



## Board Briefing Book February 2022

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## Meeting Agenda:

### Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

February 17, 2022 **9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

Microsoft Teams Meeting: [Link to Join](#)

- 9:30 Review of Agenda  
*Review & Approval of November 18, 2021 meeting record*
- 9:35 Executive Director Updates  
*Written Report – follow up*  
*Grants Update, Pending and Received*
- 9:45 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding- overview, potential project list
- 10:00 Board Development Committee Workshop
- Board Recruitment
  - Board Orientation
- 11:00- Break  
11:10
- 12:00 Close Board Development Committee Workshop – Resume Regular Board Meeting
- Board Meeting Calendar – Confirm September, November, February, and May for 22/23 meeting dates
  - [Form 990s](#) need to be completed and returned
  - Future Topics of Interest to Board?
- 12:15 General Remarks from Board Members
- 12:30 Adjourn meeting

### Upcoming Meetings

**Board of Directors:** May 19, 2022

**Executive Committee:** May 5, 2022

## Prior Meeting Record for Approval:

### Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership

### Board Meeting Record

Thursday, November 18, 2021 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Estuary Partnership Offices

**Voting Members Present:** Jane Bacchieri, Hillary Barbour, Rich Doenges, Tabitha Reeder, Susan Holveck, Kessina Lee, Matt Jones

**Ex Officio Members Present:** Mary Lou Soscia, John Netto, Dean Marriott, Yvonne Vallette

**Presiding Officer:** Susan Holveck

**Staff Present:** Elaine Placido, Madeline Marucha, Catherine Corbett, Paul Kolp, Chris Collins, Erinne Goodell, Curtis Helm, Jasmine Zimmer-Stucky, Sam Dumont

#### Introduction and Review of Agenda

Susan Holveck called the meeting to order.

**Action: None Required.**

#### Review and Approval of September 16, 2021 Meeting Record

**Action: Approved.**

#### Executive Director Update

**Communications Report.** Elaine Placido discussed recent and upcoming media coverage of LCEP, including her op-ed published in *The Reflector* and a November 22 planting that will be attended by news media.

**Funding Update.** Elaine updated the Board on pending grants as well as the upcoming funding from the new federal infrastructure bill.

**Office Update.** Elaine gave updates on the status of the office move. LCEP has signed contracts with All Service Movers and will be moving on December 20-27.

**Strategic Direction Launch Report.** Elaine updated the Board on the recently completed public launch of the 3-year strategic direction.

**Action: None Required.**

#### Executive Committee Report

**Audit Report.** Elaine Placido gave an update on the recent audit; the auditors found no issues.

**Finance Policy Update.** Elaine let the Board know that LCEP has updated its credit cards to increase the limits Administrative Assistant's and Community Programs Director's cards and decrease the Executive Director's limit.

**Action: None Required.**

#### Steigerwald Update, Chris Collins and Curtis Helm

Chris Collins gave a presentation on the current status of the Steigerwald project, including the recent successful flooding of Gibbons Creek and photographs of the project at different stages of the work.

Curtis Helm presented on the biology, history, and cultural significance of the wapato plant, and its importance to our planting projects.

**Action: None Required.**

**DEI 3-Year Strategy, Elaine Placido and Erinne Goodell**

Elaine Placido and Erinne Goodell presented the 3-year DEI strategy to the Board. It has gone through several stages of revisions based on feedback from LCEP staff and the DEI Steering Team. The strategy sets direction for both internal workplace culture and our work with external partners. The Board voted to implement the 3-year DEI strategy.

**Action: Approved.**

**Other Business**

**Jane Bacchieri.** Jane Bacchieri announced that she will be leaving her position at the City of Portland. She and Elaine Placido will discuss what this will mean about her future involvement with the Board.

**Action: None Required.**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Submitted by: Jane Bacchieri, Secretary

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Next Meeting: [February 17, 2022](#)

## Executive Director's Report:

### Strategic Direction:

- Goal One - *The Lower Columbia River and the ecosystems and communities it supports are healthy and thriving* - objectives are complete.
- Goal Two - *People throughout the region view the river as a living system and tend to it as they would to their own family* - workgroup is working on objectives this week.
- Goal Five – *Create and support a workplace culture that is inclusive, flexible, and values transparent communication* - DEI is workgroup is working on objectives next week.

