bristow State Park helped us develop relationships with diverse community members and provided opportunities to adapt our perspective on the project's future. In partnership with Oregon State Parks, Council staff worked to understand the cultural values that the traditional floodplain has for federally recognized Tribes and Tribal communities. For the first time, our council contracted archeologists to complete cultural resource surveys across two large sections of the proposed project. While in the past our restoration program primarily focused on habitat and ecological uplift, we are also now considering the cultural impact of our restoration as well as striving to center and honor Indigenous history, values, and perspective.

The MFWWC education program collaborated with partner organizations in the Upper Willamette Stewardship Network to make the jump to regional programming in 2022. With support from the Upper Willamette Soil & Water Conservation District (UWSWCD), our education program expanded implementation with rural schools, developed new BIPOC-led education programs, took the lead in coordinating the Salmon Watch program, and piloted additional programs to better meet student needs. We're excited that our core program areas of habitat, water quality, salmon, native vegetation, wildfire, stormwater, and wildlife will continue to support students' connection to the environment through a culturally inclusive lens and creative place-based activities.

Regional Education - By the Numbers

Total Field Trips: 51

Total Students: 1,880

Number of Schools: 26

Grade Range: 4th - 12th

School Districts: Eugene 4J,

Springfield, South Lane, Bethel,

Marcola, McKenzie

Total Volunteers: 121



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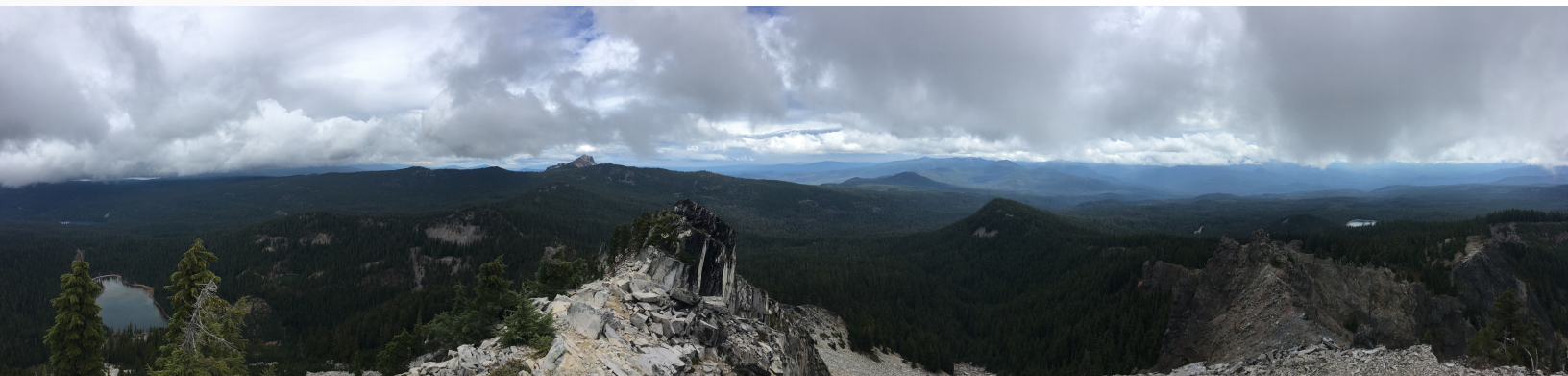
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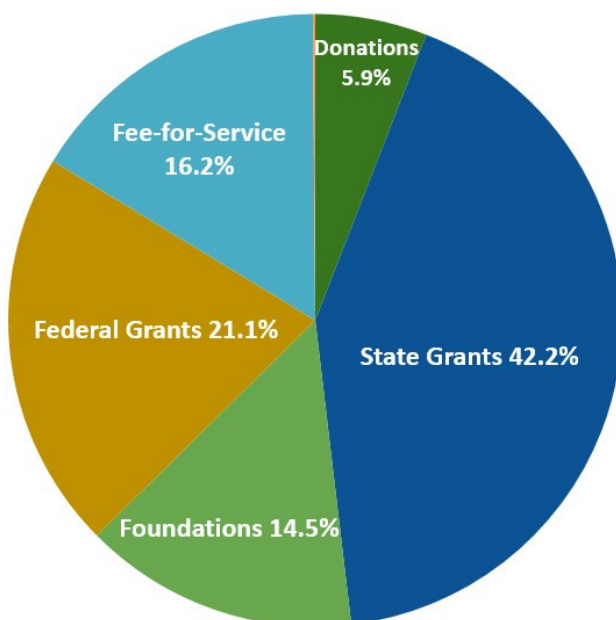
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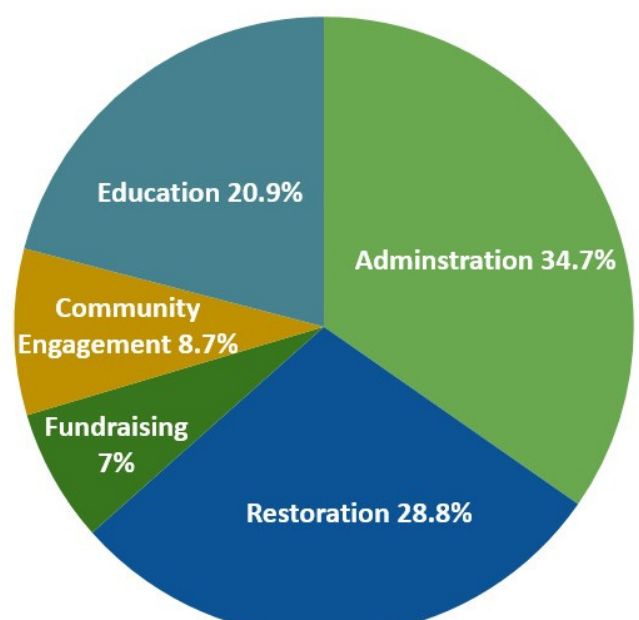
Income by Source

\$378,942



Expenses by Program

\$367,092





Partners

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