

### **OUR LOCAL** WATERSHEDS

### YAMHILL RIVER & CHEHALEM CREEK

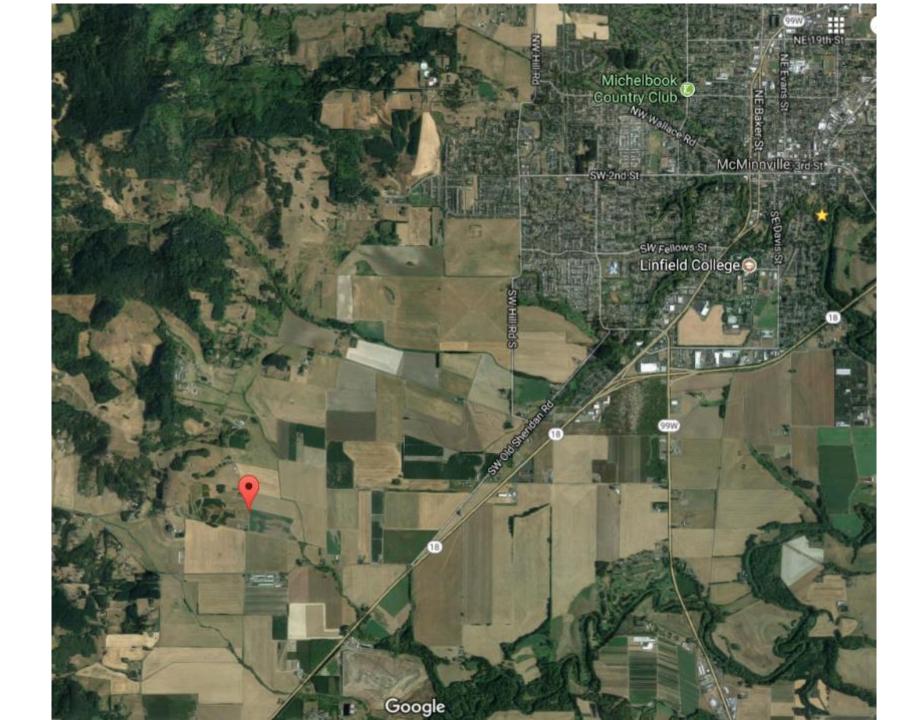
**GREATER YAMHILL WATERSHED COUNCIL** LUKE WESTPHAL, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

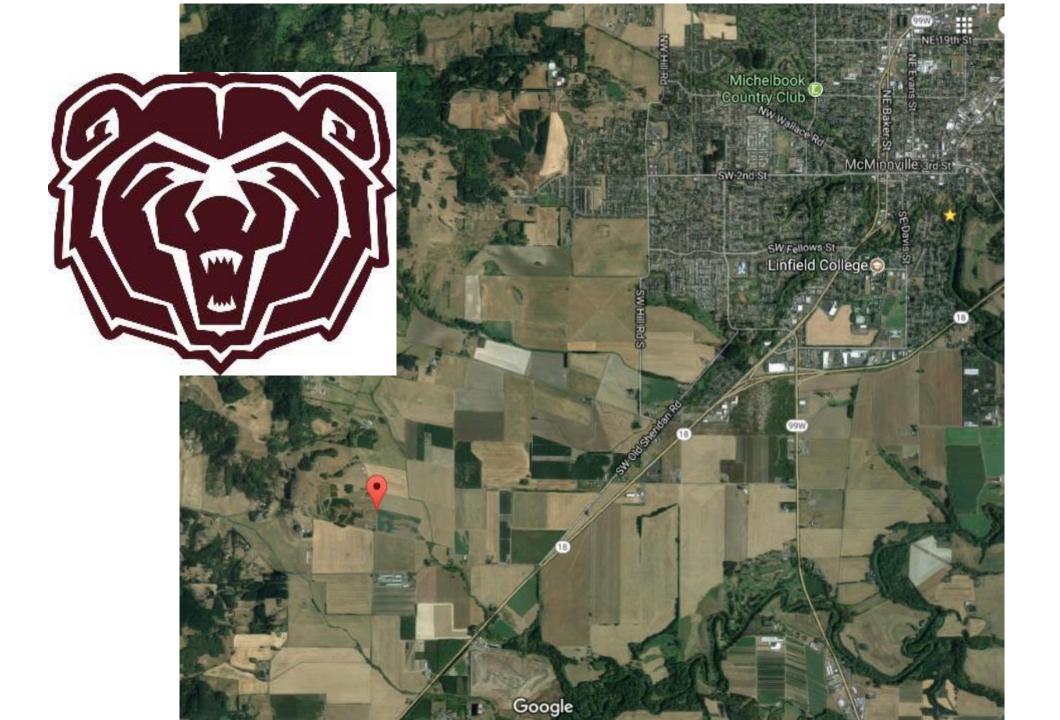
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## TOPICS OVERVIEW

