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## ANNUAL REPORT



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

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# LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

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Dear Friends,

In a year marked by uncertainty and rapid change, our commitment to habitat restoration, place-based environmental education, and community resilience felt more essential than ever. With the steadfast support of our Board of Directors, staff, and partners, the Middle Fork Willamette Watershed Council continued to make meaningful progress toward our mission of working with communities toward a healthy Middle Fork Willamette watershed.

Among the highlights of 2025 was the successful finalization of a large grant agreement with NOAA, collaboratively written with partners to collectively advance floodplain restoration across the Upper Willamette watersheds. The award reflects years of partnership, planning, and shared visioning. We also expanded capacity and developed new sustainable funding strategies for the Lane County Salmon Watch Program, ensuring more students can return to local rivers on an annual basis to experience the program's hands-on approach to learning. Across the basin, our team balanced multiple riparian habitat projects focused on invasive weed control and native planting, while continuing planning and design work for two stage-based floodplain restoration efforts that will shape river restoration for years to come.

I remain deeply grateful to our staff, Board, volunteers, and community partners whose dedication makes this work possible. Together, we are not only caring for the watershed today, but also building resilience and connection that will sustain our communities into the future.

Dov Weinman,  
Executive Director

## HABITAT RESTORATION AND REGIONAL EDUCATION

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2025 was a year of significant growth for the Restoration Program, with nine projects underway across the Middle Fork Willamette watershed. Highlights included a collaborative partnership with The Freshwater Trust focused on riparian reforestation at Jasper State Recreation Site, and oak habitat enhancement at Lost Valley Education Center. Across all projects the MFWWC removed 39 acres of invasive plant species, spread 58 pounds of native seed, and planted 7,380 native plants, resulting in a cumulative 34 acres of restored riparian and upland habitat. Our team also advanced designs for large scale Middle Fork Willamette floodplain restoration projects at Elijah Bristow State Park and above Hills Creek Reservoir near the USFS Sand Prairie campground. The Sand Prairie Floodplain Restoration design process began in partnership with the USFS Middle Fork Ranger District and Enterprise teams. At Elijah Bristow State Park, collaboration with Oregon Parks and Recreation Department and Wolf Water Resources brought the project to 60% design iterations, with implementation anticipated in 2027.

In 2025, the Regional Education Program deepened students' connections to local landscapes through hands-on learning and stewardship. Partners from agencies and nonprofits led restoration site field trips focused on floodplain health and clean water. Staff also convened partners from the University of Oregon, utility districts, and fire practitioners to expand learning opportunities around stormwater infrastructure and fire ecology. Program highlights include students planting over 500 native trees and shrubs, formalizing the Oakridge HS WATERS Program, identifying new professional development sites in Cottage Grove, and creating a new field program with Eugene 4J that builds on the fall Salmon Watch experience. Collaboration with Forests Today & Forever, Grove and Pleasant Hill ODS, Lane Education Service District, WREN, and the 4J NATIVES program helped foster student curiosity and understanding of the region's diverse habitats and species. Through art, journaling, and storytelling, students reflected that field experiences strengthened their sense of belonging, reduced stress, and deepened peer connections.

### 2025 By the Numbers

101 total field trips	646 acres of active planning and implementation project area
2032 total students	7,380 native plants put in the ground
35 schools	58 pounds of native seed spread
10 school districts	42 students engaged in stewardship
40 volunteers	34 acres restored, 39 acres of invasives removed
468 total volunteer hours	



# 2025 Financials

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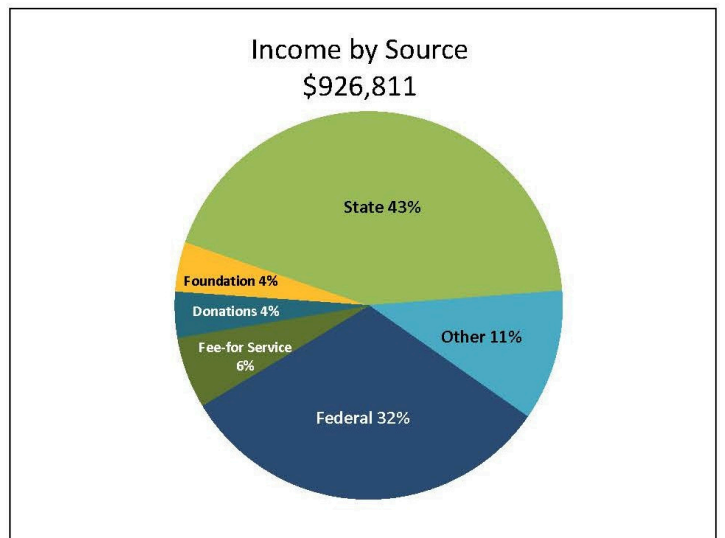
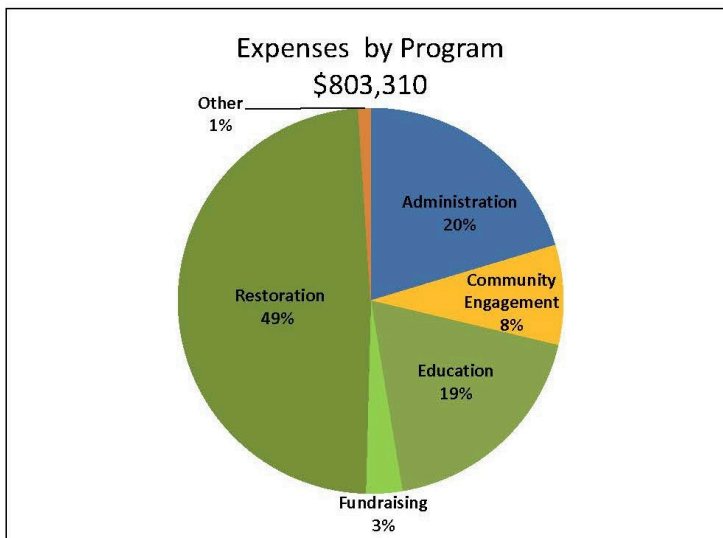


Expenses by Program

Administration	\$163,457	20%
Community Engagement	\$67,246	8%
Education	\$149,892	19%
Fundraising	\$24,414	3%
Restoration	\$390,018	49%
Other	\$8,283	1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$803,310</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Revenue by Program

Foundation	\$39,000	4%
State	\$402,966	43%
Other	\$101,299	11%
Federal	\$293,393	32%
Fee-for Service	\$55,278	6%
Donations	\$34,876	4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$926,811</b>	<b>100.00%</b>





## Partners

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 Bonneville Environmental Foundation  
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