### Team Updates:

#### Community Programs/Ed Team:

- The Ed Team returned to in person work with schools, despite covid related restrictions and setbacks. The team led a series of field trips at Salmon Creek, Burnt Bridge Creek, and Steigerwald.
- The team also continued to support schools whose students couldn't meet in person by offering our online lessons, science kits and library of loanable tools and materials.
- This fall (September through December 2021) the Educators provided in-person classroom and field programs to:
  - 31 Teachers
  - 33 Classrooms
  - 30 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms
  - 3 high school classes
  - 831 students
  - 24 field trips
- The fall Volunteer Planting season has wrapped up and we've begun implementing our winter events. Those dates are all available [on our website](#). The next events will be at sites along Salmon Creek, Burnt Bridge Creek and at the Woodin Creek in Battle Ground.
- Burnt Bridge Creek: We are ranked high on Ecology's draft Water Quality Funding list for a project to develop restoration alternatives and preliminary designs for the 45-acre lower BBC floodplain. The project uses an existing LCFRB-Clark County Clean Water Restoration fund as match.
- Stormwater work:
  - The Baker Bay stormwater project is moving along, A large design/engineering contract was signed with KPFF, and we have submitted our first invoice to the City of Ilwaco/Ecology.
  - The Grattix Box project is on hold while we hire a new Stormwater Project Manager.
  - Our City of Portland % for Green stormwater retrofit project with the Mittleman Jewish Community Center continues to be on hold while we wait on the City contracting process.
  - The Rainier Retrofit project (funded by a DEQ SEP) is moving along – initial designs have been created.
- Big Canoes:

- The Big Canoes are in storage at Zidell Yards along the South Waterfront. Later this winter we'll move them out for some minor repair work in advance of the paddling season.
- We have secured (but not yet contracted) funding from the City of Portland to do 8 Portland Harbor focused paddles with community partners this summer. We'll do another 4 paddles with the Blueprint Foundation through the same funding source (a grant Blueprint received).
- We applied for another OSMB grant to do more summer paddles. Funding decision will come in April.
- From the Team:
  - Our late winter and early spring school programs are underway, and we are thrilled to find the restrictions shifting in schools so that more classrooms are willing and able to participate. We are excited for our busy next few months!
  - We are taking note of the social and emotional benefits for students who participate in our programs and realizing that this has is particularly important during this pandemic impacted time. Our exciting, hands-on, and experiential programs help inspire confident, engaged, and enthusiastic learners who then feel more positive about school. We will be reflecting on this program strength and considering more ways to highlight and expand on the social/emotional benefits of hands-on science and outdoor learning.

#### Science Team:

##### *Steigerwald:*

- Schedule:
  - Trail construction and revegetation ongoing through April. Seeding is complete.
  - Refuge reopens May 1. Ceremony on May 7.
  - Refuge closed again in August and early Sept. All remaining construction completed during this time.
  - In-fill planting and spot spraying will continue over the next 2-3 years.
- Construction summary:
  - Plantings:
    1. Nursery deliveries ~75% complete.
    2. ~60% complete with installation of cuttings (willows and cottonwoods).
    3. Installation of bare root plants starts early Feb.
  - Base course is down for roughly 2/3 of trail. Bridges now usable. Focused on finishing trail, signage, fencing, parking lot, etc.
  - The team (including USFWS) developed a project punch list and identified the subset of items that must be completed for the reopening.
- Other:
  - Sarah K., Curtis L., Ian Machan (Murraysmith), and Chris C. presented a session on Steigerwald at the River Restoration NW (RRNW) conference earlier this month.

