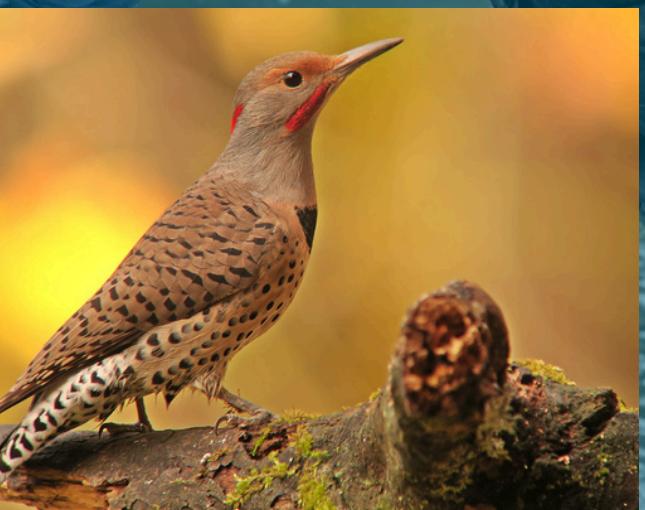




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Sediment sampling in the Kellogg impoundment

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The Kellogg Team on site with Senator Ron Wyden, Milwaukie Mayor Lisa Batey, Council President Robert Massey, and Metro Councilor Christine Lewis.

Kellogg Creek Restoration & Community Enhancement Project Advances

The project to remove Kellogg Dam and restore Kellogg Creek is moving forward with design! In summer, sediment sampling barges were lowered into the Kellogg impoundment with cranes. The sediment cores they have collected will give us the final piece of information we need for the final design process.

The design has been funded by the largest grant in NOAA Fisheries history, through the Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act. Many thanks to Senators Jeff Merkley and Ron Wyden for helping make this project a reality.

The project is a partnership between the Watersheds Council, American Rivers, the City of Milwaukie, and the Oregon Department of Transportation, three Tribes, and 23 other partners working to restore a free-flowing creek in downtown Milwaukie.

In 2024-25, here's what will happen at Kellogg Dam:

- Sediment sampling will wrap up
- The final design phase will launch
- Community engagement around the design of the project will take off, with tours, meetings, and more
- Community science (see page X) will continue collecting vital data

You can track the project [here](#).



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Restoring the Willamette River

Projects are underway to improve habitat in the Willamette River! We designed a project to increase salmon, steelhead, and lamprey habitat at the confluence of the Willamette and [River Forest Creek](#), in partnership with two landowners. While we write these words, we're constructing rock weirs and logjams to provide a better environment for smolts to feed and rear before heading out to the ocean.

At the same time, we're designing a project to create better habitat at [Elk Rock Island](#), one of the rare side-channel habitats on the lower Willamette, a site loved by the people of our watersheds for access to nature. Look for this project to be constructed in 2026.

These projects are part of a larger strategy to restore the Lower Willamette River between Gladstone and Milwaukie Bay. This is a vital stretch of river for every fish in the entire Willamette system, as well as the people who love Oregon's main river.

