



2020-2021: A Year in Review



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Highlights

This report covers our activities from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021.



- Throughout the year, we continued to host our Watershed 101 Workshops online and develop relationships with new groups, as well as host Science Talks amplifying watershed projects & research. *pgs 3,6,7*

- We facilitated COVID-safe in-person volunteer events. *pg 4-7*



- We added 1 new acre to our Nettle Creek riparian project area through the City of Lake Oswego grant, and 1.7 new acres through OWEB Small Grant Funding. *pgs 4,5*

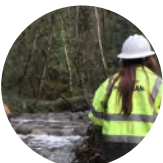


- We finalized our updated Strategic Plan, which is informed throughout by Justice, Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion (JEDI). *pg 2* We are in the process of securing all-board equity training.

- TCWC's Coordinator joined the Board of the Network of Oregon Watershed Councils as a Region 3 (Willamette Valley) Representative.



- Throughout the year, we've continued facilitating Stewardship Committee meetings, collaborating with partners, and supporting watershed residents' stewardship efforts.
 - This year, we convened meetings specific to the Clackamas County portion of the watershed, in order to fill gaps in funding and capacity for managing Garlic Mustard treatments. Through these, funding was allocated to the Clackamas SWCD's WeedWise Program from the City of Lake Oswego, to address this invasive weed.



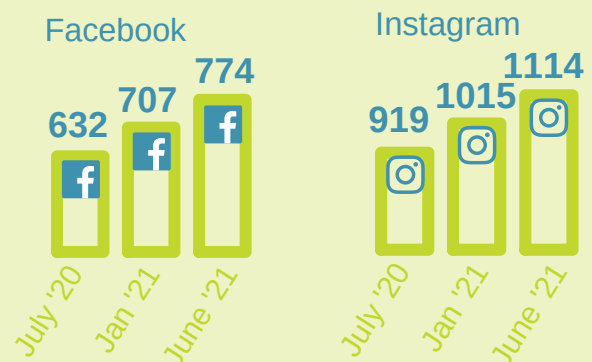
- We have been working with a Project Assistant, Mak Kastelic, to assess the current health of former restoration projects in order to assess the effectiveness of project maintenance and inform future program planning.



- We welcomed two new board members! *pg 4,9*



Social Media Growth



Strategic Planning & Student Projects

Our Strategic Anchors

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Our Strategic Imperatives



In early 2021, TCWC finalized our updated Strategic Plan which is used as a guiding document in developing workplans each year.

In 2018, our board voted to incorporate Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (JEDI) throughout the plan as we began the process of updating. Our primary work areas remain the same, and weaving JEDI into the plan will ground us as we move forward.

