



East Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District

Vision

Our lands and waters are healthy and sustain farms, forests, wildlife, and communities.

Mission

We help people care for land and water.

The **East Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District** (EMSWCD), located in northwestern Oregon, is a non-regulatory government agency that operates within Multnomah County east of the Willamette River. The EMSWCD provides technical, capacity, and financial assistance to landowners, land managers, and other residents to help establish and maintain healthy ecosystems, with a particular focus on soil, water, and natural habitats. This **Annual Brief** highlights the major accomplishments for FY16-17 (July through June) and the major plans for FY17-18. A detailed annual report for FY16-17 and annual work plan for FY17-18 are available on request or through the EMSWCD website.

EMSWCD At-a-Glance ¹	
Residents	> 700,000
Service area in acres	~ 230,000
Major watersheds	Columbia, Sandy, & Willamette Rivers
Board members	8
Staff	20 FTEs; 2 seasonal/PTEs
Budget ²	\$14,193,606

¹ As of September 2017.

² Budget revenues include tax revenues, capital funds, and reserves. Budget includes approximately \$3.38M for operations, and \$10.8M in obligated grant funds, land protection funds, contingency funds, and unappropriated funds held in reserve.

Rural Lands

With goals to improve water quality and native habitat, Rural Lands staff provide technical advice to rural land owners, restore riparian habitats, and control the spread of noxious weeds. The focus for landowner consultations in FY17-18 will continue to be assisting livestock and nursery owners. Habitat restoration along streams, via the StreamCare

Accomplishments July '16 – June '17	Planned Activities July '17 – June '18
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Removed 3 culverts on North Fork Johnson Creek improving fish passage.Cared for ~710 acres of natural habitat extending along 25 miles of streams.Treated ~1,100 acres of invasive weed species.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Complete 5-year program plans.Focus outreach in ODA Ag water quality focus area.Identify and implement erosion prevention demonstration projects.Maintain existing StreamCare sites and assess new tributaries to add to program.Maintain existing noxious weed sites and prevent new weed species from becoming established.

Program, will continue to concentrate on Beaver Creek, Johnson Creek, Big Creek, and Smith Creek, while evaluating opportunities in other watersheds. Noxious weed control has targeted, and will continue to target, English ivy, false brome, garlic mustard, knotweed, old man's beard, and spurge laurel.

Urban Lands

The Urban Lands staff lead workshops, provide technical assistance, and undertake demonstration projects and public events, such as native landscaping tours and a native plant sale. Beginning last year and continuing this year, staff are working on stormwater efforts within the large-scale, demonstration project at Mount Hood Community College (MHCC) to improve water quality, decrease water use, and improve native habitat.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">Held or participated in 78 outreach and education events, reaching over 6,300 constituents with messaging about sustainable urban landscapes.Formally launched the MHCC project.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Complete 5-year program plan.Complete implementation of prioritized projects for MHCC campus demonstration project.Provide at least 46 sustainable landscape workshops, and at least 80 technical consultations.

Conservation Legacy

The Conservation Legacy staff implement the Land Legacy Program, Grants Program, and Headwaters Farm Program. The Land Legacy Program helps protect agricultural, natural resource, and access to nature lands. The Grants Program provides funding to external entities. The Headwaters Farm Program primarily serves as a farm incubator, helping new farmers and farm businesses get established through a four-year program.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursued protection of three farms, and purchased a one-acre property to consolidate into Headwaters Farm. Committed to providing nearly \$1.2M in grants to private organizations, public agencies, businesses and individuals for conservation-related projects. Assisted 14 new farm businesses take root through the Headwaters Incubator Program (HIP). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete 5-year program plans. Evaluate at least five agricultural properties for protection. Evaluate at least one natural area and one access to nature area protection opportunity. Provide grant funding to external entities for conservation projects and events. Evaluate at least 10 new applicants to become HIP farmers; accept 2-5 new farmers for 2018 growing season.

Finance & Operations

Finance and Operations staff focus on the administrative aspects of the EMSWCD's work, including board and committee management, budgeting and financial management, contracting, human resources, office management, facilities management, and marketing and media.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Represented Oregon Association of Conservation Districts on Governor's work group on working lands protection. Established 25-year partnership agreement with Multnomah Grange. Recruitment and onboarding of 2 new staff. Managed previous year's budget audit and next year's budget development. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete new EMSWCD 2018-2022 Strategic Plan. Undertake equity training and develop organizational equity plan. Coordinate and host 12 board and 16 committee meetings. Manage previous year's budget audit and next year's budget development.



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