Logistics for Planning Projects in Streams: tools and resources
What is a watershed council?

- **Watershed:**
  1. A region or area bounded peripherally by a water parting and draining ultimately to a particular watercourse or body of water.
  2. An area of land where all the water that drains off of it, or is under it, flows into the same place.
What is a watershed council?

- **COUNCIL:**
  1. an assembly or meeting for consultation, advice or discussion,
  2. a group elected or appointed as an advisory or legislative body,
  3. an executive body whose members are equal in power and authority,
  4. a federation of or a central body uniting a group of organizations
History of Watershed Councils

- Watershed councils are locally organized, voluntary, non-regulatory groups established to improve the condition of watersheds in their local area.
1987: the Governor’s Watershed Enhancement Board is created (GWEB).

1993 - 1995: Separate from GWEB, the Watershed Health Program is established, where the Oregon Legislature dedicated $10 million to establish local watershed councils.

1995: Local governments are established as the entity responsible for recognizing the formation of watershed councils in their community.

1998: The Oregon Constitution is amended to set aside 15% of lottery revenues to be spent equally on acquisition and maintenance of state parks and to support restoration of native salmonids and watersheds.

1997: The Oregon Plan for Salmon and Watersheds is placed into statute.

1999: The Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB) is created as a new state agency to administer the watershed restoration and protection funds made available by Measure 66, and further refined the Oregon Plan for Salmon and Watersheds.

2010: Ballot Measure 76 confirmed that 15% of lottery revenues will continue to be spent on acquisition and maintenance of state parks and to support restoration of native salmonids and watersheds.
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Since 1997, OWEB has invested about $168 million resulting in 2700 jobs and $400 million in total economic activity.

For each $1 OWEB spent, an additional $1.48 is invested by state and federal programs, philanthropic organizations, private landowners and other.
WHY?!

- Non-profit, **NON-REGULATORY**, community/volunteer driven
- Watershed councils are required to represent the interests in the basin and be **BALANCED** in their makeup.
- Watershed councils offer local residents the opportunity to **INDEPENDENTLY EVALUATE** watershed conditions and **IDENTIFY OPPORTUNITIES** to restore or enhance the conditions.
- Through the councils, **PARTNERSHIPS** between residents, local, state and federal agency staff and other groups can be developed. Through these partnerships and the resulting integration and **COORDINATION** of local efforts, the state’s watersheds can be protected and enhanced.
Examples of partnerships

- Watershed councils work with a variety of partners to accomplish a variety of projects.
- Fish Passage
  - Inventories: Salmon SuperHWY, Lower Nehalem Assessment
  - Removal & Replacement
- Road Decommissions/Obliteration
- Fish screening on water in-take
- Riparian plantings (future large wood recruitment)
- Large wood placement
- Invasive plant monitoring and removal
- Education and outreach
Tools available

- Permit help (Army Corp, ODFW, ODF, County, City, etc.)
- Partnerships with other agencies/resources (specialists)
- GRANTS! = the ability to leverage funds
  - State and Federal Grants available to non-profits
    - ODFW R&E
    - OWEB Small Grants
    - US Fish & Wildlife
  - Programatic funds
    - DEQ Supplemental Environmental Program
  - Other foundations
    - Oregon Community Foundation
    - Trout Unlimited
    - Oregon Wildlife Heritage Foundation
  - Etc...
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