- Many thanks as always to EP staff (Doug, Curtis, Chris S., and Alvey) for the solid field work during cold, wet conditions and to Jasmine and Erinne for leading the charge on the reopening. Also, to our contractors (Rotschy, Ash Creek Forest Management, and R. Franco).
- Active Restoration work continues at nine different sites:
  1. Horsetail Creek Phase 2 (native plant establishment at phases 1 and 2 locations)
  2. Ridgefield Pits
  3. Mason Creek
  4. Dyer Creek and adjacent EF Lewis River
  5. Woodard Creek
  6. Steigerwald
  7. EF Lewis River Thermal Assessment
  8. MCNA
  9. La Center Phase II
- Ridgefield Pits- The goal of the project is to correct legacy mining in the lower East Fork Lewis River and restore more than 3- miles of the river. In 2021 we completed Preliminary Designs for the Ridgefield Pits and adjacent East Fork Lewis River. To complete Preliminary Designs, we worked with 20-member Technical Oversight Group and community members. In 2022 and 2023 we will be completing Final Designs. Link to Preliminary Design Report- <http://s458607291.onlinehome.us/FTP/RidgefieldPits/Deliverables/EF%20Lewis%20Ridgefield%20Pits%20Prelim%20Design%20Report%20%20V1.pdf>
- Mason Creek- We are working with Clark County to restore more than 1 mile of habitat along Mason Creek and the East Fork Lewis River. We will be completing preliminary designs in 2022 and hope to go to construction in 2024.
- Dyer Creek- The goal of the project is to remove more than 500 ft. of rip-rap, restore fish passage to Dyer Creek and improve habitat conditions. We will be completing preliminary designs in 2022 and hope to go to construction in 2024.
- Woodard Creek - In partnership with the USFS completed construction in 2021 as part of Phase 1 restoration efforts in Upper Woodard Creek. Revegetation efforts will conclude in spring 2022. Working on design efforts for Phase 2. Link shows helicopter activities related to using trees to improve habitat in the creek- <http://s458607291.onlinehome.us/FTP/gorge%20sites/WoodardCr/movies/>
- EF Lewis River Thermal Assessment – The Science Team collected temperature data on 10 miles of the East Fork Lewis River and validated aerial thermal infrared imagery. We are working with a Technical Oversight Group (TOG) to help guide identification and selection of future restoration actions and locations. Link provides information from our first presentation to the TOG. [http://s458607291.onlinehome.us/FTP/EF\\_Thermal/EF\\_Thermal\\_Kickoff\\_Meeting\\_102721\\_condensed\\_final.pptx](http://s458607291.onlinehome.us/FTP/EF_Thermal/EF_Thermal_Kickoff_Meeting_102721_condensed_final.pptx)
- Multnomah Channel Natural Area (MCNA)- The goal of the project is to restore natural hydrology to over 300 acres of floodplain along Multnomah Channel and improve fish access and to preserve native aquatic species. We are working with Metro Parks and Recreation to finalize our Feasibility Investigation.



- La Center Wetlands Phase II- The goal of the project is to reconnect floodplains to the East Fork Lewis River to allow fish access and to preserve native aquatic species. We are working with Clark County and private landowners to finalize designs.
- The Monitoring Team - Major Fall/Winter projects include:
  - Fieldwork continues – Steigerwald winter monitoring, MCNA data logger maintenance, monthly CCSWCD water quality monitoring
  - Ecosystem Monitoring (EMP) and Action Effectiveness Monitoring (AEM) data processing, QA/QC, and coordination with research partners for our upcoming spring reports
  - Integrating Tableau Data Management and Analysis software into our workflow to institute better data management practices and streamline workflows. This software also allows for more streamlined data sharing with partners. We aim to create interactive dashboards that provide general statistical analysis reports for our upcoming reports this spring. An example is the one we made for MCNA: [\(link\)](#)
  - Kicked off another OWEB grant which is funding our Columbia County Water Quality Monitoring in partnership with the Columbia County Soil and Water Conservation district – see more about this work in this [video](#) and the last report [here](#).
  - Dr. Kidd presented an EMP and AEM program update at the OR American Fisheries Society 2022 Annual Conference – below a link to the ppt for more information.
    - [PDF](#)

#### Communications & Outreach:

- Year-end campaign raised \$8,309 from 38 donors, exceeding the goal of \$5,000. Also, an increase over previous years.
- Our [top performing post](#) on Facebook was of a spawned-out salmonid in the Gibbons alluvial fan at Steigerwald, which reached more than 11,400 people and got 830 engagements.
- Our top performing post on Instagram was the advertisement for our Stormwater Project Manager, which reached 543 people and got 48 engagements.
- Our [top tweet](#) was for the education team’s Explore Salmon Creek map, with 3,648 impressions. The top [tweet we were mentioned in](#) was from @NOAAHabitat for Veterans Day featuring Chris Sutherland.
- We are preparing for the [Earth Day Oregon](#) fundraising campaign and seeking business partners.
- Media mentions are included below.

#### Office Move:

- We moved into our new office space in the last week of December. However, most staff are working remotely due to the Omicron spike.
- Electrical work is complete in the suite. Contractors have finished installing a new sink and under-cabinet lighting in the lab space. Work to install a new door in our conference room suite and work on the flooring is being completed this week.