TRYON CREEK WATERSHED COUNCIL			Strategic Plan
Our Strategic Anchors			Strategic Areas of Focus
 TCWC on Justice, Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion (JEDI*): We commit to learning, integrating, and prioritizing JEDI-informed practices into our work and organizational culture.	1. Ecological Restoration & Protection		
	JEDI integration: Diversify contracting where possible (WDBSP), restoration in areas with more gray than green infrastructure.		
	<ol style="list-style-type: none">Identify key tributaries for riparian and stream restoration, including stormwater infiltration and water temperature regulation.Remove invasive species and plant native species in natural and residential areas.Prioritize wildlife corridors for increased negative biodiversity and protection.		
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	JEDI integration: Connect with community members with less access to nature-based education.		
	Key Objectives <ol style="list-style-type: none">Deliver Watershed 101 Programming to different groups/organizations.Participate in community outreach events.Conduct site visits with interested watershed residents, and seek residents to engage in new or ongoing projects.Connect watershed residents with regional resources & TCWC meetings.		
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	JEDI integration: Deepen relationships with culturally specific watershed residents/organizations, internal JEDI trainings.		
	<ol style="list-style-type: none">Lead quarterly Stewardship Committee meetings, with regional partners in restoration.Coordinate with partners on data collection and interpretation of past (maintenance phase) and future projects.Participate in relevant, regional environmental work groups.Network with environmental colleagues during conferences, meetings, trainings.		
Our Strategic Imperatives			Annual Performance Measures
 Ecological Restoration & Protection	JEDI measures: Funding for above contractors, proportion of projects in falling Creek subwatershed, the Butler 10 corridor where majority of underserved watershed residents live.		
	<ol style="list-style-type: none">Number of existing and new projects.Number of existing and new grants.		
 Community Engagement	JEDI measures: Track & increase proportion of engagement with underserved community members.		
	<ol style="list-style-type: none">Number and reach of Watershed 101 workshops.Number of outreach events participated in.Number of people engaged with, via site visits, workshops, and events.Number of partner organization referrals, community attendance at TCWC meetings.		
 Partnership Coordination	JEDI measures: Track ways we have deepened relationships (ex. fiscal support, grant partnerships, etc.), internal JEDI trainings.		
	<ol style="list-style-type: none">Number of Stewardship Committee meetings, and partner partners participation.Develop data tracking database and populate with former and new project data, share with partners.Number of work groups, conferences, regional meetings, trainings attended.		
<small>* WDBSP = Watershed and Watersheds serving a Watershed</small>			<small>* Events occur on: March/April, May, July/August, September</small>
<small>* Partners include: Butler 10, Butler 10 Watershed Council, Butler 10 Watershed</small>			

To view our Strategic Plan in full, visit tryoncreek.org/strategicplan

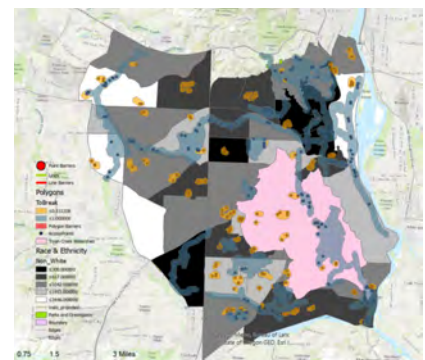
PCC GIS Student Projects

Each spring, we work with PCC Sylvania GIS students; this year, we worked with two students on separate projects.

Rayden Laakso developed a community walkshed analysis, informing our understanding of neighborhood-level access to greenspaces in and near the watershed.

Will Butler assessed riparian corridors' canopy and slope, so that TCWC may identify possible areas of prioritization for restoration work to address erosion and temperature concerns.

To learn more about these projects, email alexis@tryoncreek.org



Restoration Projects

TCWC worked with **31** landowners on projects spanning

7.4 acres, with

4,625 plants installed



Trillium photographed in a restoration project area by the landowner

Education & Outreach

TCWC provided environmental education to **367** community members



Spring 2021's Science Talk featured the Portland Urban Coyote Project

at **19** events & workshops



Coastal Cutthroat Trout at the Boones Ferry Project (Fall 2020 Science Talk)

via our Watershed 101 Workshop program and Science Talks

Volunteer Engagement

102 volunteers

contributed **197**
volunteer hours



removing
invasive species from
2.17 acres of work area,
freeing **134** trees from ivy,



and planting **1,169** native plants.

Their contributions are
valued at **\$5,622***

Volunteer Restoration Events:

No Ivy Day
Watershed 101 Workshops
TCWC's 12th Annual Watershed Wide Event
Earth Day with Youth Charity League
Boones Ferry Bridge Project planting

**Value of volunteer time per Independent Sector*



Tryon Creek Watershed Council's Board Members
served **592** hours in 2020-2021, providing **\$14,617**
of in-kind organizational support.

Restoration: Events & Projects

12th Annual Watershed Wide Event

With COVID-19 precautions in place, Watershed Wide Event volunteers met in smaller on-site groups. With new partners, sites, and student groups engaged, we were able to make a collective positive impact on the watershed.

