

ANNUAL REPORT JULY 1, 2020 – JUNE 30, 2021

Our Mission

Providing opportunities for stakeholders to cooperate in promoting and sustaining the health of the watershed and its communities.



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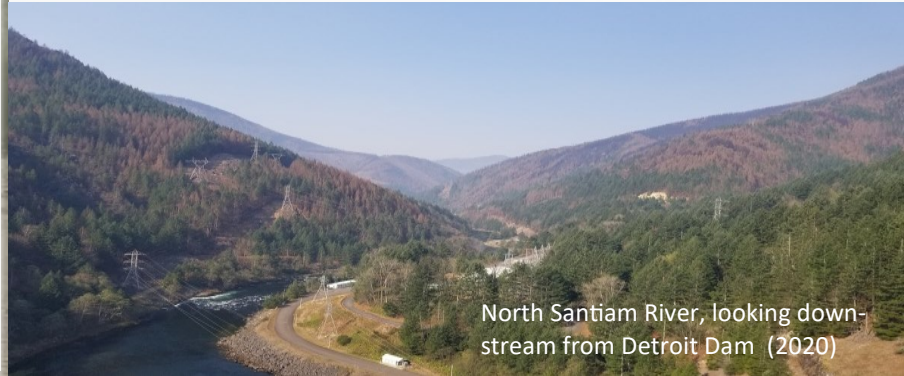
Rebecca McCoun, Executive Director

Amanda Bintliff, Watershed Restoration Specialist

An Unusual and Historical Year

In the fall of 2020, the historic Labor Day wildfires devastated the western side of the Oregon Cascades. The North Santiam Watershed experienced devastating losses from the Beachie Creek and Lionhead Wildfires. These two wildfires intensely burned more than 50% of the watershed and displaced over 600 people from their homes in the Santiam Canyon.

The North Santiam Watershed Council promptly shifted its priorities to help the community members whose properties were affected by the wildfires with erosion control, plant and native seed distribution, and post-fire recovery on-site consultations.



North Santiam River, looking downstream from Detroit Dam (2020)

2020–2021 Efforts and Accomplishments

* Post Wildfire Response and Recovery Programs:

- ⇒ Marion Soil and Water Conservation District immediately provided funding of \$30k for postfire erosion control efforts in Marion County. The River Design Group assessed sites and plans to implement erosion control.
- ⇒ City of Salem offered immediate funding of \$100k for post-wildfire restoration. The council and River Design Group were able to assist landowners with costs for erosion control supplies and planting material.

* The council contacted over 122 landowners, and more than 106 landowners received weed-free straw for erosion control in both Linn and Marion counties. 284 rounds of straw (156,200 lbs), and 1,690 bales (84,500 lbs) were distributed.

* The council managed post-wildfire planting in February 2021 and native seed distribution for landowners impacted by the Beachie Creek and Lionshead Wildfires.

* The council was awarded a United Way Foundation Grant to support council capacity. With those funds, a full-time Watershed Restoration Specialist position was created, as well as a summer internship position.

* The council participated in the Oregon Department of Forestry Fuels Reduction project.

* Collaboration with Partners of the North Santiam continued remotely due to the Covid pandemic restrictions.

* The council participated with the City of Salem and Marion County on hosting the *Eleventh Annual North Santiam Basin Summit*, via web platform, in spring 2021.

* The council took on the Aquatic Invasive Survey & Treatment, phase 1, a project focused on Ludwigia and Yellow Flag Iris in ponds on private land and public park lands.



Financial Summary*

July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021

Revenue	
Federal	23,778
State	222,986
Local/Other	60,894
Foundation	153,000
Donations/Fundraising	6,361
Total Revenue	\$467,019

Expenses	
Salaries	86,886
Operating Costs	20,345
Project Costs	210,261
Total Expenses	\$317,492

*Values based on 2020–2021 IRS 990

2020–2021 Funding Sources

State Government

Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board
Oregon State Weed Board
Oregon Department of Forestry

Foundations

Bonneville Environmental Foundation
United Way of the Mid-Willamette Valley
One Tree Planted
Arbor Day Foundation
Meyer Memorial Trust

Local/Other

City of Salem
City of Albany
Marion County
South Santiam Watershed Council
Santiam Water Control District
Marion Soil & Water Conservation District

Community

Private Donors

2020–2021 Project Partners

City of Salem
City of Albany
Santiam Water Control District
Marion Soil & Water Conservation District
Linn Soil & Water Conservation District
South Santiam Watershed Council
United Way of the Mid-Willamette Valley
Marion County
Linn County
Bonneville Environmental Foundation
Oregon Dept. of Agriculture
Oregon Dept. of Forestry
Oregon Dept. of Fish & Wildlife
Oregon Dept. of Environmental Quality
Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board
Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde
Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs
Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)
USDA Farm Service Agency
US Fish & Wildlife Partners Program
US Forest Service
US Army Corps of Engineers
All members of the Partners of the North Santiam
Mid Valley River Connections Partners



A Special Thank You—

To funders, partners, North Santiam stakeholders, emergency responders, and all of the wonderful volunteers and residents of the North Santiam Watershed who helped each other in this critical time of need.

Members of the North Santiam Watershed Council are local volunteers who share an interest in improving the health of the watershed in partnership with interested landowners and land managers. Using scientific assessments and best management practices, the council facilitates projects, partnerships, and actions that improve watershed health.

The North Santiam Watershed Council meets the third Tuesday of every month (except December) from 6 to 8 pm. For more information, call (503) 930-8202 or email council@nordsantiam.org