

# Johnson Creek Watershed Council 2012 Annual Report



*Young volunteers count and measure Western Pearlshell mussels in Johnson Creek in Gresham*



## Citizen scientists:

### Volunteers partner with scientists to answer real-world questions

Our 2012 Annual Report focuses on citizen science, showcasing how our programs—restoration, monitoring, volunteer engagement, and outreach—relate to and support one another. Public participation that yields both scientific and educational outcomes also helps us reach many of the goals of our five-year strategic plan:

- Making sound science the basis of our work
- Integrating environmental education into all of our projects and programs
- Engaging people of all ages and walks of life in stewardship activities
- Expanding appreciation for and awareness of Johnson Creek's value

### Where and how far up Johnson Creek do coho salmon spawn?

For ten weekends this past fall, 50 citizen scientists trained by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) and working in pairs surveyed four one-mile-long stream reaches. Their efforts resulted in official documentation of four adult wild coho in Johnson Creek. Two were female carcasses which had spawned; two were live fish swimming in Johnson Creek near Boring, Oregon. With funds from East Multnomah SWCD and ongoing assistance from ODFW, Watershed Council staff and volunteers will conduct three more years of surveys, which will help us locate and possibly enhance important spawning areas.

### What freshwater mussel species live in Johnson Creek and where?

The past two summers, 70 citizen scientists trained by the Xerces Society surveyed six miles of Johnson Creek and tributaries. Despite the fact that native mussels are imperiled across North America, substantial numbers of native Western Pearlshell and Floater species were found. Unfortunately, surveyors also found invasive Asian clams, at low numbers in Johnson Creek, but abundant in Crystal Springs. Upper Johnson Creek has larger beds of native mussels, but urban reaches—like the huge beds of floaters found under I-205—have happily surprised us! Since native mussels can live over 100 years, we're working with partners to protect their strongholds. This project was funded by the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB).



*50 citizen scientists conducted spawning surveys*



*70 citizen scientists surveyed freshwater mussels*

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*385 volunteers planted 10,000 plants in three hours at the 14th annual Watershed Wide Event in March*



*35 volunteers each contributed over 25 hours*

## Volunteers:

### Making a difference in the health of the watershed

Our volunteers are pillars that make JCWC the strong, dynamic organization we are. They magnify and extend our impact, helping us achieve our goal of a healthy Johnson Creek Watershed. The numbers show the power of our volunteers.

**1,100 volunteers participated with JCWC** in 2012. 35 volunteers gave over 25 hours of time to the Council and seven earned Presidential Service Honors by giving over 100 hours of service.

**45,000 native plants were installed** in the Watershed. JCWC projects planted over 25,000 plants and a group of eleven Americorps National Civilian Community Corp (NCCC) members installed 20,000 more plants.



*Our Americorps NCCC team planted 20,000 trees*

## More Highlights of 2012

### Winter

Produced Martin Luther King Jr. event with 90 volunteers in Gresham  
Hired Conservation Registry interns  
Completed Johnson Creek Land Acquisition Strategy  
Planted 5,000 trees for CreekCare in upper Watershed

### Spring

Hosted 14th Annual Watershed Wide Event  
Launched new JCWC website  
Published State of the Watershed Report 2012

### Summer

Surveyed for freshwater mussels  
Installed twelve temperature logging devices  
Hosted Johnson Creek Paint-Outs and Photo Clinic  
Teed up for the Inaugural Johnson Creek Charity Golf Classic  
Coordinated bacteria source tracking study  
Conducted macroinvertebrate sampling  
Organized Johnson Creek Clean-Up

### Fall

Launched Johnson Creek Science Talk series  
Celebrated third annual Johnson Creek Art Show  
Hired Americorps Riparian Technician  
Installed 11,000 plants for CreekCare sites

### Streamside Reforestation Strategy

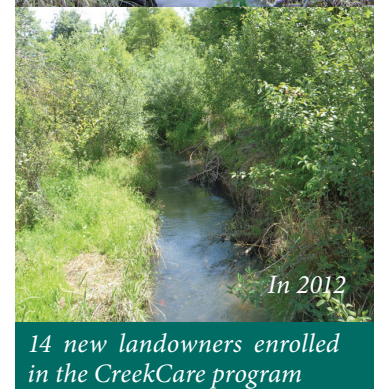
We continued to work throughout the watershed, planting over 30 sites. In fall, 2012, our riparian reforestation program expanded to include full-time AmeriCorps member Jill Bonanno, who helped develop the strategy and write grant proposals to fund its implementation. Her work has paid off with secured funds for outreach, project design, and planting of 15 acres of new riparian forests in 2013-2015, as well as follow-up weed control for 20 past projects.