104 volunteers across **8** sites
removed invasive plants from **1.1** acres

removed ivy vines from **291** trees

planted **737** native plants



Riparian Restoration on private properties



Through riparian restoration projects, invasive plant species were removed and native plants installed in their stead. Native plants support insects and pollinators, birds and other wildlife; additionally, trees' root systems provide better erosion control. These projects support a healthy riparian ecosystem.

OWEB Small Grants

OWEB Small Grants are well-suited for urban restoration projects, where work is done on smaller parcels of land.

In 2020-2021, TCWC was awarded funds for riparian restoration in two projects in the Arnold Creek subwatershed, totaling 1.7 acres across 5 properties.

Nettle Creek

TCWC implements riparian restoration in the Nettle Creek subwatershed through the City of Lake Oswego's Habitat Enhancement Program. In Fall of 2020, TCWC folded into the project the final two properties along a 700 foot stretch of Nettle Creek upstream of the Tryon Creek State Natural Area.

TCWC is glad to contract with Mosaic Ecology and Sound Native Plants for our riparian restoration projects.

Watershed 101 Workshop Program

Our Watershed 101 Workshop program is a flexible, mobile workshop with education and hands-on restoration activities; each presentation is tailored for workshop location, audience and activities. Through this program we educate watershed residents & community members and accomplish on-the-ground restoration work, increasing our reach and ecological impact.

Watershed 101 Workshops:

200 people reached in education-only
(80 adults, 120 youth)

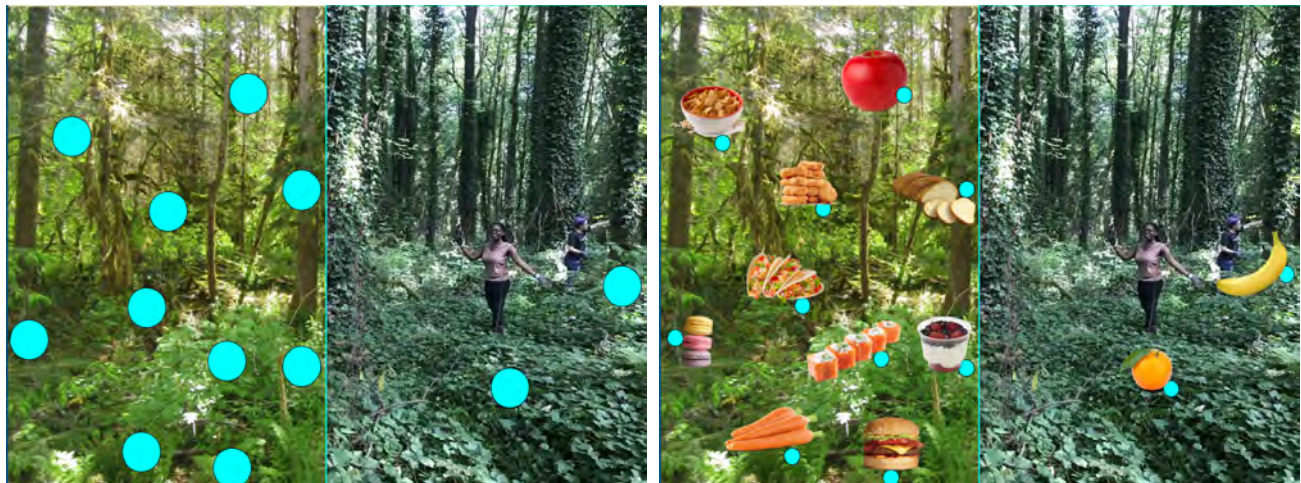
102 volunteers engaged in restoration

1,169 native plants installed

134 tree ivy lifesavers



Throughout COVID-19, TCWC has pivoted to online workshops supplemented by limited size in-person work parties. This has allowed us to be more customizable than usual, as well as to form longer relationships with students by offering multiple workshops to classrooms, student groups, and scout troops.



From our Watershed 101 Workshop for 4th graders: In two forest photos, each plant species we could spot was given a blue dot; various food items were added to each, illustrating the importance of keeping forest systems clear of invasive plants, in order to provide food sources for wildlife.

