



Lower Columbia
Estuary
Partnership

2023 BRIEFING REPORT for our federal delegation

In 2021-2022, the Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership raised **\$17.80 for every \$1 federal dollar** invested from the National Estuary Program.

The Estuary Partnership leveraged this investment to generate **\$12.4 million** to support our local economies in Oregon and Washington:

- improving water quality
- restoring habitat for salmon & other species
- supporting jobs in the restoration economy
- educating students and engaging community members to care for their watershed
- bringing together diverse stakeholders to tackle the big issues facing our estuary.

\$700,000
The Big
Impact

352 JOBS
created



\$12.4 MILLION
leveraged



OF YOUR 2021 FEDERAL
NATIONAL ESTUARY
PROGRAM INVESTMENT

3,900+ PEOPLE
engaged



376,934 TREES
planted



Our Economic Impact

The Federal National Estuary Program appropriation is essential seed money that allows us to raise millions of dollars for the region, restore ecosystems, protect water quality, support local businesses and industries, and coordinate efforts across the region.

Since 1999, the Estuary Partnership has raised over **\$93.5 million in cash for the region** and created **1,914 local, family wage jobs**. With the economic multiplier, this is a total impact of **\$177.65 million**.

\$17.80 : \$1
NEP funds
leveraged in
2022

The National Estuary Program was re-authorized through the 2021 Protect and Restore America's Estuaries Act for up to \$1 million per National Estuary Program.

\$1 million per National Estuary Program
is critical to continue our gains in the lower Columbia and in estuaries across the country.

Community Programs

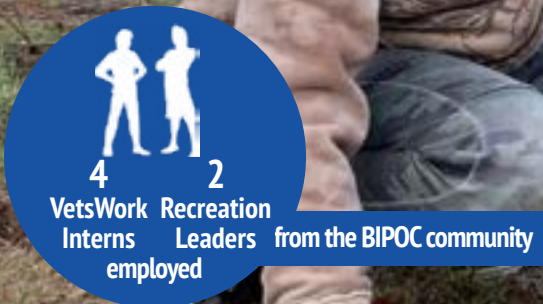
Across our region we support local schools and teachers, and engage people to care for the river.

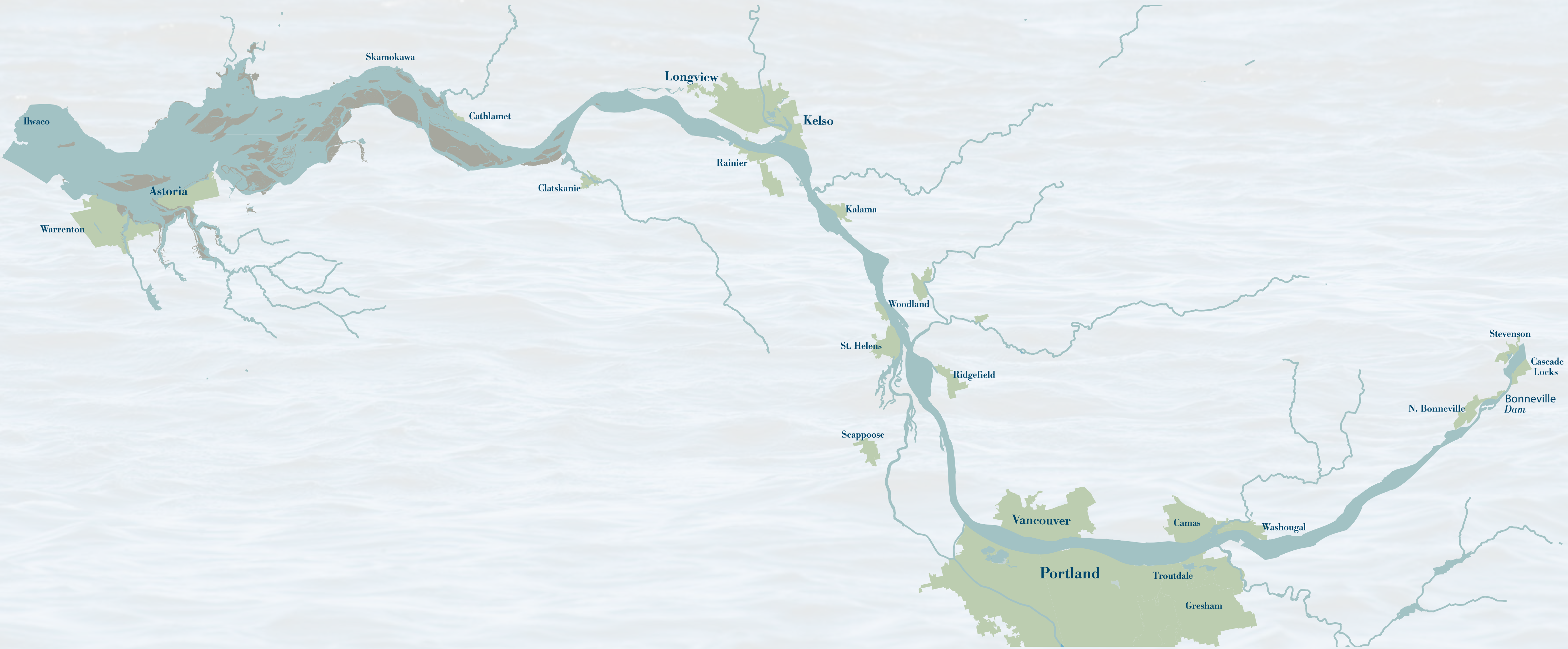
Environmental education programs equip the next generation with hands-on science lessons and watershed-based outdoor learning.

Volunteer events engage members of the community to plant trees to improve their community.

Big Canoe paddles get students and community groups out on the water for the first time.

The Federal National Estuary Program investment allow us to leverage more than \$900,000 for our community engagement programs last year.





Ilwaco

Skamokawa

Longview

Cathlamet

Kelso

Rainier

Clatskanie

Kalama

Astoria

Warrenton

Woodland

St. Helens

Ridgefield

Scappoose

Vancouver

Portland

Troutdale

Gresham

Camas

Washougal

N. Bonneville

Stevenson

Cascade Locks

Bonneville Dam