



# ANNUAL REPORT JULY 1, 2021 - JUNE 30, 2022

## Our Mission

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

### 2020 Labor Day Wildfires: Recovery within the Santiam

During this fiscal year, the watershed council adjusted restoration work to assist landowners with post-wildfire recovery. Staff prioritized extensive landowner outreach, education and assistance to those impacted by both the Beachie Creek and Lionshead Wildfires. These two fires burned over 50% of the North Santiam River Watershed. The priority of the council included early-detection and rapid response (EDRR) surveys of invasive weeds, establishing native grasses and plants to reduce streambank erosion and sedimentation into the river, especially in areas of high risk of landslide potential and high burn severity.

#### Council Staff

Rebecca McCoun—Executive Director  
7/1/2021—2/28/2022

Vacant—Executive Director  
3/1/2022—6/30/2023

Amanda Bintliff  
Watershed Restoration Specialist

#### 2021 Seasonal Interns

Amy Borba  
Marie Heuberger

#### 2022 Seasonal Interns

Elijah Welch  
Kyla Schmitt

### 2021-2022 Board of Directors

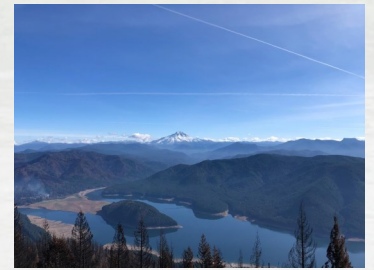
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Representative

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Lower North Santiam Representative

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John Caruso  
Marion County Representative



### 2021-2022: Efforts & Accomplishments

- ⇒ Native Plant Giveaway provided over 30,000 native plants and trees to dozens of landowners impacted by the Beachie Creek and Lionshead Fires. Plants were donated by Bonneville Environmental Foundation. The Council partnered with the Santiam Long-term Recovery Group to help distribute plants within the Santiam Canyon at Mari-Linn School.
- ⇒ Beachie Creek Post-Fire Collaborative Response Project and Lionshead Fire Collaborative Project provided council time and capacity to reach out to over 342 landowners impacted by the Beachie Creek Fire, and over 42 landowners impacted by the Lionshead Fire, coordinate meetings and post-fire planning, writing grants and connecting landowners with resources. With assistance from partners like Marion Soil & Water Conservation District, Oregon Dept. of Forestry and OSU-Extension, we were able to provide technical assistance, native plants, erosion control material, invasive weeds surveys and provide landowners with hundreds of pounds straw bales, native seeds, and logs.
- ⇒ Post Wildfire Response activities were made possible by United Way Funds. These additional funds provided capacity for the council and were allocated to a full-time Watershed Restoration Specialist position and post-wildfire recovery and restoration work.
- ⇒ Oregon State Weed Board Post-Wildfire Early-Detection and Rapid Response (EDRR) Project, was awarded in Spring of 2022. Summer interns conducted over a total of 130 EDRR surveys on properties impacted by the wildfires between 2021 and 2022.
- ⇒ North Santiam Aquatic Invasives Treatment and Surveys Phase 2 was awarded and focused on Ludwigia and Yellow Flag Iris chemical treatment ponds and channels located near Lyons/Mehama and at private landowner ponds; manual treatment occurred in Confederated Tribe of Grand Ronde's Chahalpam Pond, and Alder Creek.
- ⇒ The Council partnered with City of Salem, Marion County and Barney & Worth to plan and coordinate for the 12th Annual North Santiam Basin Summit for October 2022 (FY 2022-2023).
- ⇒ Advancing the Partners of the North Santiam provided opportunity to continue collaborating with local partners and stakeholders with Post-Wildfire efforts and watershed projects, and water leaders.
- ⇒ Ongoing Lower North Santiam Subbasin Projects which included Bear Branch Creek Restoration, Dieckman Slough Restoration and Bird Haven Riparian Restoration.



## Financial Summary\*

### 2021-2022 Funding Sources

#### Federal Government

US Forest Service  
USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service

#### State Government

Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board  
Oregon Department of Forestry  
Oregon Department of Agriculture

#### Foundations

Bonneville Environmental Foundation  
United Way  
One Tree Planted  
Arbor Day Foundation

#### Local/Other

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

#### Community

Private Donors

### Revenue

Federal	26,477.00
State	358,701.00
Local/ Other	55,206.00
Foundation	35,947.00
Donations/Fundraising	8,998.00
<b>Total Revenue**</b>	<b>485,329.00</b>

### Expenses

Salaries	130,833.00
Operating Costs	21,092.00
Project Costs	459,879.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>611,804.00</b>

\* Values based on draft 2021—2022 IRS 990 (July 1—June 30)

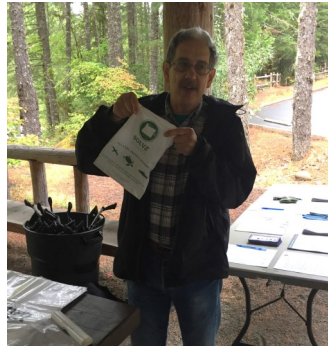
\*\* Revenue does not reflect fund requests and deposits made after June 30th to match total expense

### 2021-2022 Project Partners

Marion County  
Linn County  
City of Salem  
City of Albany  
Santiam Water Control District  
Marion Soil & Water Conservation District  
Linn Soil & Water Conservation District  
South Santiam Watershed Council  
Pudding River Watershed Council  
Bonneville Environmental Foundation  
Oregon Dept. of Agriculture  
Oregon Dept. of Forestry  
Oregon Dept. of Fish & Wildlife  
Oregon Dept. of Environmental Quality  
Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde  
Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs  
USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service  
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

### Thank You for 25 Years of Time and Service:

#### **John Caruso**



This year marked the retirement of long-standing board member John Caruso, who served as a volunteer, and council member for over 25 years. John has provided the watershed council invaluable input and positive service. The Board and its staff thank John for his long-term commitment to improving the health of the North Santiam Watershed and its communities.

We wish you the best on your next endeavors!



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. Utilizing 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@northsantiam.org](mailto:council@northsantiam.org).