

Who We Are

The Siuslaw Watershed Council is a non-profit organization dedicated to the restoration, protection and stewardship of the Siuslaw and Coastal Lakes Watersheds. For more than 20 years, since 1995, the Council has worked with a diverse group of landowners, stakeholders, partners, industries and agencies to improve and protect our watershed.



As a community membership organization, we provide an opportunity for local people to plan and participate in the restoration of their watershed. We rely on contributions from individuals, businesses, government agencies, and organizations to continue to expand the success of our projects and programs.

Your membership with the council is crucial – nothing happens without the caring individuals of our community and their support. Our membership reflects the broad range of interests of our community. Our members care about their community, the environment, about the habitat in which we live, and for the fish, wildlife, forests, timberland, cropland, and water quality and quantity of the Siuslaw and Coastal Lakes.



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What is a Watershed?

What exactly is a Watershed? A Watershed is the area of land where all precipitation drains to a common water body, such as a river or lake. Watersheds are not made only of water, but also of land, and what we do on that land affects our rivers, lakes and streams as well as the wildlife and communities that depend on them.



The Siuslaw Watershed Council is not just about land and water, but about our community too. We help landowners fund and carry out conservation and restoration efforts on their land. We form partnerships with industries, government agencies, and organizations to conduct vital research and restoration efforts to improve watershed health, including water quality and native fish populations, through collaborative decision-making processes. We also provide educational opportunities for the community and serve as a valuable informative and referral resource.

Our Council, like many, formed largely to collaborate across jurisdictional lines in standard natural resource management. In Oregon, emphasis has been placed on councils to lead voluntary efforts toward salmon recovery under the Oregon Plan for Salmon and Watersheds.

We're excited to be a part of the Siuslaw Coho Partnership, a group of organizations dedicated to restoring floodplain connectivity, improving water quality and adding native plants to stream sides throughout our watershed.

Working with our partners, we want to involve the local community in active restoration of Coho Salmon habitat and the creation of a resilient landscape for future generations--recognizing the economic benefits of restoration and a healthy coho population.



Our Restoration Projects

- Tidegate and Levee Removal
- Large Wood Debris Stream Placements
- Riparian Planting
- Riparian Fencing
- Culvert Replacements
- Whole Valley Restoration



Our Programs

- Native Plant Distribution
- Water Quality Monitoring
- Aquatic Habitat/Fish Surveys
- Knowles Creek Fish Trap

Outdoor Education & Recreation

- Watershed Gatherings
- Classroom Education
- Outdoor Education
- Exploration Camp
- Restoration Site Tours
- Recreational Opportunities

Join Us!

Your membership, volunteer efforts and generous donations enable us to plan, implement and complete restoration projects within the Siuslaw and Coastal Lakes watersheds that help make our home even more worthy of celebration.

These projects furnish clean water, provide habitat for fish, ensure a healthy and productive forest, and most importantly help us create a more thriving, resilient ecosystem.

Dedicated volunteers are providing greater success in our programs including water quality monitoring, distributing native plants and inspiring youth to be stewards of our natural resources.

Becoming a member has its benefits! <i>Becoming a member brings both benefits and recognition. Your annual membership brings increased visibility to you or your business, demonstrates an investment to the community, and shows a commitment to our efforts for watershed health.</i>					
Benefit Level	Salal	Snow berry	Spruce	Salamander	Salmon
	\$25	\$100	\$250	\$500	\$1000
<i>E-newsletter or B&W Newsletter</i>	*	*	*	*	*
<i>Full-color Newsletter and SWC Postcards</i>		*	*	*	*
<i>Logo T-shirt or Logo Water Bottle</i>			*	*	*
<i>Free Entrance Ticket to a Siuslaw Sponsored Event</i>				*	*
<i>Native Plant and a Private Restoration Tour</i>					*
<i>The Siuslaw Watershed Council is a 501(c)(3) non-profit community organization. All donations are tax deductible to the full extent of the law.</i>					