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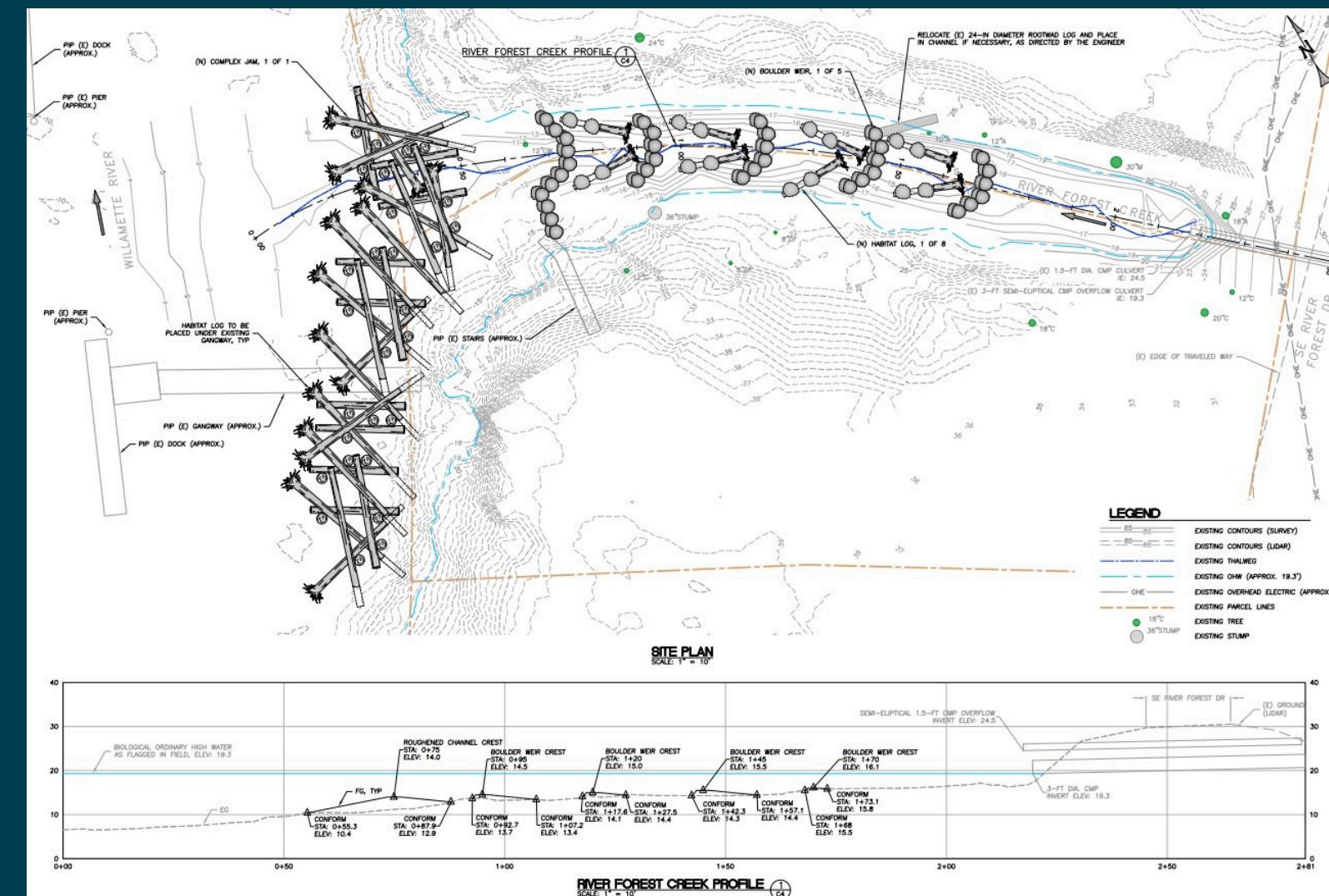
Thumbs up for bringing projects to construction!



Building fish habitat



Enhancing the back channel at Elk Rock Island



Willamette - River Forest Confluence Design

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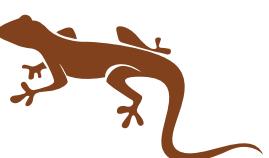


Community Science Takes Off

If you're been around Milwaukie, you've probably seen kids from Milwaukie High School and Rowe Middle School walking around in chest waders with big nets. They're part of the [Kellogg Creek Student Macroinvertebrate Monitoring Program](#), where students collect biological indicator data at spots along Kellogg Creek using nonlethal and accurate student survey methods developed by Portland State University. This is a partnership between the Watershed Council, the schools, Confluence Environmental Center, CASM Environmental, Portland State University, and funded by American Rivers, Gray Family Foundation, and NOAA Fisheries.

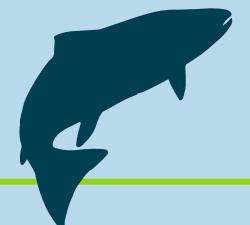
In Spring, we held the Kellogg BioBlitz, where community volunteers collected ecological data to track changes over time as restoration takes place, as well as changes from climate shifts and ever-changing environmental conditions. The BioBlitz will be repeated every year, and is funded by American Rivers and NOAA Fisheries, with sponsorship support from Bob's Red Mill.

