



2016 ANNUAL REPORT



Volunteers at Chastain Creek during Watershed Wide Event 2016

For the second year in a row, we've set a new record for the number of volunteer sign-ups: 1,955! By contributing more than 8,000 hours of their time, local residents have made a powerful statement about our mainly-urban stream. We are successful because of our volunteers.

We revamped our website—jcwc.org—in 2016, thanks to web designer and intern Barton White. The new site includes a blog, where we often post short articles that we highlight in our monthly eBulletin. Our goal is to make our website a source for watershed science about the Johnson Creek Watershed. This includes a map of restoration sites and a listing to more than 100 scientific articles.

Our new Community Inclusion Committee undertook an organization-wide assessment of equity and diversity issues. We will release a plan for improving the Council's work. The plan will coincide with our new five-year strategic plan, which we also began to design in 2016. Our equity work is already in process: paid summer internships and workforce development training for underserved communities.

We had several hellos and goodbyes on our board and staff in 2016. We welcomed board members Vinh Nguyen and Andrew Brown, and said goodbye to Kirk Wilson and Erik Carr. On our staff, Courtney Beckel joined us as Volunteer Coordinator, replacing Danielle Miles. Alexis Barton joined us as our new Americorps member, replacing Janel Hull, who moved to Community Outreach Coordinator.

JCWC Board & Staff — February 2017



Rear (l to r): Bruce Newton, Dick Schubert, Andrew Brown, Ken Nichols, Melanie Klym

Middle: Bob Sanders, Alexis Barton, Noah Jenkins, Mary Ann Schmidt, Marie Walkiewicz, Daniel Newberry, Roy Iwai

Front: Cathy Geiger, Courtney Beckel, Katie Songer, Janel Hull, Katie Holzer

Community Science

There is a hunger among watershed residents to gather scientific data that will help local land management and restoration. After five years successfully surveying streams for coho salmon, our volunteers helped in new programs to document beaver activity, dragonfly diversity in wetlands, and an Ecoblitz at Powell Butte Nature Park. We also began planning for lamprey & steelhead surveys for winter and spring of 2017. We had some important results:



- First-time ever sightings in Multnomah County of two dragonfly species: Black Meadowhawk and Autumn Meadowhawk
- First ever sighting of an Oregon Slender Salamander in the Portland City limits, at Powell Butte
- 45 beaver dams
- 23 dragonfly/damselfly species observed
- Coho salmon carcasses found in Crystal Springs and the mainstem in Gresham

These projects were funded by East Multnomah SWCD, Spirit Mountain Community Fund, Portland Bureau of Environmental Services, Jubitz Family Foundation.

Volunteers

Wow! We had a record setting 1,955 volunteer-days in 2016, a jump of more than 500 over our record setting 2015. Volunteers are at the core of what we do. Their 8,094 hours is a testament to how our watershed residents love their hometown stream and natural areas. Their accomplishments include:

- 19th Annual Watershed Wide Event drew 280 volunteers at 10 sites
- 8th Annual Creek Cleanup drew 160 volunteers and netted 5.1 tons of garbage
- MLK, Jr. Day of Service drew 150 volunteers at three events

Thank you, funders! Our volunteer program is supported by the Mintkeski Fund of the Oregon Community Foundation, Clackamas Water Environment Services, Portland General Electric, City of Portland Community Stewardship Program



Fish Passage

We replaced three small culverts under the Springwater Trail on Badger Creek near Boring that blocked fish passage. The new ten foot diameter culvert easily passes fish and passes flood flows. This culvert had the best cost/benefit of all 273 culverts we surveyed in 2013/4. During construction we rescued an adult Pacific lamprey and several juveniles. This was the furthest upstream in the watershed this species has been documented.

Thank you to Metro, Portland General Electric / The Nature Conservancy, and OWEB for funding this project!

Design was completed on the first of three culvert projects on the North Fork Johnson Creek in 2017 & 2018. This is part of a multi-agency effort to address seven barriers on this tributary stream.



Riparian Forests

We had some hot days last summer. To lower stream temperature for salmon, we continued planting trees along Johnson Creek and its tributaries, as we have for more than 18 years. We prioritize our plantings according to a shade model that shows where the need is greatest.

Last year we planted 21,261 native trees and shrubs. Half of our work is on private land in the upper watershed. The other half is on public property, most of which is managed by Portland Parks & Recreation and the City of Gresham. In the past year we helped to train Native American interns from Wisdom of the Elders in our new Workforce Development program.