- Teams are working to unpack and organize storage space and equipment, and we are working with an organizational consultant to find the best storage solutions.

#### DEI:

- The DEI 3-Year Strategy has been inserted into the Strategic Direction as Goal #5. A cross-functional team will begin work on it in the coming weeks.
- The DEI book club discussed *The Overstory* by Richard Powers. Sam Dumont led the discussion in which six staff and Board members participated. The next books are:
  - [Between the World and Me](#) by Ta-Nehisi Coates
  - [After Nature: A Politics for the Anthropocene](#) by Jedediah Purdy
  - [Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria?](#) By Beverly Daniel Tatum
- At the January All-Staff meeting the DEI Team hosted a conversation with Theresa Gaddy from Eco Trust to talk about building partnerships and collaboration.

#### Executive Director's Work:

- Participated in multiple conversations with leadership of the Confluence Project about increased collaboration particularly at Sandy River Delta.
- Worked with our IT consultant to transition to a Teams phone service, eliminating the old land lines.
- Met with staff from Senator Merkley's office.
- Participated in five ANEP External Affairs Committee meetings
- Participated in three ANEP Board meetings.
- Completed 25 Coaching Meetings with staff for the annual PE process.
- Participated in a Vancouver Lake Steering Committee meeting.
- Joined the Pacific Northwest Aquatic Monitoring Partnership, PNAMP, as a Steering Committee member.
- Participating in the Board Development Committee work.
- Presentations to the Clark County Board of Commissioners and the Clark County Clean Water Commission both set for March.

#### Personnel Updates:

- We will be hosting two VetsWork Field Techs as planned, but we will be recruiting a new Field Technician for the work assigned to the East Fork Lewis River. That recruitment will begin in the next few weeks, and we will ask Board members to amplify that posting. Sarah Russo will return and will be assigned to the Ed Team and working primarily with the Community Programs Restoration Ecologist. This is an exceptional partnership with NOAA.
- We will be reposting the Ed Team manager position in early February.
- A Technical Contracts Specialist candidate has been selected. Josie Thompson began work with us on February 7, and she is supporting the Science Team with administrating contracts and grants.
- Aaron Guffey has accepted the Stormwater Project Manager position. Aaron has most recently spent 16 years with the East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District. His official start date is still to-be-determined, but it will likely be in early-mid March.

- We anticipate hiring at least one new position to support the BIL funded projects, likely a Research Technician or Research Scientist, to work with the Monitoring Team. Their work has grown substantially, and all three members of the Team are fully allocated, so a limited duration employee for BIL funded projects or back fill on existing work is necessary.
- We also expect to hire a summer field technician and summer recreation leaders, our regular summer hiring of early career professionals.

## Executive Committee Report:

### Summary of Actions – Executive Committee:

- The Executive Committee heard background and recommendations on a COLA for 2023 (July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023). The Committee motioned and approved a 4% COLA for all eligible employees beginning on July 1, 2022.
- The Executive Committee heard background and recommendations on an up to 3% Periodic Salary Increase for eligible employees who are not at or beyond the top of their salary scale. The Executive Committee approved the Executive Director’s recommendation, effective July 1, 2022.
- The Executive Committee directed the Executive Director to complete a salary survey this spring.
- The Executive Committee formally impaneled the Board Development Committee. Serving on the Committee will be Rian Sallee, Irma Lagomarsino, Tabitha Reeder, and Elaine Placido. Jane Bacchieri will also be joining the Committee.

## Funding Update:

[Bipartisan Infrastructure Law](#) – the BIL is providing significant funding throughout the region through a wide variety of potential programs, it also included specific language to fund Infrastructure related projects at the NEPs over the next five years. The NEP specific funding results in an additional \$915,000 to each NEP, annually, for the next five years. These are the assumptions we’re working under when preparing our workplans and budgets for approval:

- We need to see measurable outcomes by Fall 2022 – we have a suite of project types that can yield big impacts in a very short amount of time, including some potential non-motorized boat access point construction, small storm water projects, school yard depave projects. We would ideally fit those smaller projects in alongside the work that we will initiate on large, multi-year monitoring and restoration projects.
- There is no match required.
- The funds could be in region in the coming 60 days, and we need to be prepared to submit a workplan for approval as soon as possible. I am currently working on a separate workplan and budget for these funds, so we can move as soon as we’re given the green light to do so.
- These EPA funds for the BIL cannot be comingled with other funds and we are expecting to need to submit separate workplans for approval, provide rigorous and separate reports that show outcomes on a larger array of metrics than are in our current annual reporting requirements.