Photos: Kellogg BioBlitz, Freshwater Mussel monitoring, Water Quality tour, Kellogg Creek Student Macroinvertebrate Monitoring Program





WHAT TO LOOK FOR IN 2024-25



Kellogg Creek Restoration & Community Enhancement Project

- Final sediment sampling
- Community engagement
- Final design phase
- Fundraising for construction



Watershed Restoration

- Completing the Willamette River – Forest Project construction (Fall 2024)
- Designing the Elk Rock Island Side Channel Project, preparing for construction
- Expanding streamside restoration along Parmenter Ponds, Rinearson Creek, and Kellogg Creek
- Engaging the Community at Three Creeks Natural Area
- Working with landowners to establish shade and control invasive plants

Watershed Science

- Kellogg Creek Student Macroinvertebrate Monitoring Project
- Ongoing stream temperature monitoring and using a thermal drone to identify springs and cold water sources
- Ongoing eDNA monitoring of fish populations
- Launching freshwater mussel monitoring

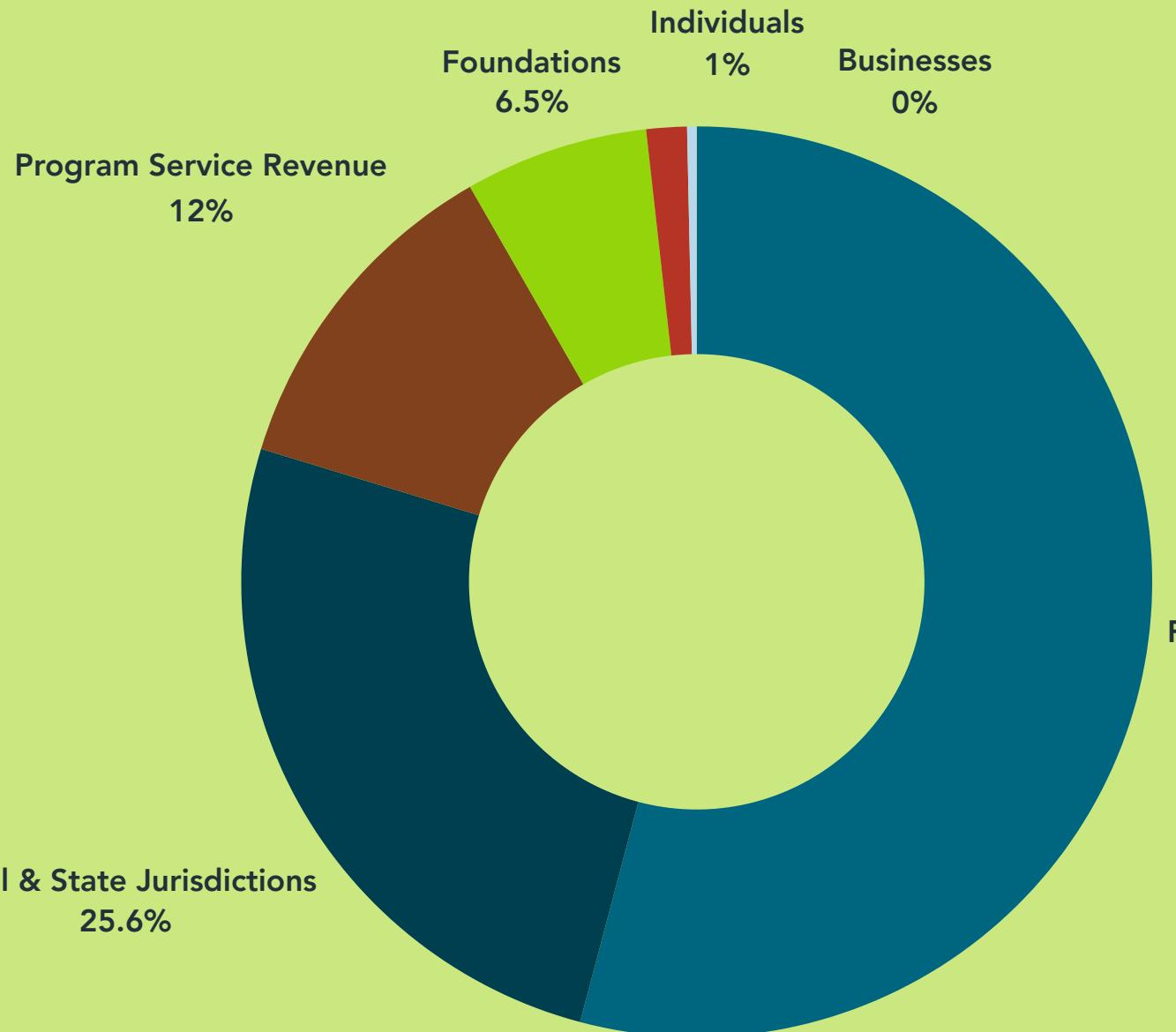
Strengthening the Watershed Council

- Completing our Strategic Plan to guide us for the next 5 years
- Raising funds to sustain our work
- Upscale our fiscal systems to keep pace with our growth



