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Kellogg Creek Restoration & Community Project In Final Design

The project to remove Kellogg Dam and restore Kellogg Creek keeps moving forward! In 24-25, we completed sediment sampling, procured a design consultant, and completed the draft 30% design of all elements (bridge, stream channel, hydraulics, etc.). In the coming year, we'll advance the planset to permit-level (60%) designs.

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, and Congresswoman Janelle Bynum for helping move the project forward.

Metro also contributed \$10M from Large Scale Community Visions to construction costs. Many thanks to the Metro Council and our Councilor, Christine Lewis. This is a vital nonfederal match necessary for securing construction funds. With changes in the federal funding landscape, we are also pursuing state-level funding options as well.



The Kellogg Project team, including Milwaukie Mayor Lisa Batey and Jeff Hogle (Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs) with Metro Council and staff celebrating Metro's awarding \$10M to the Kellogg Project



Neil and Amy sediment sampling at Kellogg impoundment

We also launched an intensive community engagement process around the design, working with a group of residents to track the design process and gather community input about the parts of the project not strictly regulated.

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.

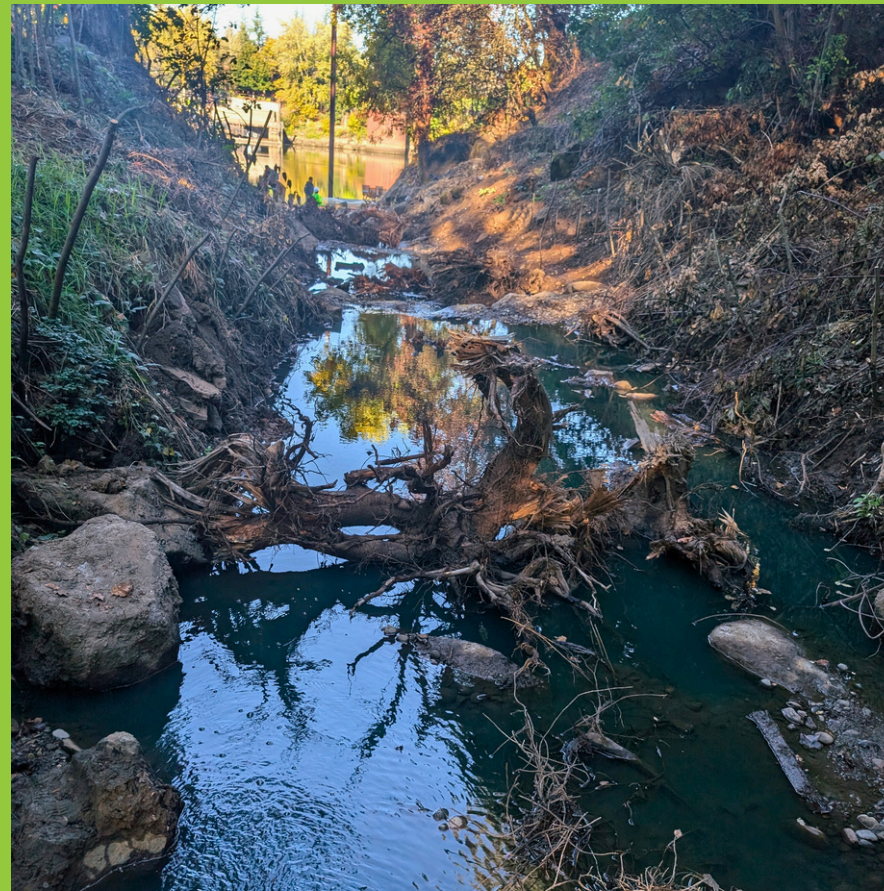
In 2025-26, here's what will happen at Kellogg Dam:

- Final design phase
- Continue permitting process
- Continued coordination with adjacent landowners
- Complete construction fundraising
- More community engagement
- Community science (see page 4) will continue collecting vital data

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

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Restoration project at the Willamette - River Forest Creek confluence



Enhancing fish habitat in Willamette River back channel

Willamette River Habitat Gets a Boost

The Willamette - River Forest Creek Confluence project was completed, and we are now deep in the design of the next critical project: improving fish habitat in the back channel adjacent to [Elk Rock Island](#), a site loved by the people of our watersheds for access to nature.

Thanks to the Clackamas Partnership, Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board, NOAA Fisheries, and Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Private Forest Accords Program, this project will go to construction in Summer-Fall 2026.

These projects are part of a big 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.

Science, Stewardship, 3 Creeks Protected Area...and You!