- WATERSHEDS & WATERSHED COUNCILS
- LOCAL LAND USE, BRIEFEST HISTORY LESSON (13K BC – PRESENT), & LAND OWNERSHIP
- PRIORITY HABITATS & SPECIES
- WATER QUALITY & POLLUTION
- HOW YOU CAN IMPACT THE FUTURE!













### WHAT'S A WATERSHED?



### LANDS THAT DRAINS TO A SPECIFIC WATER BODY

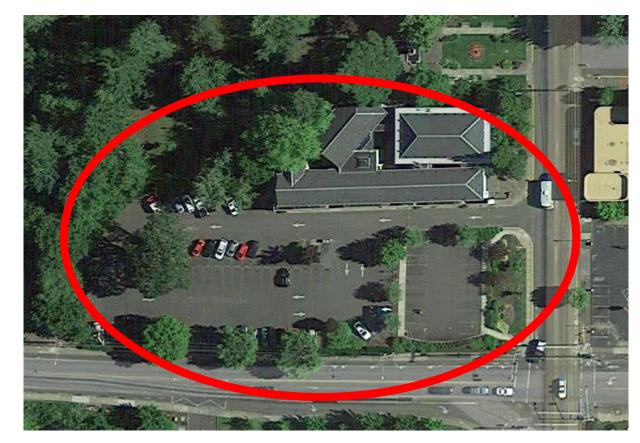
**HOW WATERSHEDS WORK** 



STREAMS RIVERS LAKES OCEANS & MORE

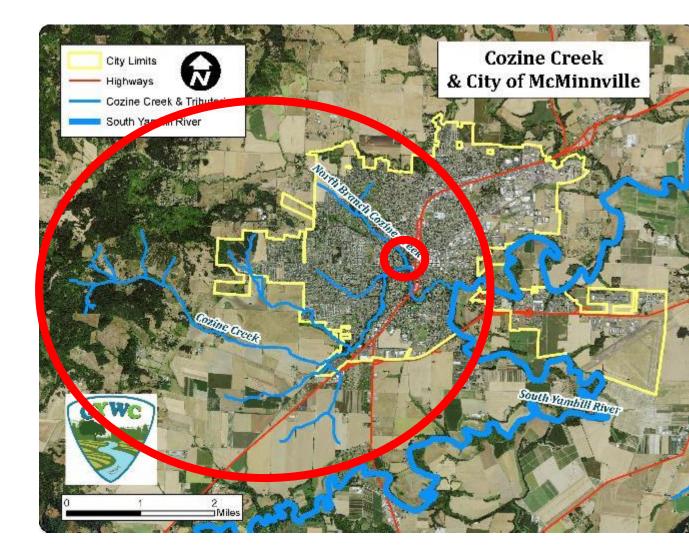
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### 1. MAC LIBRARY **GUTTERS &** PARKING LOT **STORMWATER** PIPES