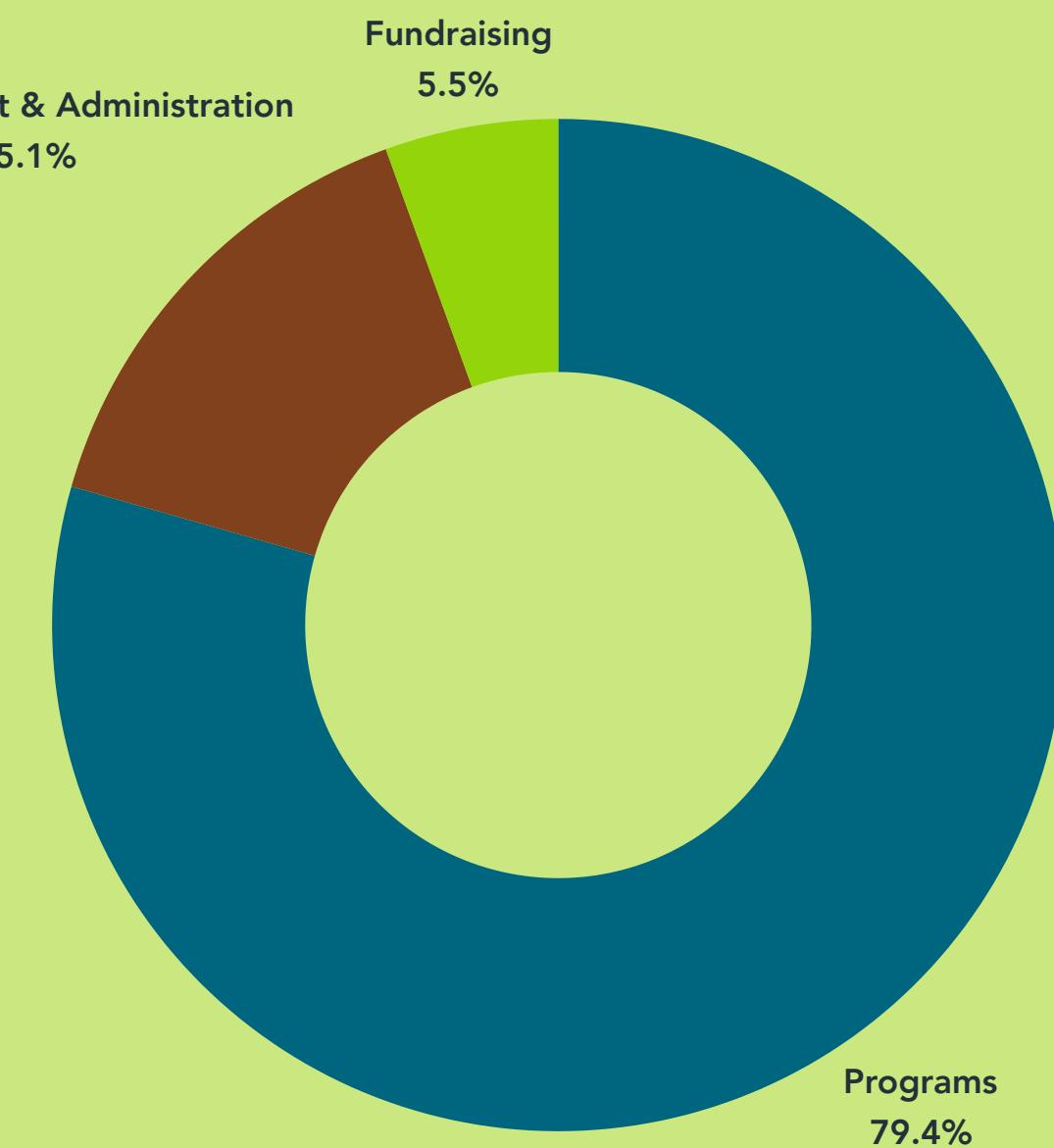
REVENUES

Federal	\$503,732.53
	54%
Local and State Jurisdictions	\$238,221.67
	26%
Program Service Revenue	\$111,603.65
	12%
Foundations	\$60,658.00
	7%
Individuals	\$13,364.30
	1%
Businesses	\$3,154.40
	0%
Total	\$930,734.55