This work is funded by the City of Portland's Bureau of Environmental Services' Community Watershed Stewardship Program

Science Talks & Boones Ferry Project

Our Watershed 101 program also includes Science Talks on watershed topics given by regional scientists. Through hosting these online we have been able to reach a wider audience.

**159 community
members reached
via TCWC's 20-21
Science Talks**

*Photo by John
Economaki, taken
in Nettle Creek
subwatershed
February 2021*



In our spring 2021 Science Talk, the Portland Urban Coyote Project's Zuriel van Belle shared about coyotes in the area including the PUCP's research.

In our fall 2020 Science Talk, US Fish & Wildlife Services' Brook Silver shared the long-term Tryon Creek fish monitoring study results (tryoncreek.org/usfws2020) and BES' Chad Smith shared about fish passage barriers and the Boones Ferry culvert project.



This long-awaited fish passage barrier removal project improved wildlife and pedestrian passage at the confluence of Arnold Creek with the main stem of Tryon Creek under Boones Ferry Road, and was implemented by the Bureau of Environmental Services. In Fall 2020 we were one of several partners able to walk through the active project area and, in Spring 2021 we coordinated with Friends of Tryon Creek and Oregon Parks & Recreation District for a community planting in the project area.

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Financials

Fiscal Year is July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

	2021	2020
Revenue and other support		
Grants	9,065	89,368
Partner Funds	23,961	28,660
Fiscal Admin Fees	11,442	-
Contributions	455	3,107
Interest Income	78	126
Total Revenue and other support	\$ 45,001	\$ 121,261
Expenses		
Program Services		
Restoration/Riparian	14,074	27,444
Outreach	1,580	9,473
Total program services	15,654	36,917
Supporting Services		
Administration	33,122	27,232
Total Expenses	\$ 48,776	\$ 64,149
Net assets, end of period	\$ 67,626	\$ 76,408



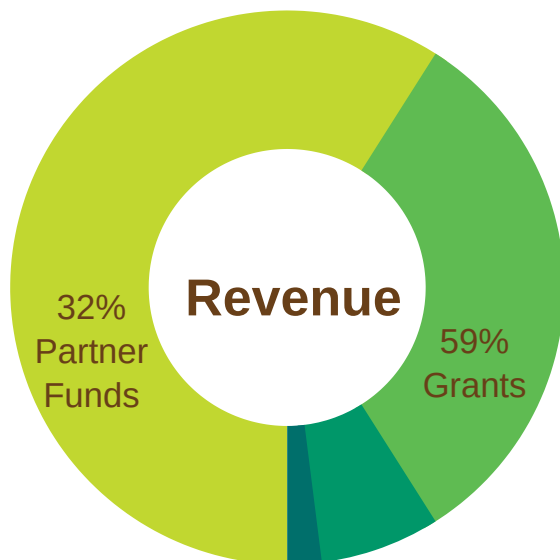
Above: April Hill Park boardwalk



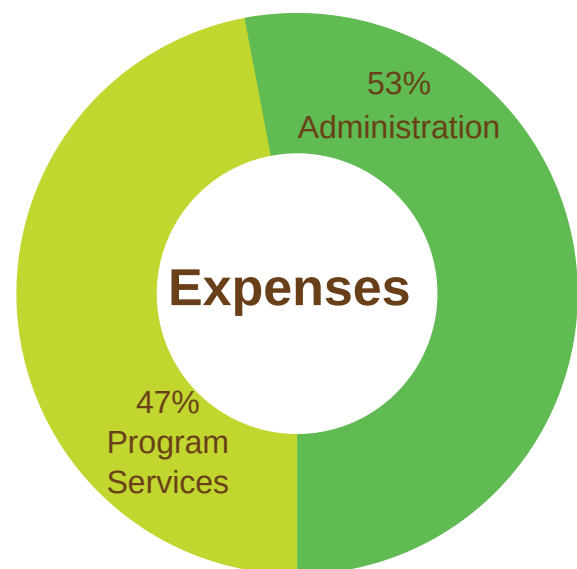
Left: Terri Preeg Riggsby (TCWC) and Mohamed Bahamadi (HAKI) (pre-COVID photo!)

