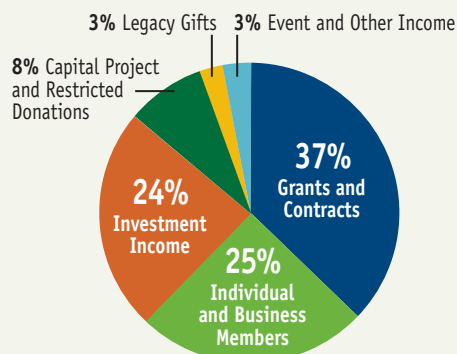




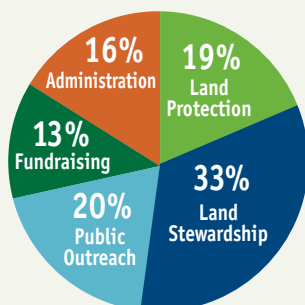
# 2019 Annual Report

## Financials

**2019 INCOME:**  
**\$3,299,506**



**2019 EXPENSES:**  
**\$1,929,250**



*This year was focused on protecting land, making long term investments, and planning for future acquisitions and care for the land. Much of our grant and investment income was restricted for long term stewardship. We will be able to thrive and grow in 2020 thanks to our generous donors who exceeded our expectations!*

*Our detailed and audited financial statements will be available in June.*

### PEOPLE WE CONNECTED IN 2019

Members:	1,192	(+13%)
Volunteer Hours:	6,887	(+10%)
Events Held:	134	(+40%)

You can see a full list of members and supporters at [mckenzieriver.org](http://mckenzieriver.org)

## Your support protected new places in 2019!



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*Because of your generous support we added four properties to our portfolio in 2019 through partnerships, purchases, and a generous legacy gift.*

### Native Oaks Ridge:

Landowners Linda and Doug Carnine, along with the Coast Fork Watershed Council and funding partners, have restored this native oak savannah for wildlife to thrive.

### McKenzie School District Property

(To Be Named): The sale funded college scholarships for high school students in Blue River.

### Bob Griffith Legacy:

Bob Griffith generously gifted 30 acres to MRT in his estate, adding to the rich mammal, bird, amphibian and insect life near the Long Tom River.

### Wren Marsh:

An important purchase on the Siuslaw River will lift several challenges to our estuary restoration plan near Florence, Oregon.



# Connecting others to conservation



WILLAMETTE RESOURCES AND EDUCATIONAL NETWORK

## Leave it to the Beavers

This year we launched our Beaver Believers monitoring program. Dozens of volunteers were trained in a community effort to better understand the benefits of beaver on aquatic systems. These highly engaged volunteers helped report observations of beaver activity. Observations showed that beavers are excellent land managers that reduce fire risk and protect fish habitat.

You can join our team of conservation enthusiasts! Watch for our Beaver Believer training at Green Island on June 20, 2020. Visit [mckenzieriver.org/volunteer](http://mckenzieriver.org/volunteer)

*MRT Volunteer Coordinator Elizabeth Goward leads our Beaver Believers program, made possible through member support.*

## The Wild and Scenic Film Festival

Thanks to our wonderful sponsors, members, and partners, we connected hundreds of people with their local watershed councils and our work during the Wild and Scenic Film Festival hosted by the Upper Willamette Stewardship Network (UWSN). We look forward to hosting the event again in 2020 at the McDonald Theatre on November 19.

The network is comprised of the McKenzie Watershed Council, the Coast Fork Willamette Watershed Council, the Middle Fork Willamette Watershed Council, the Long Tom Watershed Council, and McKenzie River Trust. It was formed to encourage collaboration among conservation agencies in the upper Willamette Valley.



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*Staff from members of the UWSN at the Wild and Scenic Film Festival. With your donations, we can connect more people to conservation in creative ways.*



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## Let it Grow: Shire Campaign Flourishes

The tech industry is blossoming, and so is the opportunity to conserve special lands in our region. In October, 66 people and 8 technology businesses donated over \$34,000 to our 5th annual Silicon Shire for the River campaign! Dozens of tech employees also got out on the land to get their hands dirty giving back. Thanks to all! Learn more at [mckenzieriver.org/shire](http://mckenzieriver.org/shire)

*MRT Board Member and President of MPulse Software Jason Johnson (right) showed great leadership on this campaign to connect the business community to local conservation.*

**CONNECT WITH US! Find out the latest news and event information.**





# Restoring species in western Oregon



## Rare Fish Found in Willamette River

The Oregon chub had not been seen in the mainstem of the Willamette River in over 50 years. In the spring of 2019, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife biologists found hundreds of little Oregon chub in a side channel at Green Island, a McKenzie River Trust conservation property. In the winter of 2020, the side channel was named “Bangs Bend” in honor of biologist Brian Bangs, who was integral in restoring chub populations so that they are no longer endangered.

*Brian Bangs shares about the Oregon Chub, which has recovered thanks in part to our member-funded restoration work.*

## Native Parsley Varietal Shows Signs of Recovery

Bradshaw’s Lomatium, a flower in the parsley family native to western Oregon, is in consideration for being removed from the endangered species list. McKenzie River Trust has been a partner in the recovery of Bradshaw’s Lomatium since 2009, when we purchased a conservation easement near Coyote Creek called Lomatium Prairie.

*Community conservation support helps declining plants make recoveries in restored habitat.*



*Special thanks to our partners in restoring the floodplain at Finn Rock Reach and the donors who made it possible.*

## Finn Rock Reach Prepares for Restoration

We are partnering with the McKenzie Watershed Council, the U.S. Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management for a restoration project on the McKenzie River to help create more spawning ground for salmon and western pond turtle habitat. This project is funded by the generous donors to our McKenzie Homewaters Campaign.





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## Our Vision for 2020

This year our team is focused on huge growth goals, with exciting opportunities for protection coming our way all the time. While the complex nature of our work means we can never be certain of what the future holds, we know there are some big things on the list for 2020.

- We renewed our five-year strategic plan to grow our protection and increase our membership.
- We are studying ways we can be more connected to different groups in our community and learn how to align our conservation goals with community needs.
- We are planning an expansion of our services with a new program manager focused on the Oregon Coast.
- We are in the planning stages for restoration at Finn Rock Reach, Waite Ranch, and Coyote Spencer Wetlands.

These are big goals and bigger possibilities are in consideration. We need your help to sustain our clean waters and beautiful landscapes. **Join us today.**



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## THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR SUPPORTERS!

We can't do our work without the amazing members and businesses who make gifts. See the full list at [mckenzieriver.org/2019-report](http://mckenzieriver.org/2019-report)



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