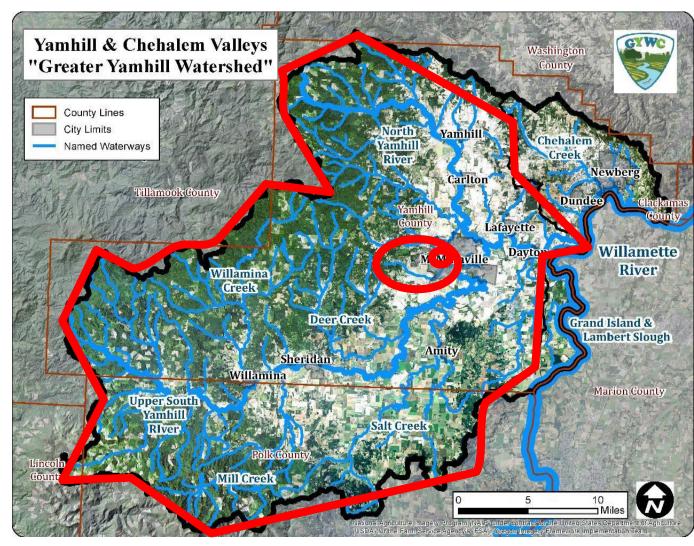
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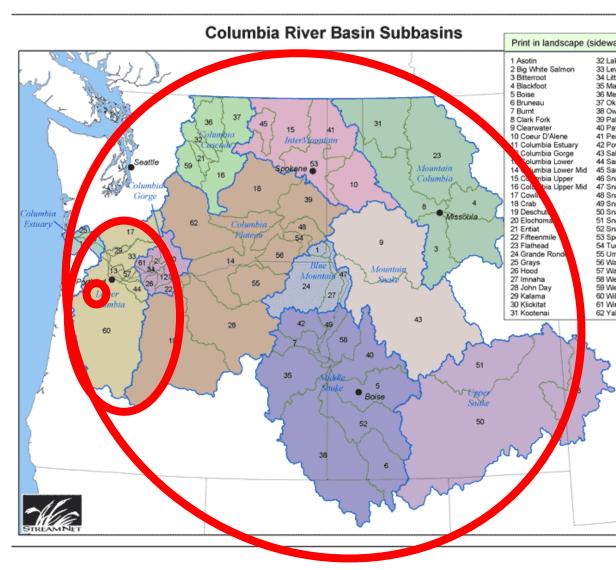
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- 1. MAC LIBRARY
- 2. COZINE CREEK
- 3. YAMHILL RIVER
  - 4. WILLAMETTE RIVER



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#### WATERSHEDS COME IN ALL SIZES MAC LIBRARY 1. 2. **COZINE CREEK** 3. YAMHILL RIVER 4. WILLAMETTE RIVER 5. COLUMBIA RIVER 6. PACIFIC OCEAN (NORTH AMERICAN)