Some of our watershed science happens quietly – staff and experts collecting samples of environmental DNA (eDNA) to track where fish go at different times of the year. Some of it you probably helped with – much of our science relies on community volunteers. Here’s how this program has been growing:



We held the second annual Kellogg Creek BioBlitz in May 2025. Look for it again in 2026, and we also hope to expand it to 3 Creeks Protected Area.



Students from Milwaukie High School, Rowe Middle School, and Portland Waldorf School are part of the thriving [Kellogg Creek Student Macroinvertebrate Monitoring Program](#), collecting biological indicator data at spots along Kellogg Creek using nonlethal and accurate survey methods developed by Portland State University.



Freshwater mussel surveys began on Kellogg – Mt. Scott Creek with the Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation, and amphibian surveys were conducted in partnership with The Wetlands Conservancy.

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We’re monitoring stream temperature to see how to protect cold-water refugia as summers warm. By looking at temperatures and summer fish distribution information (eDNA data) we pinpointed the importance of Parmenter Ponds as cold water refugia in the middle of summer.



We used a thermal imaging drone to fly our restoration sites and identify cold water springs, which allows us to refine restoration designs to consider climate resiliency in the face of warming summer temperatures.



Toxic Tire Dust (also known as 6PPD-Q) was identified as an emerging threat to our fish populations. We serve on the Steering Committee for the Oregon 6PPD-Q Working Group and submitted a grant application to further study the issue in our watersheds.



With a major floodplain reconnection project being planned at 3 Creeks Protected Area by Clackamas Waters Environment Services, we worked with community members to tour the site and understand how reconnected flood plains both improve habitat and reduce flood risk to people.

Watershed Restoration



- Elk Rock Island Side Channel Project construction (Summer-Fall 2026).
- Partnering with Metro for Mt. Talbert Instream Restoration Project (construction in 2027).
- Fundraising to move Boardman-Willamette Restoration Project forward to 2027 construction.
- Ongoing streamside restoration at Parmenter Ponds, Rinearson Creek, and Kellogg Creek.
- Engaging the community at 3 Creeks Protected Area; The 3 Creeks Floodplain Enhancement Project will be completed by Clackamas WES in Summer/Fall 2026.
- Working with landowners to establish shade and control invasive weeds.

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Watershed Science



- Kellogg Creek Student Macroinvertebrate Monitoring Program.
- Ongoing stream temperature monitoring and analysis of thermal drone data to identify springs and cold water sources.
- Ongoing freshwater mussel monitoring to survey Oregon Floaters in the Kellogg impoundment.
- Launching Toxic Tire Dust (6PPD-Q) mapping study to identify priority sites for stormwater treatment.
- Expanding community science with amphibian surveys and BioBlitz at 3 Creeks Protected Area.
- Informing the Clackamas Partnership's Strategic Action Plan Update to restore salmon and steelhead in the lower Willamette and Clackamas Basins.

What to Look for in 2025-2026

Engagement and Stewardship



- Hands-on watershed restoration and science workshops.
- Stormwater infrastructure education and tours.
- Volunteer stewardship opportunities.
- Producing a new publication on heat and watersheds called "The Heat is On" in English and Spanish.

Taking Care of Business



- Upgrading financial systems and insurance.
- Diversifying funding streams.

Kellogg Creek Restoration & Community Enhancement Project



- Ongoing community engagement and opportunities for community input.
- Final design phase: permit-level design expected Summer 2026.
- Fundraising for construction.