### MAX Station Salmon Habitat and Interpretive Boardwalk

In 2012, we completed the design of salmon habitat enhancements and an interpretive boardwalk at the Tacoma Street/Johnson Creek MAX station, opening in 2015. In December, our project received a big boost, winning \$10,000, and garnering a great deal of positive attention through a "Go Wild for Oregon Wildlife" contest. The salmon habitat structures and side-channel are now set for construction in summer 2013. For more information about the project, visit <http://jwcw.org/jwcw-wins-a-10000-grant-from-oregon-wildlife-to-improve-salmon-habitat>



*Upper Watershed Improvements: SE 307th and Orient in 2009*



*In 2012*

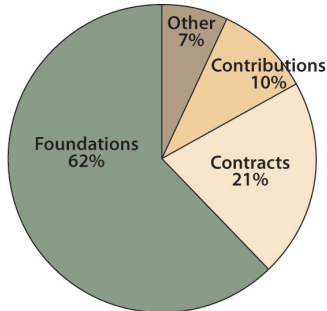
*14 new landowners enrolled in the CreekCare program*

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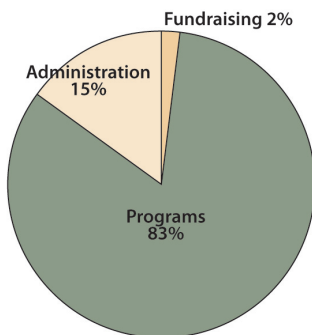
# Financial Position

July 1, 2011-June 31, 2012

Revenues  
\$596,010



Expenses  
\$592,053



## Statement of Financial Position

Assets	2012	2011
Cash	54,179	30,153
Prepaid expenses	2,503	642
Contracts receivable	49,934	74,295
Furniture and equipment	379	2,234
<i>net of accumulated depreciation of \$22,669 and \$20,814 respectively</i>		
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$106,995</b>	<b>\$107,324</b>
Liabilities and net assets		
Accounts payable	5,161	11,080
Accrued payroll and related taxes	6,854	5,372
Accrued vacation	4,915	4,034
Deferred revenue	12,253	12,983
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>\$29,183</b>	<b>\$33,469</b>
Net asset		
Unrestricted	42,468	25,980
Temporarily restricted	25,644	47,875
Permanently restricted	9,700	--
<b>Total net assets</b>	<b>\$ 77,812</b>	<b>\$ 73,855</b>
<b>Total liabilities and net assets</b>	<b>\$106,995</b>	<b>\$107,324</b>

## Statement of Activities

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total 2012	Total 2011
Revenues and other support					
Contract revenue	126,410	--	--	126,410	112,497
Foundations	345,925	26,000	--	371,952	207,875
Contributions	36,899	14,888	9,700	61,487	31,610
In-kind contributions	36,000	--	--	36,000	36,000
Interest income	11	--	--	11	27
Miscellaneous	150	--	--	150	275
	545,422	40,888	9,700	596,010	388,284
Net assets released from restriction	63,119	(63,119)	9,700	--	--
<b>Total revenues/other support</b>	<b>\$608,541</b>	<b>\$ (22,231)</b>	<b>\$ 9,700</b>	<b>\$596,010</b>	<b>\$388,284</b>
Expenses					
Program services					
Restoration	345,509	--	--	345,509	195,412
Outreach	128,284	--	--	128,284	43,391
Monitoring	15,939	--	--	15,939	40,316
Total Program services	489,732	--	--	489,732	279,119
Supporting services					
Administration	93,334	--	--	93,334	57,322
Fundraising	8,987	--	--	8,987	40,582
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>\$592,053</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>\$592,053</b>	<b>\$377,023</b>
Change in net assets	<b>16,488</b>	<b>(22,231)</b>	<b>9,700</b>	<b>3,957</b>	<b>11,261</b>
Net assets July 1, 2011	29,980	47,875	--	73,855	62,594
<b>Net assets June 20, 2012</b>	<b>\$ 42,468</b>	<b>\$ 25,644</b>	<b>\$ 9,700</b>	<b>\$ 77,812</b>	<b>\$ 73,855</b>



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