### WATERSHEDS INCLUDE ALL OF THE BIOLOGIC PHYSICAL, SOCIAL, ECONOMIC & POLITICA ASPECTS OF THE LANDSCAPES THEY DRAIN

**HOW WATERSHEDS WORK** 

PEOPLE **PLANTS** ANIMALS AIR WATER **CITIES** FARMS **INDUSTRIES** & EVERYTHING ELSE ACROSS THE LAND

### WHAT ARE WATERSHED COUNCILS?





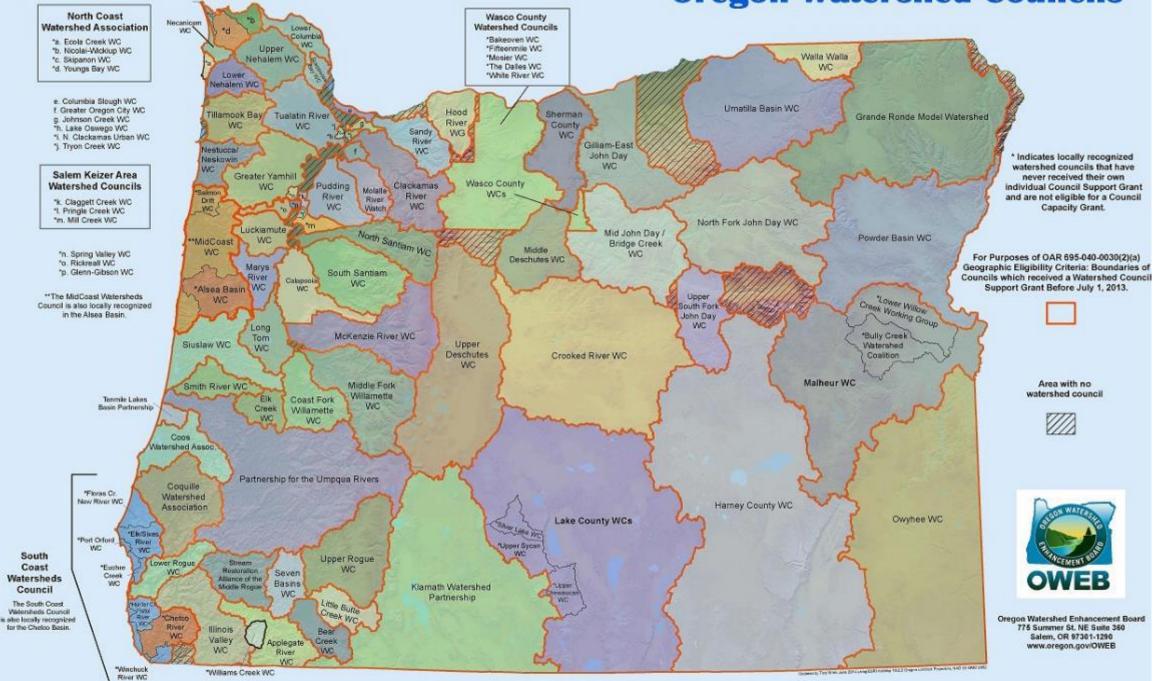
SINCE 1997, COMPETITIVE STATE GRANT PROGRAM FUNDS BASIC OPERATIONS & SOME PROJECTS OF GRASS-ROOTS ORGANIZATIONS RECOGNIZED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENTS (CITY OR COUNTY), WORKING IN A DEFINED WATERSHED(S), THAT WORK TOWARD IMPLEMENTING <u>2 THINGS</u>:

### 1) Identify Local Natural Resource Concerns

2) Work toward voluntary, community-based solutions



#### **Oregon Watershed Councils**



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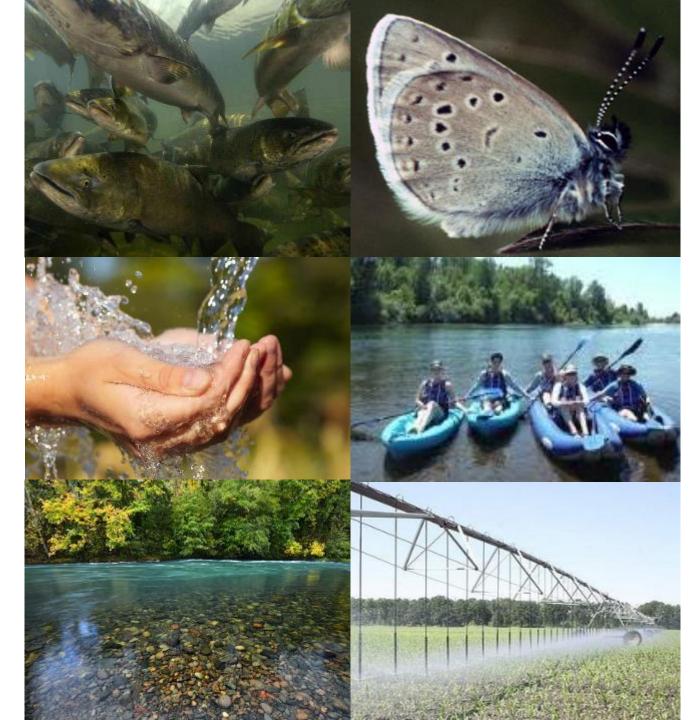




- FEDERAL FUNDING PROGRAMS
  - EPA WATER QUALITY
  - USFWS FISH & WILDLIFE
  - NOAA MARINE ANIMALS & OCEAN-GOING FISH (ANADROMOUS FISH)
- STATE FUNDING PROGRAMS
  - <u>7% OF OREGON LOTTERY REVENUE</u>
  - ODA WATER QUALITY
  - DEQ WATER QUALITY
  - OWRD WATER QUAL. & QUANT.
  - ODFW FISH & WILDLIFE