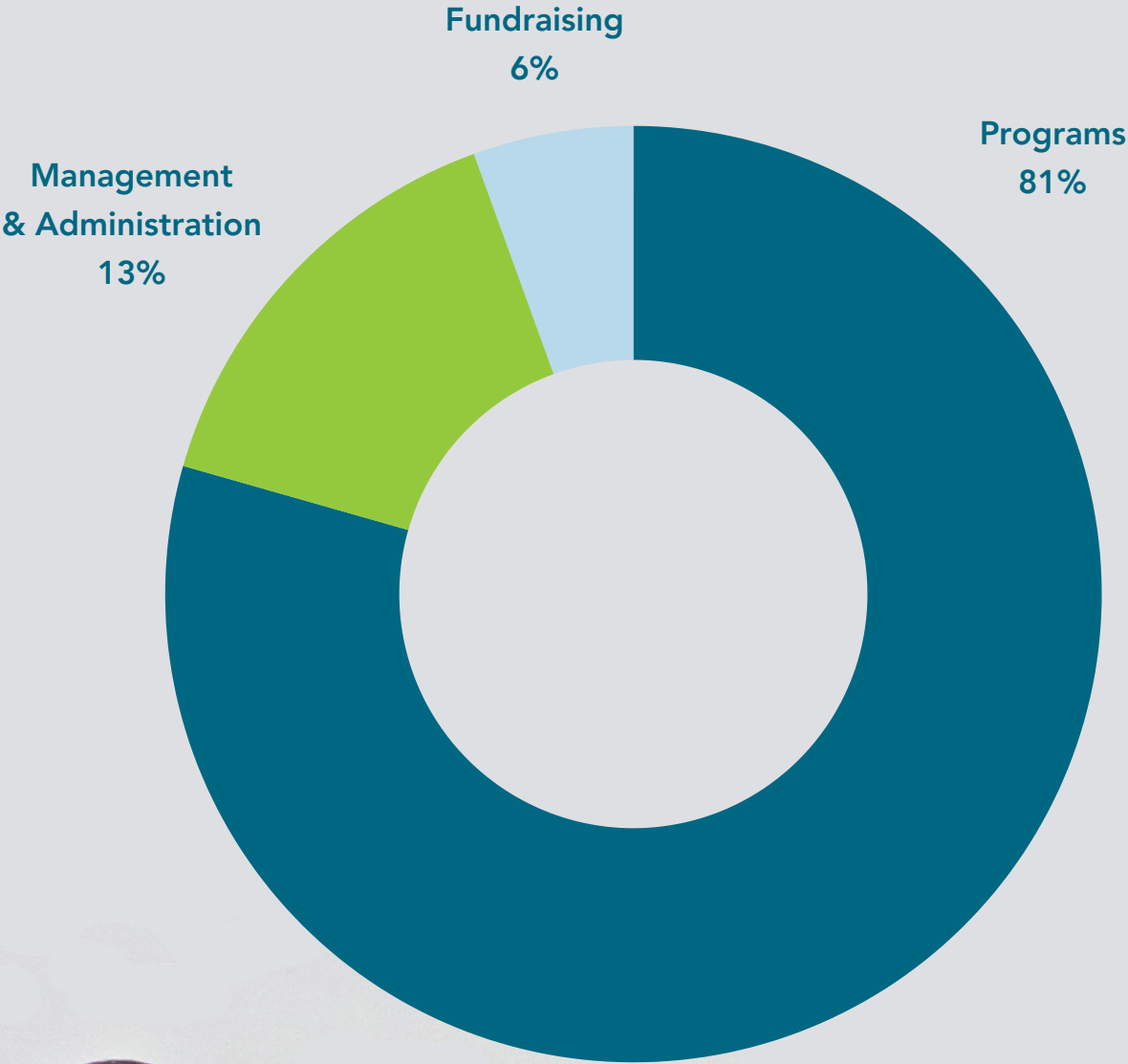
Expenses

Programs
\$1,063,982.08
81%

Management & Administration
\$174,787.95
13%

Fundraising
\$68,556.54
6%

Total
\$1,307,326.57



Revenues

Federal
\$1,077,277.05
58%

Local and State Jurisdictions
\$395,512.84
21%

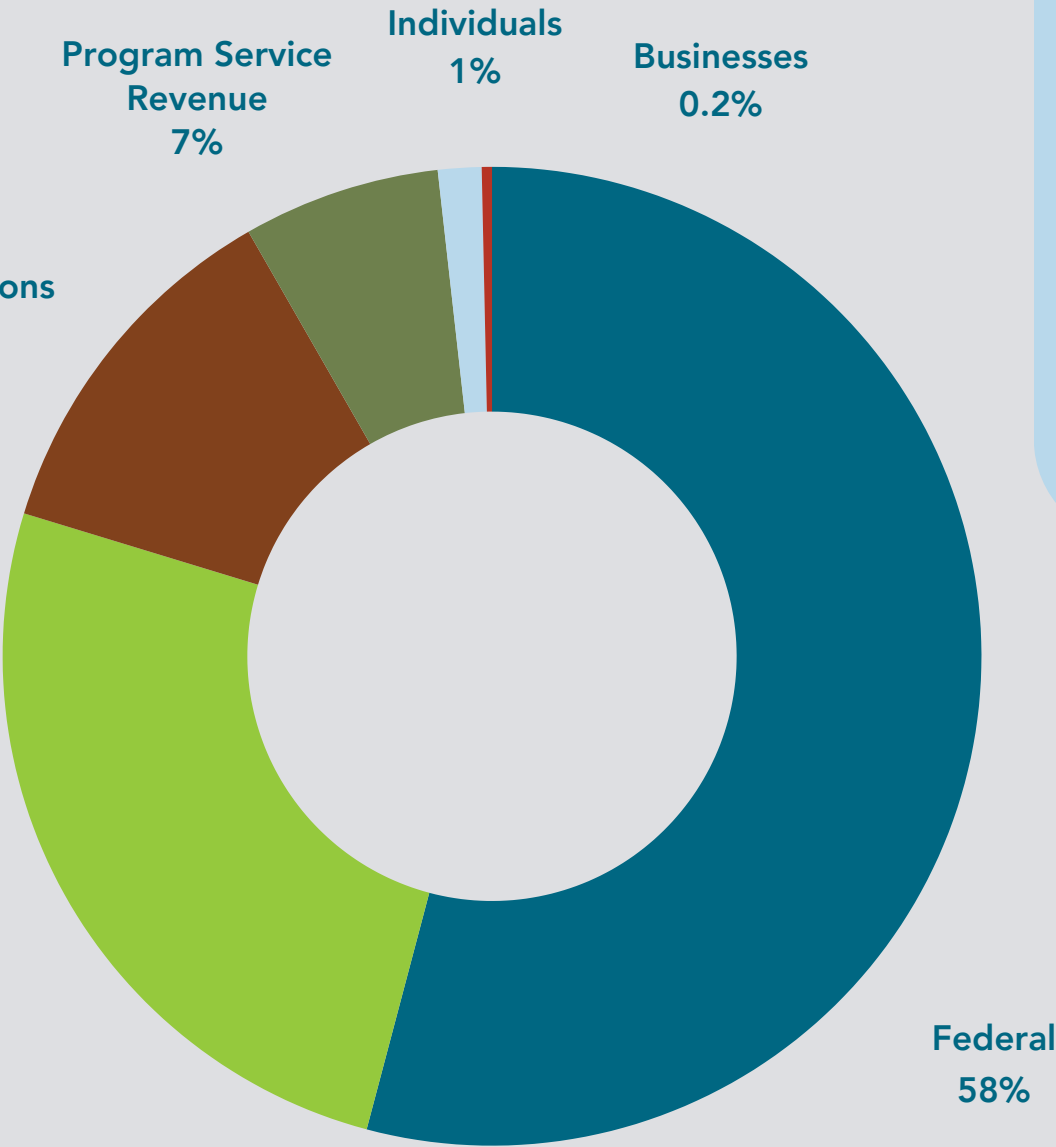
Foundations
\$240,591.12
13%

Program Service Revenue
\$130,795.89
7%

Individuals
\$11,176.00
1%

Businesses
\$3,000.00
0.2%

Total
\$1,858,352.90



Financials 2024-2025



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Our Partners

American Rivers
Bird Alliance of Oregon
The Blueprint Foundation
City of Gladstone
City of Gresham
City of Happy Valley
Clackamas Community College
Clackamas County
Clackamas Partnership
Clackamas River Basin Council
Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde
Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation
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Confluence Environmnental Center
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Educate Ya!
Friends of Spring Park & Elk Rock Island
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Greater Oregon City Watershed Council
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North Clackamas School District
Northwest Steelheaders
Oak Grove Community Council
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Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife
Oregon Deptartment of Transportation
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Unite Oregon
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US Geological Survey
US Senator Ron Wyden
US Senator Jeff Merkley
US Congresswoman Janelle Bynum
Vive Northwest
The Wetlands Conservancy
Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation



Foundations

Gray Family Foundation
Johnny Leuthold Charitable Trust
Mcleod-Ivory Fund of the Charlevoix County Community Foundation
Meyer Memorial Trust
Milwaukie Parks Foundation
PGE Salmon Habitat Support Fund
The Open Rivers Fund, a program of the Resources Legacy Fund supported by the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation
Seeding Justice Foundation
Spirit Mountain Community Fund
William & Irene Finley Charitable Fund

Public Agency Support

City of Milwaukie
Clackamas Soil & Water Conservation District
Clackamas Water & Environment Services
Metro
NOAA Fisheries
Oak Lodge Water Services
Oregon Department of State Lands
Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board
US Fish & Wildlife Service

Businesses

Bob's Red Mill
Cramer Fish Sciences
ESRI ArcGIS
Inter-fluve
Leatherman Tool Group
Sparrowhawk Native Plants
Starbucks Coffee
TechSoup



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