We supported our community this year by serving as a fiscal sponsor for two of our partners: Friends of April Hill Park (aprilhillpark.org) and HAKI Community Organization (hakicomunity.org)

In 2020, TCWC received reimbursement from a large multi-year grant, and overall our funding structures remain sound.



7% - Fiscal Admin Fees
2% - Contributions & Fundraising



Program Services breakdown:
37% Restoration & Riparian; 10% Outreach

Staff and Board

Tryon Creek Watershed Council has a small staff and working board who support the many outreach activities and restoration projects.

Staff

Terri Preeg Riggsby – As Executive Director, Terri provides guidance and administrative support & represents TCWC on regional committees to advocate for environmental considerations.

Alexis Barton – As TCWC's Coordinator, Alexis manages restoration projects, volunteer events, workshops, outreach and education, communications, and more, working closely with the board and partners.



Board

Glen Leverich, Chair
Megan Hill, Vice Chair
Jennifer Jones, Secretary
Kristie Focht, Treasurer
Sharon Keast, Technology Director
Qwynci Bowman, Lewis & Clark College
Dustin Day, At-large
Danielle Goodrich, At-large



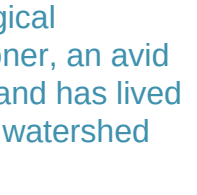
Welcoming new Board Members:

Rebecca Crosby

Rebecca lives in the Tryon Creek watershed and is dedicated to improving the watershed's health; she is also an active member of the Friends of Tryon Creek board.

Stuart Myers

Stuart is a consulting ecologist and certified ecological restoration practitioner, an avid outdoor recreator, and has lived in the Tryon Creek watershed for 20 years.



TCWC Board Members served 598 hours in 2020-2021

Ex-officio Board Members

Colleen Mitchell, Portland BES
Jim Cathcart, West Multnomah SWCD
Maha Guliani, Portland Parks & Recreation
Sonja Johnson, City of Lake Oswego

Ex-officio Board members are non-voting members who represent partner organizations

Stewardship Committee Members

Iris Benson, Oregon Parks & Recreation
Erik Horngren, Westside Watershed Resource Center
Mary Logalbo & Michelle Delepine, West Multnomah SWCD
Colleen Mitchell, Portland BES
Amy Stout, Friends of Tryon Creek
Mary Verrilli & Maha Guliani, Portland Parks & Recreation

TCWC convenes quarterly Stewardship Committee meetings with regional partners in restoration



Thank you to our Funders & Partners

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Funders:

- City of Portland Bureau of Environmental Services
- City of Lake Oswego Habitat Enhancement Program
- Clackamas Soil & Water Conservation District
- Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board
- West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District
- *You! Thank you to our individual donors*



Partners in Restoration & Outreach

- Boonesferry Terrace HOA
- Bosky Dell Natives
- Cedarwood Waldorf School
- City of Portland Bureau of Environmental Services
- City of Lake Oswego
- Clackamas Soil & Water Conservation District
- Creightonwood HOA
- Friends of April Hill Park
- Friends of Marshall Park
- Friends of Tryon Creek
- Girl Scout Troop 45785
- HAKI Community Organization
- Jackson Middle School SUN Program
- Lake Oswego United Church of Christ
- Lewis & Clark College
- Mosaic Ecology
- Oswego Lake Watershed Council
- Oregon Parks & Recreation District
- Oregon Refugee Children's Assistance & Support
- Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife
- Portland Community College Sylvania
- Portland Parks & Recreation
- Portland Urban Coyote Project
- Quail Park HOA
- Sound Native Plants
- US Fish & Wildlife Service
- Westside Watershed Resource Center
- West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District
- Wisdom of the Elders
- Youth Charity League

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