### HABITAT FOR FISH & WILDLIFE

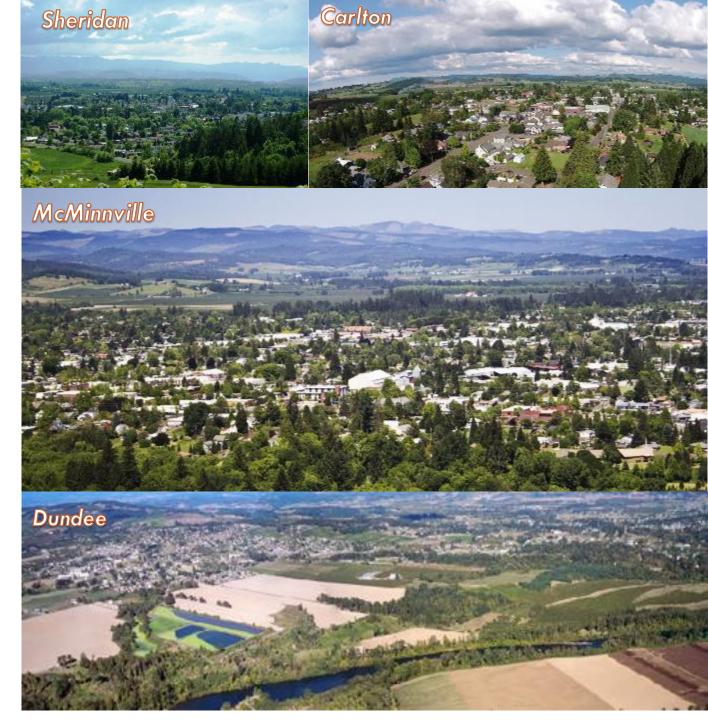
### WATER QUALITY & QUANTITY (FOR ALL USES)



**SUSTAINABLE** WORKING LANDS FARMS FORESTS & RANCHES



### HEALTHY RURAL TOWNS AND URBAN LANDS



### **GWYC MISSION STATEMENT**

TO PROTECT, RESTORE, AND MONITOR THE QUALITY OF LOCAL NATURAL RESOURCES IN THE YAMHILL & CHEHALEM VALLEYS, THROUGH COLLABORATIVE, COMMUNITY-BASED, AND VOLUNTARY SOLUTIONS.



GYWC STUDENT VOLUNTEER SHOWS OFF WILD COHO SALMON CARCASS (MALE) FOUND ON THE UPPER NORTH YAMHILL RIVER DURING A FISH SPAWNING SURVEY CREEK WALK IN NOVEMBER 2014

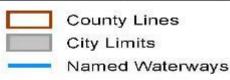


### "GREATER YAMHILL WATERSHED" YAMHILL VALLEY

### CHEHALEM VALLEY

# GRAND ISLAND & LAMBERT SLOUGH





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Tillamook County

Willamfina Creek

Deer Creek

Sheridan Willamina

Upper South Yamhill River

Lincoln County Salt Creek

Polk County

MillCreek

Washington County



North Yamhill River

Carlton

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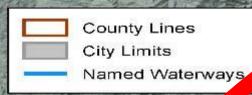
**Marion County** 

10 Miles



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#### Yamhill & Chehalem Valleys "Greater Yamhill Watershed"



TillamookCounty

Willamina Creek

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Yamhill River

Lincoln County Washington County

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YAMHILL VALLEY

- = 7 SUB-BASINS
- 1. SOUTH YAMHILL RIVER
  - 2. MILL CREEK
  - 3. WILLAMINA CREEK
  - 4. DEER CREEK
  - 5. SALT CREEK
- 6. NORTH YAMHILL RIVER
- 7. YAMHILL RIVER (NORTH/SOUTH COMBINED)

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North

River.