Our current working menu of projects for year one includes:

- Inventory of Carbon Sequestration Potential Phase 1: The project will work to identify the potential for different habitat types (open water, mudflat, low emergent marsh, high marsh, scrub-scrub) found within reference (natural undisturbed or minimal anthropogenic influence) and restored wetlands to release methane and/or sequester carbon. The Estuary Partnership will work with OHSU – to first purchase, install and test equipment at two sites and begin testing our methods. The results will inform our second and third years of this project.
- Ridgefield Pits/Daybreak Pits: The project will see final design, permitting, procurement for this large-scale restoration project. The LCFRB is funding a large portion of this project but the additional BIL funding allows for the project footprint to grow. During year one the focus will be on outreach, stakeholder, and political support, permitting, and design. Construction is anticipated to commence in 2024/25.
- Upper Gibbons Creek Watershed Restoration/Stormwater (Mable Kerr Park/Gibbons Creek): This project will collect baseline data; develop concept and 30% design and host stakeholder meetings. The project will be coordinated between Restoration Team, Stormwater, and Community Programs. During year one the focus will be on stakeholder outreach, collecting baseline data, design, and permitting.
- Woodard Creek: This project will encompass the completion of 30% design, stakeholder coordination, and initial permitting.
- Cold Water Refuge Pilot 60% Design: This project will serve as match (only if needed) for OWEB and EMSWCD; 30 to 60% design stage, permit applications. It will also fund additional modeling, data collection, and stakeholder outreach as needed.

- Depave and small stormwater projects: These projects will be reflective of the small scale, community focused projects to depave school yards or identify and construct small stormwater retrofit projects.
- Complete signage for the water trail: This project will install wayfinding signage for the water trail throughout the lower Columbia.
- Improved non-motorized boat access at points along the water trail: This project will build upon early design work and fund the permitting and construction of non-motorized boat access points.

Funding Report- Proposals submitted (active), proposals awaiting award announcements, contracts signed, and proposals not selected for funding.

July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 - Updated as of 2/8/2022				
Pending Awards:	Project Name:	Grant Request \$	Project Type:	Status:
LCFRB-CCCWRF	Burnt Bridge Creek Stormwater Project Phase 2	\$ 115,125.00	Riparian planting/student education	Grant funded. In contracting phase.
City of Portland BES (% For Green Program)	Mittleman Jewish Community Center Stormwater Project	\$ 71,942.83	Stormwater retrofit	Grant funded. In contracting phase.
City of Portland BES (Portland Harbor Community)	Portland Harbor Community Group Paddles	\$ 11,964.00	Portland Harbor Big Canoe paddles	Grant funded. In contracting phase.
WA Ecology Clean Water Act Section 319 Program	Burnt Bridge Creek Water Quality, Education, and Restoration Project	\$103,582	Utilizes and LCFRB-CCCWRF planting and wq education grant as match for a restoration feasibility study on lower BBC	Funded, awaiting contracts.
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation - NFWF	Bay to Bay Community Hazards Program	\$ 259,888.11	Outreach and resilience - nature based flood control	Funded, awaiting contracts.
		\$ 562,501.94		
Active Applications:	Project Name:	Grant Request \$	Project Type:	Status:
BIL- EPA	BIL - Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Projects	\$915,000	Monitoring, Community Outreach & Education	Awaiting Guidance, in workplan development
OSMB	Community onwater paddling and safety project	\$23,280	Paddling	Awaiting Decision- Spring 2022
East Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District	Cold Water Refuge Pilot Enhancement Technique Design and Permitting	\$83,057	Design/Permitting for cold water refuge with paddling component	Spring 2022
OWEB	Technical Assistance - Cold Water Refuge engineering design	\$74,996	Technical Assistance	Awaiting Decision- Spring 2022
Camas Washougal Community Chest	Student Outdoor Science Program	\$10,000	Work with students	Spring 2022
Floodplains by Design - Ridgefield Pits	Lower East Fork Floodplain Reclamation	\$7,557,657	Floodplain Restoration	Spring 2022
OWEB/SWCD	Monitoring	\$ 25,094.00	WQ Monitoring	Revisions Submitted.
		\$8,689,084		
Signed Agreements:	Project Name:	Funding Total	Project Type:	Status:
BPA Steigerwald Capital FY22	Steigerwald Capital (increases current funding to \$23.5m)	\$ 2,500,000.00	Restoration/Capital	Contract Executed
BPA Hab Coordination (FY 22/23)	Project Review Committee for BPA	\$ 96,571.00	Coordination	Contract Executed
BPA Hab (FY 22/23)	Restoration	\$ 900,470.00	Restoration	Contract Executed
BPA Monitoring (FY 22)	Monitoring	\$ 1,114,013.00	Monitoring	Contract Executed
One Tree Planted/Promise the Pod	BEF Planting Reimbursement grant at Horsetail	\$ 4,000.00	Restoration	Contract Executed
City of Rainier (DEQ-SEP Settlement)	Rainier Stormwater Retrofit	\$ 27,346.00	Stormwater retrofit	Contract Executed
WA Base	WA Base	\$ 264,000.00	Base Funding	Contract Executed
OWEB/SWCD	Monitoring	\$ 25,094.00	WQ Monitoring	Contract Executed
One Tree Planted	Salmon Creek	\$ 14,400.00	Riparian planting	Contract Executed
OWEB	Oregon Base	\$ 330,000.00	Base Funding	Contract Executed
BEF	Planting at Steigerwald	\$213,075	Planting 284,000 plants at Steigerwald phase 3	Contract Executed
LCFRB	Ridgefield Pits	\$ 295,796	Project design	Contract Executed
		\$ 5,784,765.00		
Not Selected for Funding:	Project Name:	Requested Total:	Project Type:	Status:
Rose Foundation Columbia River Fund	Horsetail Creek Thermal Enhancement Pilot Project	\$ 37,722.41	Pilot Project - 60% Design	Not selected. Moved this project to BIL funding slate
		\$ 37,722.41		

