

Molalla River Watch

2017 Annual Report



Mission

Promoting respect & understanding of the Molalla River Watershed through education & conservation for present and future generations.

Our Approach

Education, Trails, Cleanup, Restoration, Outreach, & Surveys.

Molalla River Watershed



Molalla River is the **drinking water source** for Molalla & Canby.

Molalla population in 2014

8,422

Canby population in 2014

17,010

The Molalla River is the Willamette River's **longest undammed tributary**.



Molalla's **spring Chinook salmon & winter steelhead** populations are listed as **threatened** on the Endangered Species Act.

Education



20 Molalla R. High School Environmental Science students learned about forest ecology, native plants, stream aquatic insects, & beaver ponds.

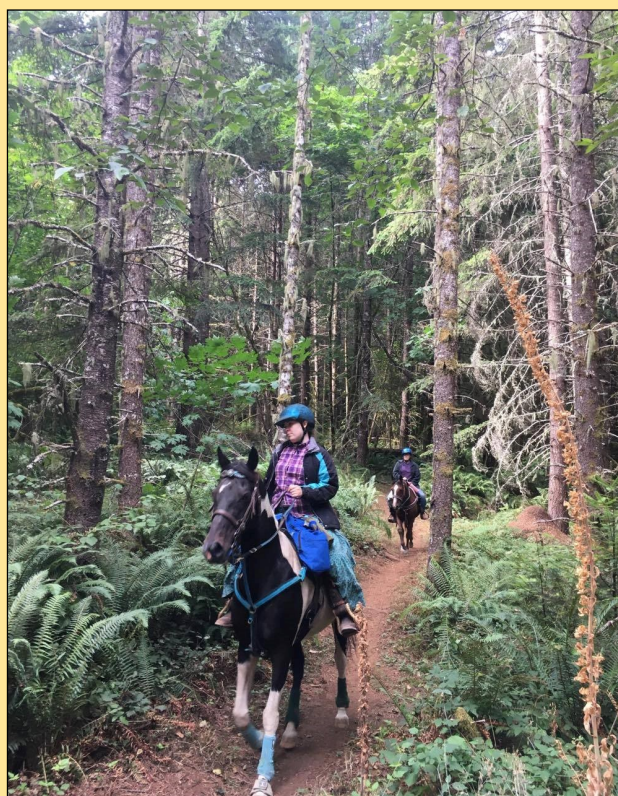


20 Molalla community members learned about native plants from a Clackamas Community biology instructor and aquatic insects beavers from Molalla River Watch staff.



Trails

43 participants and 19 local business & club donors helped raise **\$951 for trail improvements** in the Molalla River Corridor Trail System!



Molalla River Cleanups



2,580 lbs. of trash
picked up

91 native trees
planted in Recreation
Corridor



3,000 ft² invasive
plants cleared



Restoration

MRW continued to remove invasive plants & plant native species on a 2.5 acre riparian streambanks & floodplain project funded by Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board.

Landowner assisted by restoration project, Cindi Buell-



"If we hadn't found out about the resources available through Molalla River Watch, we would have spent years trying to do what they made available to us. The information we have for maintaining a healthier property is making the work we are doing feel much more successful."



Outreach



Hosted **1 community presentation**, published **2 MRW newsletters** for partners & members, & created **numerous Facebook posts** for **277 followers**

Surveys



277 northern red-legged frog & **28** northwestern salamander & **61** chorus frog egg masses, plus **62** adult rough skinned newts observed in Aquila Vista pond in one day!





2017 was our 25th Anniversary! What started as a group of locals concerned about all of the trash dumped into the River, Molalla River Watch has grown to become the watershed council for the entire watershed. We work to improve water quality and restore fish & wildlife habitat by focusing on on-the-ground conservation work.

We believe that the pressure on natural resources in the Watershed is an issue we must all come together to solve. With your support, we will continue to improve the health of the Watershed through education & conservation projects.

Thank you to all of our volunteers, donors, & partners for your continued support! Molalla River Watch would not be 25 years strong without your help.

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Executive Director



Make a Difference in the Molalla River Watershed

Amazing volunteers helped us pick up trash, plant trees, pull weeds, maintain trails, cook for fellow volunteers, & mail out newsletters.

Please contact molallariverwatch@gmail.com to:

- Volunteer with us.
- Make a donation.
- Join our mailing list.