Yamhill County

McMinnville

Amity

Yamhill

Salt Creek

Deer Creek

Sheridan

**Polk Count** 

Mill Creek

Yamhill

Carlton

Lafayette

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Yamhill & Chehalem Valleys "Greater Yamhill Watershed"

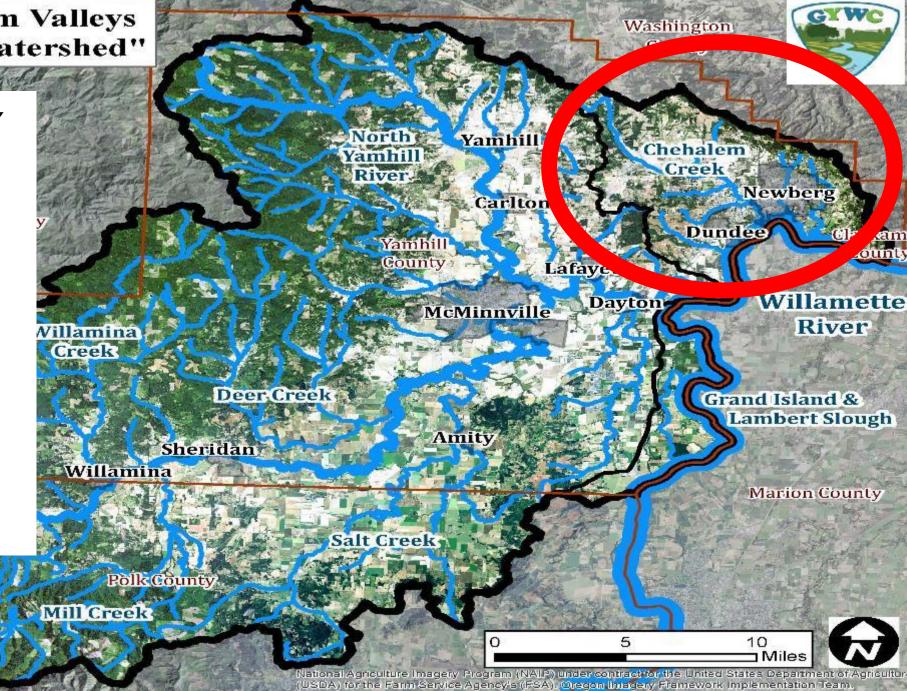
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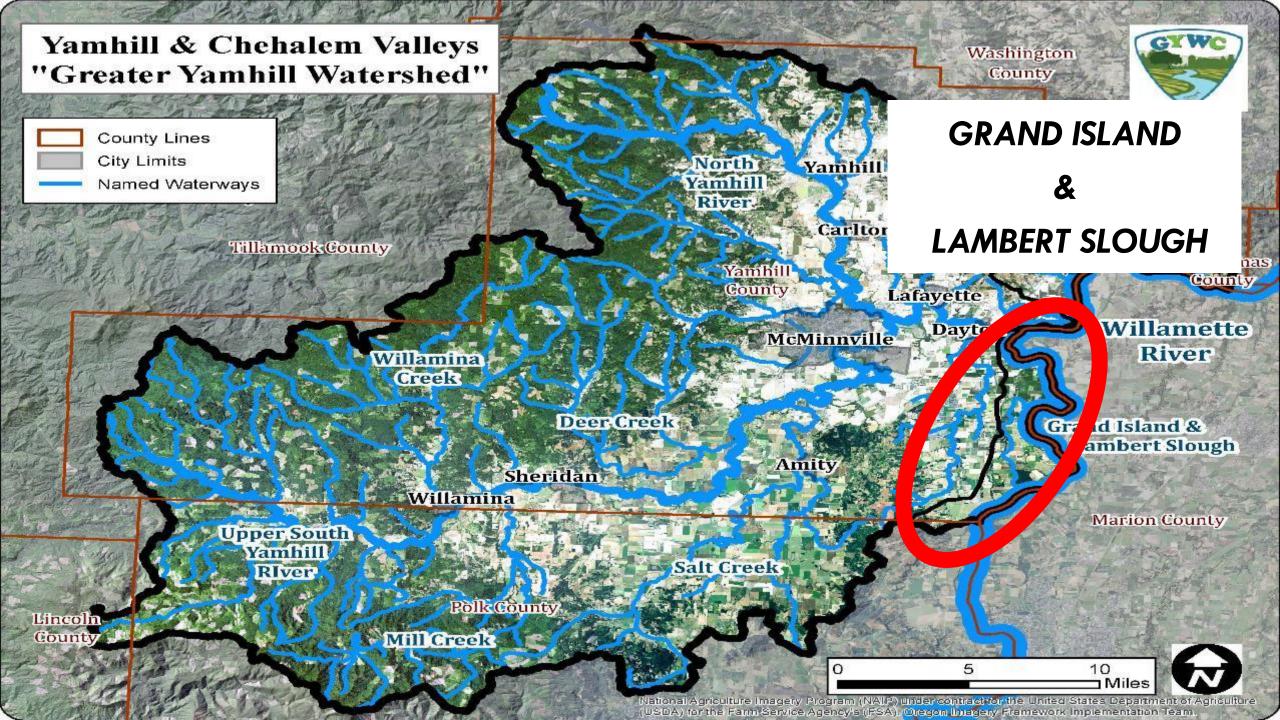
- = 1 SUB-BASIN W/ SEVERAL CREEKS
- CHEHALEM CREEK
- HESS CREEK

