



ANNUAL REPORT 2024

COAST FORK WILLAMETTE WATERSHED COUNCIL

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2024 - IN REVIEW

Restoration & Monitoring Projects

Restoration efforts are the core focus of the Coast Fork Willamette Watershed Council (CFWWC). All other efforts that we participate in are intended to lead to a more intact and pristine water system.

Habitat restoration can take many shapes and forms based on geography, hydrology, topography, and land use. This past year, CFWWC has worked on instream efforts, including replacing undersized culverts with bridges on Perkins Creek. We continued oak prairie and upland habitat restoration by removing encroaching conifers and riparian restoration by removing invasive species and replanting native trees and shrubs at multiple project sites. Long-term monitoring and planning efforts continued to be a priority in 2024 and are always ongoing.

Building expertise in various restoration applications and creating a project portfolio utilizing diverse funding partners has made CFWWC more resilient and adaptable in an ever-changing funding landscape.

2024 PROJECTS

- Perkins Creek - Instream Fish Passages & Restoration
- Carnine Upland Prairie & Oak Savanna Restoration Project - Phase II
- Creswell Butte Oak Restoration Project
- Madrone Hills Oak Restoration Project - Phase I & II
- ODF Partnered Small Woodland Restoration Project - 7 Sites
- Salyers Family Ranch Oak Restoration Project - Phase II
- My Brothers Farm Riparian Enhancement Project - Phase II & III
- Nelson Riparian Restoration Project
- Salyers Family Ranch Riparian Restoration Project - Phases I & II
- Row River Nature Park - The Freshwater Trust (TFT) Shade Credit Projects
- Edwards Riparian Restoration (TFT) Shade Credit Project
- Slay Farms Restoration (TFT) Shade Credit Project

Community & Youth Engagement

CFWWC's commitment to community engagement, outreach, and education has continued to expand in 2024. The last few years presented many unique challenges, but this year we started increasing the number and scale of our annually scheduled events, with plans for further expansion.

Science on Tap is a fun, family-friendly public event held on the fourth Tuesday of each month. It includes trivia, CFWWC updates, and expert feature presentations covering diverse topics pertinent to our ecoregion.

The June Water Ouzel River Cleanup Float removed 500 pounds of trash from the Row and Coast Fork Willamette Rivers.

Direct engagement with individuals in our watershed is mutually beneficial. Not only do we gain invaluable insight while providing transparency into our organization, our priorities, and our projects and programs, but relationships are built that lead to on-the-ground restoration possibilities. Community engagement in 2024 led directly to our upcoming Carolina Creek, Fredette, and Nelson Riparian Restoration Projects.

2024 EVENTS & OUTREACH

- **Science on Tap Presentations**
Fenders Blue Butterflies & Kinkaid's Lupin, Lamprey, Bees of the Willamette Valley, Fish & Mercury
- **Working Lands Workshops**
- **Water Ouzel River Clean Up**
- **Monthly Community Volunteer Days**
Watershed Clean Ups, Native Plant & Tree Planting & Watering, & Invasive Plant Removal
- **Bikes to Blooms Wildflower Event**
- **Arbor Day Celebration**
- **Youth Conservation Crew**
June-August
- **Coast Fork Birders Guided Walks**
Bald Eagle Count, October Big Day, Christmas Bird Count
- **Mt Pisgah Arboretum Mushroom Festival**
- **Fresh Waters Illustrated Film Screening**
- **Winter Watershed Soiree**

DID YOU KNOW?

As of September of 2024, seventeen Youth Conservation Crew (YCC) members have gone on to careers in natural resources management?





STAFF

Amanda Gilbert – Executive Director
Reilly Newman – Projects Manager
Penny Feltner – Working Lands Project Manager
Rachelle Kelty – Office Manager
Heather Endicott – Business Development Manager

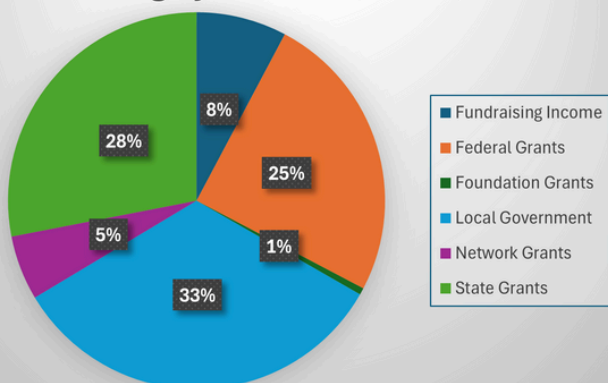
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Denise Walters - President
Darrick Salyers - Vice President
Jeff Gowing - Secretary
Matt Hall - Board Member
Fraser MacDonald - Treasurer

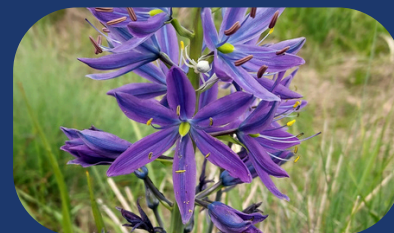
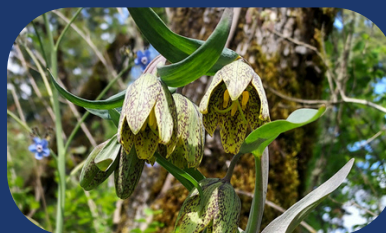
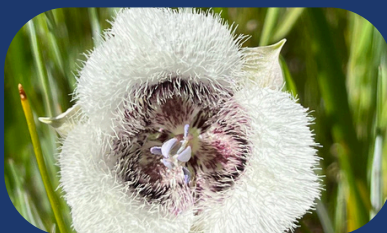
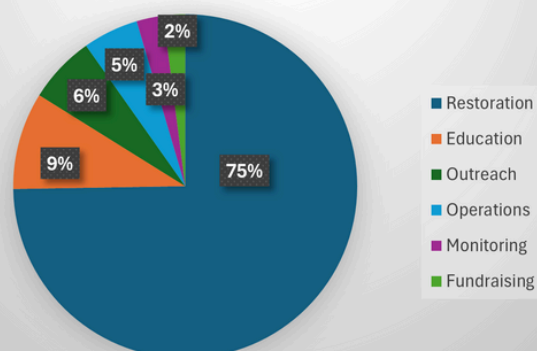
CFWWC is committed to providing a safe work space that is inclusive of all. We welcome folks of all race, color, religion, gender, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, national origin, genetics, disability, age, and veteran status. We are proud to be an equal opportunity employer and celebrate the diverse community which different individuals cultivate.

FINANCES

Funding By Source - \$1,724,542



Spending By Category - \$1,671,218



We acknowledge the lands on which we work and live are the homelands of the Confederated Tribes of the Grant Ronde, the Confederated Tribes of Siletz, Yoncalla, Cow Creek Umpqua, Siuslaw, and Kalapuya people. CFWWC supports on-going indigenous stewardship of these lands and works to reintegrate traditional and cultural ways of honoring the landscape and the fundamental human rights of clean water and healthy habitats.