## Proposals in progress:

A variety of Proposals are in various stages of development, including:

- TLC: Tracking Toxics in the lower Columbia (CRBRA) - A proposal to partner with USGS to initiate the implementation of our toxic contaminant monitoring program for the main stem lower Columbia. We have also had good conversations with the NCWA about how to support each other's work and have entered a collaborative and supportive role with each other's proposed projects.
- Ridgefield Pits Floodplains by Design (Ecology)- A proposal to support recovery of nine abandoned instream gravel pits Ridgefield Pits and approximately 3-miles of mainstem EF Lewis River
- Ridgefield Pits Targeted Investment Program (State of Washington Recreation & Conservation Office)- A proposal to support recovery of nine abandoned instream gravel pits. The proposal will complement the Ecology proposal.
- Mason Creek (State of Washington Recreation & Conservation Office)- A proposal to support final design and construction activities.
- Woodard Creek F (State of Washington Recreation & Conservation Office)- A proposal to support final design and construction activities.
- Fish Passage Barrier Assessment State of Washington Recreation & Conservation Office) - A proposal to assess fish passage barriers within the study area of the Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board.



## Communications:

### Media coverage:

- The latest issue of Treeline from by Bonneville Environmental Foundation features a discussion of wapato at Steigerwald: [http://www.b-e-f.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/BEF\\_Watersheds\\_newsletter202201\\_v2.pdf](http://www.b-e-f.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/BEF_Watersheds_newsletter202201_v2.pdf)
- Our photo was used in an article for the Clark County Clean Water Restoration Fund on Public News Service: <https://www.publicnewsservice.org/2021-12-27/water/seven-years-on-columbia-river-benefits-from-water-pollution-lawsuit/a77035-1>

### Seven Years On, Columbia River Benefits from Water Pollution Lawsuit



The Clark County Clean Water Restoration Fund distributed nearly \$4.5 million to 25 projects on the Columbia River. (Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership)

- Portland Monthly called out our MLK Day volunteer events: <https://www.pdxmonthly.com/news-and-city-life/how-to-volunteer-mlk-jr-day-portland>
- The Columbian used a photo from one of our events



Francisco Flores of Amazon, center, joins fellow volunteers as they plant native trees on Monday morning during the Martin Luther King Day of Service at Meadowbrook North. Over 50 volunteers came out to the event hosted by the Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership, which was aimed at restoring native habitat and improving water quality of Burnt Bridge Creek in Vancouver. Over 300 trees were planted. (Amanda Cowan/The Columbian)