



2020 Annual Report



Youth Watershed Council members worked on trails in 2019

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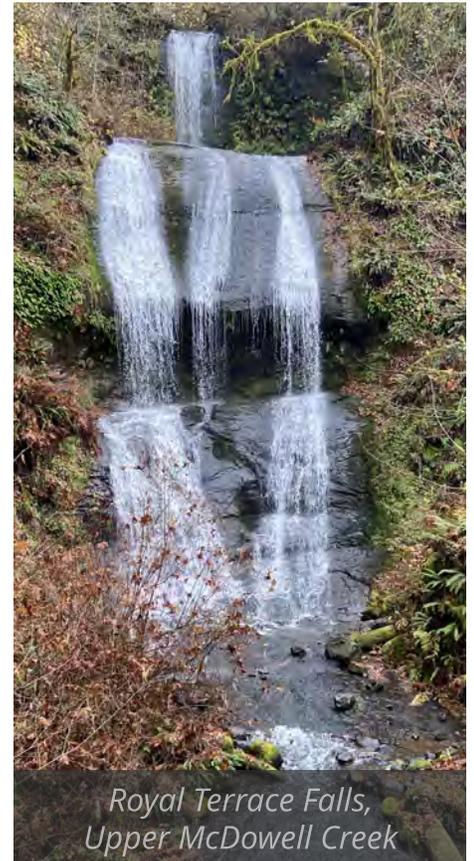
Shannon Richardson,
Executive Director

Mike Vernon, Education and
Restoration Manager

JP Zagarola, Project Manager

We are grateful for so much this year. Grateful for our landowner and land manager partners. Grateful for the dedication of our staff and board members. Grateful for the continued support and flexibility of our funders. Grateful for the care of our neighbors. Grateful that, through this year of change and unrest, we maintain a unique optimism that prompts us to make small changes now in hopes of a better future. We are grateful to do this work together and look forward to a bright 2021!

Shannon Richardson,
Executive Director



*Royal Terrace Falls,
Upper McDowell Creek*

To involve local people in the enhancement and protection of the South Santiam Watershed for the social and economic benefit of its landowners, managers, and users.

EDUCATION

In the summer of 2019 we engaged the Sweet Home HS Youth Watershed Council (10 members) in a number of activities, and also restarted the YWC at Lebanon HS (12 members).



In the fall of 2019, we co-hosted 8 Salmon Watch field trips with the Calapooia Watershed Council and community volunteers. A total of 400 sixth grade students from local schools visited Wiley Creek Park on the South Santiam to view migrating salmon and learn about stream ecology.

In July 2019, we worked with the Calapooia Watershed Council, the US Forest Service, and OSU Extension to help local teachers learn more about our freshwater snorkeling program.



OUTREACH

Our outreach work included the four-part Plan for Your Land workshop series. During the event, 15 local landowners developed conservation plans for their properties to support natural systems and ecological processes. Partners from a variety of natural resource agencies helped landowners learn about sound practices for soil, water, riparian and upland resources and connected them with conservation programs offered in their area.

We look forward to hosting in-person events in 2021. Look for tours and Science Pub headed your way!

RESTORATION

During FY 2020, we contracted with crews to restore, enhance and maintain habitat projects including:

- 132 acres of upland prairie, oak savanna, and oak woodland
- 110 acres of riparian habitat

Crews also installed 18,000 plants across 52 acres of riparian habitat.



This year, we added 9 acres to an existing project along lower Hamilton Creek at Springbank Farms. The landowners have been supportive partners of this project, contributing both funding and labor to ensure success. The 1.5 miles of riparian restoration along Hamilton Creek will greatly benefit a variety of fish and wildlife species, including migratory birds, threatened spring Chinook, winter steelhead and Pacific lamprey.

PARTNERS

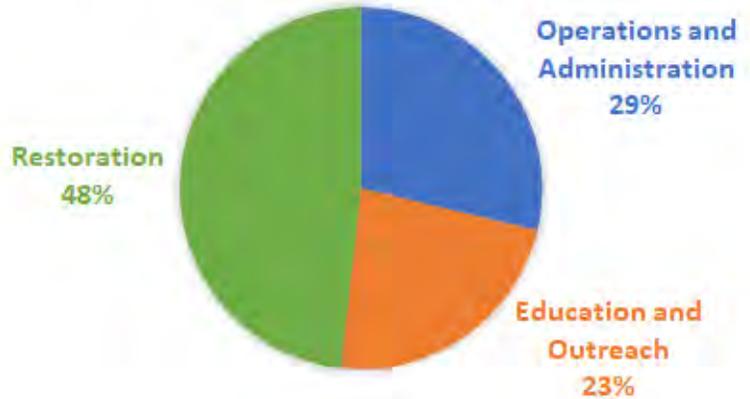


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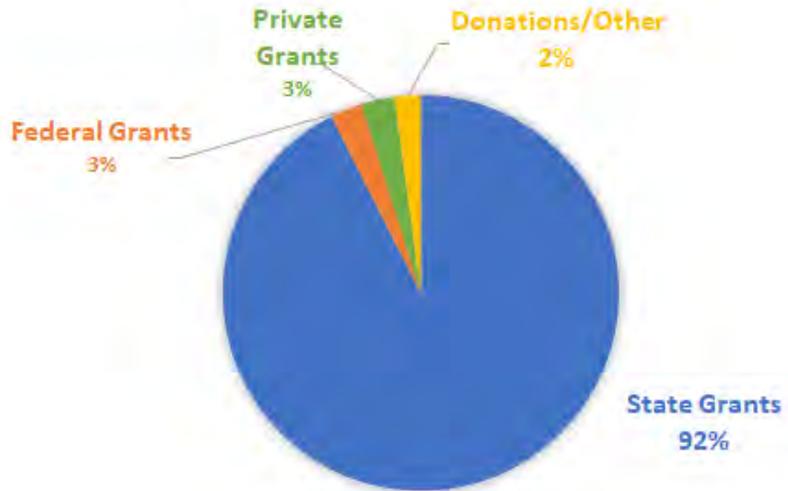


FINANCIAL REPORT FISCAL YEAR 2020 (JULY 1, 2019-JUNE 30, 2020)

TOTAL EXPENSES: \$240,992



TOTAL REVENUE: \$255,573



Students from the Youth Watershed Council enriched streams in 2019, late summer.