EXPENSES

Programs	\$755,351.00
	79%
Management & Administration	\$143,170.00
	15%
Fundraising	\$52,637.00
	6%
Total	\$951,158.00





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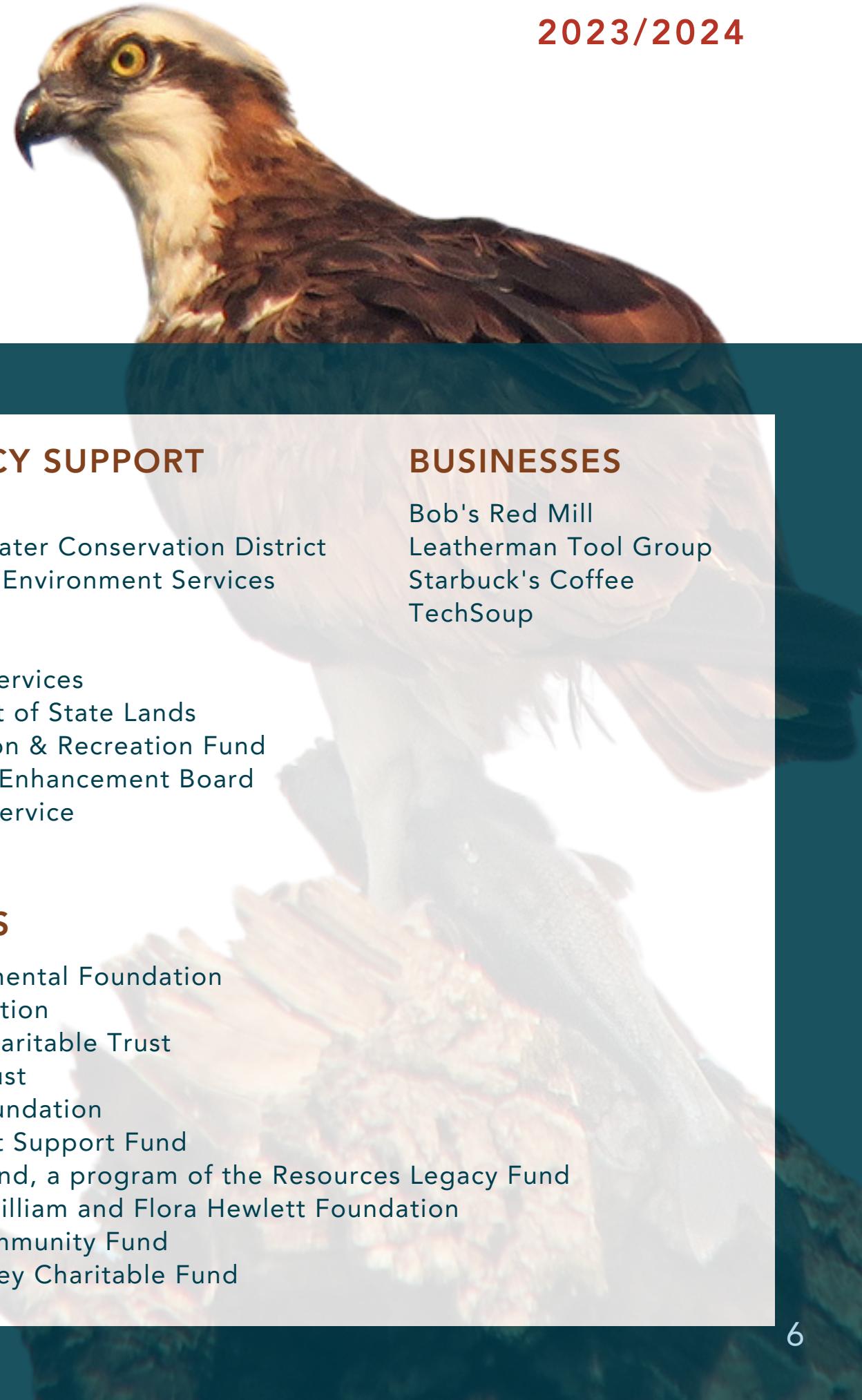
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