Thank you to Metro, East Multnomah SWCD, Clackamas SWCD, Freeway Land II, and OWEB for funding this program!



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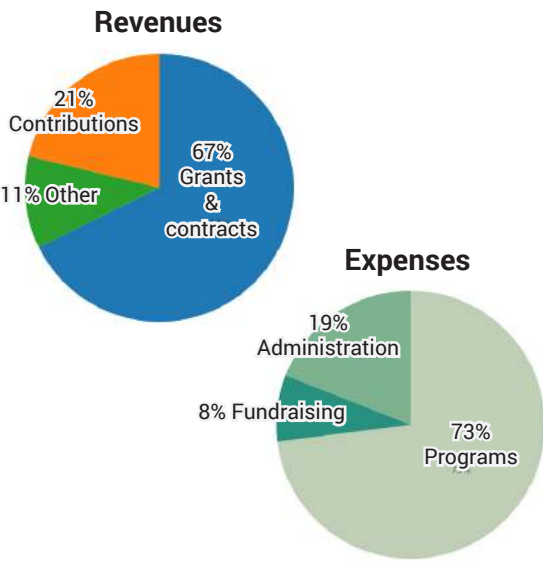
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Statement of Financial Position

	2016	2015
Assets		
Cash	127,898	178,064
Prepaid expenses	4,824	4,962
Grants and contracts receivable	83,828	173,168
Beneficial interest in assets held by OCF	24,707	-
Furniture and equipment, net	1,680	2,520
Total assets	\$ 242,937	\$ 358,714
Liabilities and net assets		
Accounts payable	9,329	172,538
Accrued payroll & taxes	9,662	-
Accrued vacation	6,550	3,100
Deferred revenue	3,635	4,918
Total Liabilities	\$ 29,176	\$ 180,556
Net assets		
Unrestricted	177,080	123,219
Temporarily restricted	23,781	42,039
Permanently restricted	12,900	12,900
Total net assets	\$ 213,761	\$ 178,158
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 242,937	\$ 358,714



Statement of Activities

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total 2016	Total 2015
Revenue and other support					
Grants and contracts	282,357	40,000	-	322,357	346,876
Contributions	100,629	-	-	100,629	139,160
In-kind contributions	54,180	-	-	54,180	54,180
Interest income	100	-	-	100	98
Miscellaneous	821	-	-	821	-
	438,087	40,000	-	478,087	540,314
Net assets released	58,258	(58,258)	-	-	-
Total revenue and other support	\$ 496,345	\$ (18,258)	\$ -	\$ 478,087	\$ 540,314
Expenses					
Program Services					
Restoration/Riparian	179,154	-	-	179,154	307,662
Outreach	67,355	-	-	67,355	78,376
Monitoring	78,132	-	-	78,132	84,746
Total program services	324,641	-	-	324,641	470,784
Supporting services					
Administration	83,184	-	-	83,184	101,729
Fund-raising	34,659	-	-	34,659	28,692
Total expenses	\$ 442,484	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 442,484	\$ 601,205
Change in net assets	53,861	(18,258)	-	35,603	(60,891)
Net assets, beginning of year	123,219	42,039	12,900	178,158	239,049
Net assets, end of year	\$ 177,080	\$ 23,781	\$ 12,900	\$ 213,761	\$ 178,158

By the numbers...



1,955
volunteer
sign-ups



1,101
bird observations
recorded on
May 15th at the
Powell Butte
Ecoblitz

8,094
volunteer
hours
recorded



45
beaver
dams
documented

5.1
tons of garbage
pulled from Johnson
Creek during the
9th annual
Creek Cleanup



2
dragonfly species
documented for the
first time in
Multnomah
County

Youth: the future of restoration

In 2016, 25 schools and other youth groups came to us for service learning projects: tree planting, invasive plant removal, stream monitoring & job shadowing.

Youth groups we worked with in 2016:

Butler Creek Elementary School	Jacob Wismer Elementary
Centennial High School	Lewis & Clark Montessori Charter School
Centennial Transition School	Milwaukie High School
Clackamas Middle College	Mt Scott Learning Center
Clackamas Web Academy	Oregon Episcopal School
Creston Elementary School	Pacific International Academy
East Gresham Grade School	Portland Waldorf School
Franciscan Montessori Earth School	Ron Russell Middle School
Franklin High School	Sabin Elementary School
Gresham High School	Sabin-Schellenberg Learning Center
H B Lee Middle School	Southwest Charter School
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Students at Southwest Charter School.



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