

LOWER WILLAMETTE

Agricultural Water Quality Management Area

Biennial Review Report to the Board of Agriculture and ODA Director

Submitted by the Local Advisory Committee (LAC)



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AGRICULTURE

Meeting Date: November 14, 2024 (Gresham City Hall, Conf. Room 2A, 1333 NW Eastman Parkway, Gresham)
LAC Members Present: Roy Iwai, Dean Apostel, Martha Mitchell, and Chris Foster
Reporting Timeframe: December 2022 – October 2024

PROGRESS MEASUREMENT		
<i>This was a Light Review; progress toward Measurable Objectives will be reported at the next Full Review.</i>		
Activities of East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District; West Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District; and Clackamas Soil and Water Conservation District	#	Description
Events That Actively Engage Landowners	11	Horsekeeping and Land Management Series Hazelnut Grower Cover Crop Field Day Small Farm School Weather and Climate Data Tools for farm planning Raptor and Beneficial Insects for Pesticide Reduction Soil Health Principles Christmas Tree Grower Cover Crop Field Day Mud, Manure, and Pasture Health – two workshops Riparian Restoration Workshop – two-part series
Landowners Participating in Active Events	472	
Landowners Provided Technical Assistance*	41	Includes email requests for information, erosion prevention, reducing runoff, manure management.
Site Visits	1	Riparian restoration
Conservation Plans Written	3	
Funding Applications Submitted	3	
Funding Applications Awarded	3	3 acres of vegetables converted to drip; 5 acres of nursery converted to drip, 1,100 feet of access road at a nursery; 3 acres of nursery converted to drip

* Number reported likely double counts some landowners due to tracking methods.

LAC DISCUSSION
Summary of Progress
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EMSWCD StreamCare has been successful. • CSWCD riparian video series highlights temperature concerns. • Success in promoting soil health among landowners through workshops and Small Farm School.
Impediments
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No longer monitoring for bacteria in Johnson Creek. • Landowners aren't familiar with Area Rules. • Frustration with lack of progress even with good programs and efforts. • Need to add new members to LAC.
Recommended Modifications and Adaptive Management
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remote and field inventories of bare ground/heavy use inventory in the fall/winter. • Continue to look at pond and ditch vegetation improvements. • Promote soil health; landowners respond positively compared to leading with Area Rules. • Should map and inventory in-channel ponds and inform public about the magnitude of the problem. • Mapping ponds could also be useful to track improvements. • Look at construction prescriptive requirements for erosion control. • Increased effort to recruit new LAC members. • Provide field tours of conservation successes.

ODA COMPLIANCE ACTIVITIES

Location	Cases		Site Visits	Agency Actions				
	New	Closed		Letter of Compliance		Pre-Enforcement Notification	Notice of Noncompliance	Civil Penalty
				Already in compliance	Brought into compliance			
Outside SIA	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	0
Within SIA	N/A							