



COLUMBIA SLOUGH WATERSHED COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

JULY 2015- JUNE 2016

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

EDUCATION

Four schools districts were served through the Slough School program: Gresham Barlow, Reynolds, Parkrose and Portland Public Schools.

Educations field programs were offered at Whitaker Ponds Nature Park, Columbia Boulevard Wastewater Treatment Plant, Kelley Point Park, Salish Ponds Wetlands Park, Wilkes Headwaters and other sites.

Canoe the Slough 2016 brought 305 students and 54 adults on the water.

Slough School engages 11 high school mentors.

A new education steering committee was formed.



Students and families from the Iraqi Society of Oregon participated in all three of our programs throughout the year thanks to a CSWP grant from the City of Portland, Bureau of Environmental Services.

OUTREACH AND DONOR RELATIONS

The outreach program offered 37 free events to the community including educational workshops, guided walk and birding tours, bike rides, and three large festivals: Explorando, Regatta, and Aquifer Adventure.

Our Explorando el Columbia Slough planning committee meetings were held in Spanish and saw a significant increase in community participation.

Three valuable community partnerships were celebrated at our annual Slough Celebration Gala: Verde, the Iraqi Society of Oregon, and the Zoo Ecology team. Generous individuals and businesses donated over \$5,000 through the special appeal.

Our two paid outreach and events interns contributed 480 hours of service in the office and at community events.

The council saw over 600 community contacts through a partnership with the Vanport Mosaic Festival, a 4-day multi-disciplinary celebration commemorating the 68th anniversary of the Vanport Flood.



The council's executive director, Jane VanDyke, received a standing ovation as she exited from her 10-year term with the council at the Slough Celebration Gala.

STEWARDSHIP

The stewardship program worked on 13 sites throughout the watershed, including Whitaker Ponds Nature Park, Smith & Bybee Lakes, and others.

33 businesses and organizations partnered with the Council on stewardship activities. 5,000+ native planted, a 67% increase from last year.

ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS

Nadaka Nature Park manages a 10 acre of forest, a community garden with Outgrowing Hunger, a picnic shelter, and a nature based play area. They provide environmental and garden education, stewardship opportunities, and community events for the Rockwood & Wilkes East neighborhoods.

Fiscal sponsorships of People, Places, Things and Resourceful Needs.

BY THE NUMBERS

- 6,593** Student contacts
- 53** Schools/organizations involved
- 984** Teacher & chaperone contacts

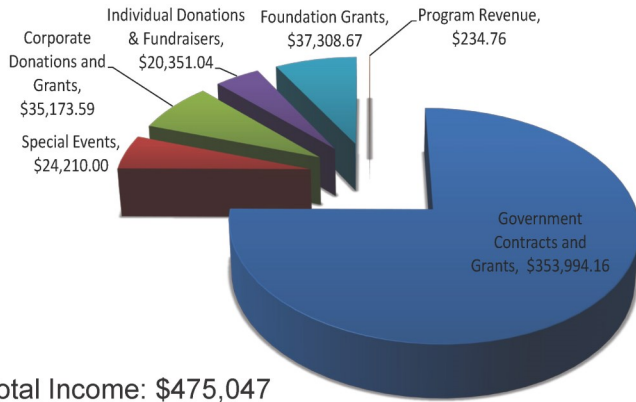
- 3,031** Attendees at Council events
- 134** Volunteers supported events
- 2,290** Contacts at partner events

- 29** Community stewardship events
- 916** Hours contributed by volunteers at restoration and stewardship community events

- 2,133** Total volunteer hours contributed; a 39% increase from FY14-15

FUNDING AND SUPPORT FOR OPERATIONS

INCOME SOURCES

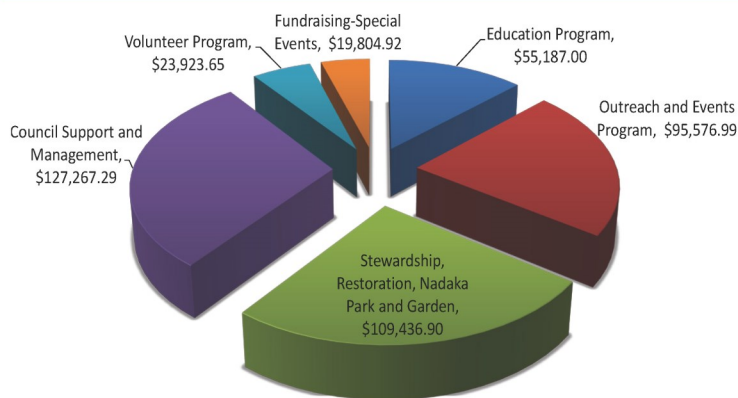


Total Income: \$475,047

MAJOR FINANCIAL SUPPORTERS

The Boeing Company
 City of Gresham
 City of Portland Bureau of Environmental Services
 City of Portland Parks and Recreation
 Council Board Members Staff, and Donors
 East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District
 Gray Family Foundation
 Leatherman Tool Group, Inc.
 Metro
 Meyer Memorial Trust
 Multnomah County Drainage Districts
 Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board
 Oregon Community Fund
 Portland Water Bureau
 Port of Portland

EXPENSES



Total Expenses: \$431,197



The council welcomed three new members to the staff team this year: Corrina Chase, Jennifer Starkey and Karen Carrillo.

BOARD MEMBERS

Bob Dolphin, *Chair*
 Troy Clark, *Vice Chair*
 Susan Barthel, *Secretary (former)*
 Chuck Harrison, *Treasurer*

Lisa Appel	Meei Lum
Erwin Bergman	Maureen Minister
Corky Collier	Linda Robinson
James Davis	Mark Hansen
Nancy Hendrickson	Ron Wierenga
Kathy Shearin	Reed Wagner
Travis Skidmore	

STAFF

Corrina Chase, Executive Director
 Jane A. Van Dyke, Executive Director *(former)*
 Jennifer Starkey, Education Director
 Christa Shier, Education Director *(former)*
 Sheilagh Diez, Education Director *(former)*
 Karen Carrillo, Outreach & Events Director
 Penny Beckwith, Outreach Director *(former)*
 Adele Rife, Stewardship Director
 Hanna Davis, Volunteer Coordinator *(former)*
 Monica McAllister, Nadaka Park Coordinator
 Kelsie Greer, North Portland Outreach Specialist
 Elaine Murphy, Bookkeeper
Short-Term Staff: Lauren Smith, Education Coordinator
Interns: Jules Nemish, Devon Snyder, Jenny Jones, Jeff Brittain

OUR MISSION: TO FOSTER ACTION TO PROTECT, ENHANCE, RESTORE AND REVITALIZE THE SLOUGH AND ITS WATERSHED.



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