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County

- SPRINGBROOK
- HARVEY CREEK







### URBAN CORRIDOR

### FORESTRY

AGRICULTURE

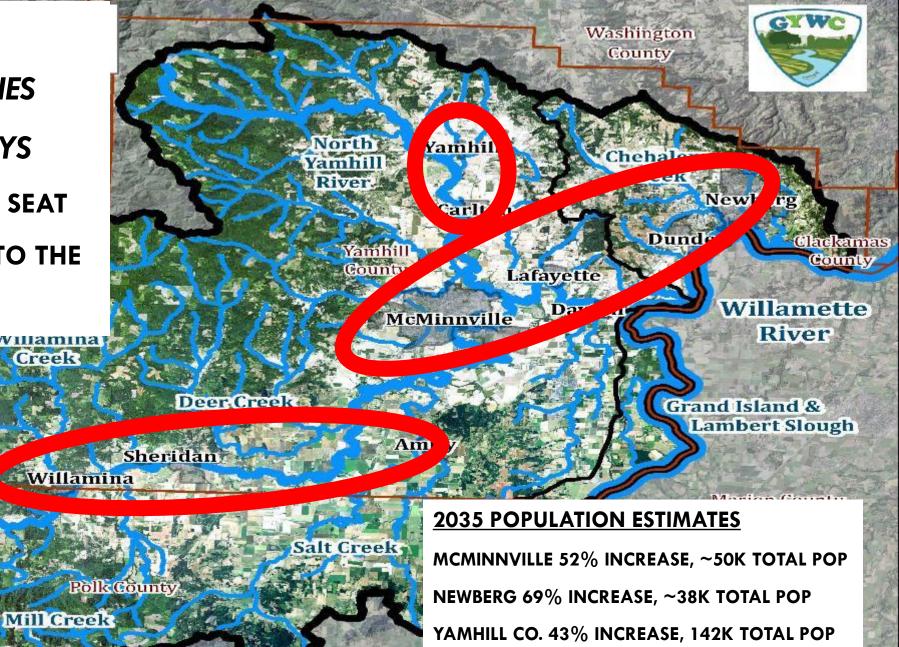
#### **URBAN CORRIDOR**

- 10 INCORPORATED CITIES
- FOLLOWS THE HIGHWAYS
- MCMINNVILLE IS COUNTY SEAT
- METRO IS EXPANDING INTO THE COUNTY

Upper

Lincoln County Yamhill

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#### **FORESTRY**

**INDUSTRIAL TIMBER** FAMILY WOODLANDS

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**Upper South** Yamhill RIver,

Polk County

Mill Creek

Salt Creek

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/ Lafayette

McMinnville

Yamhill

Dayton

Newberg Dundee

Clackamas County

Willamette River

**Grand Island &** Lambert Slough

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Marion County



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Washington County

Chehalem

Creek

#### **HIGH AGRICULTURE DIVERSITY**

PERENNIAL GRASSES, WHEAT, CLOVER & SEED CROPS

TRESSLED CROPS (VINEYARDS, CANEBERRIES, BLUEBERRIES)

ORCHARDS (HAZELNUTS ON THE RISE)

Upper South Yamhill

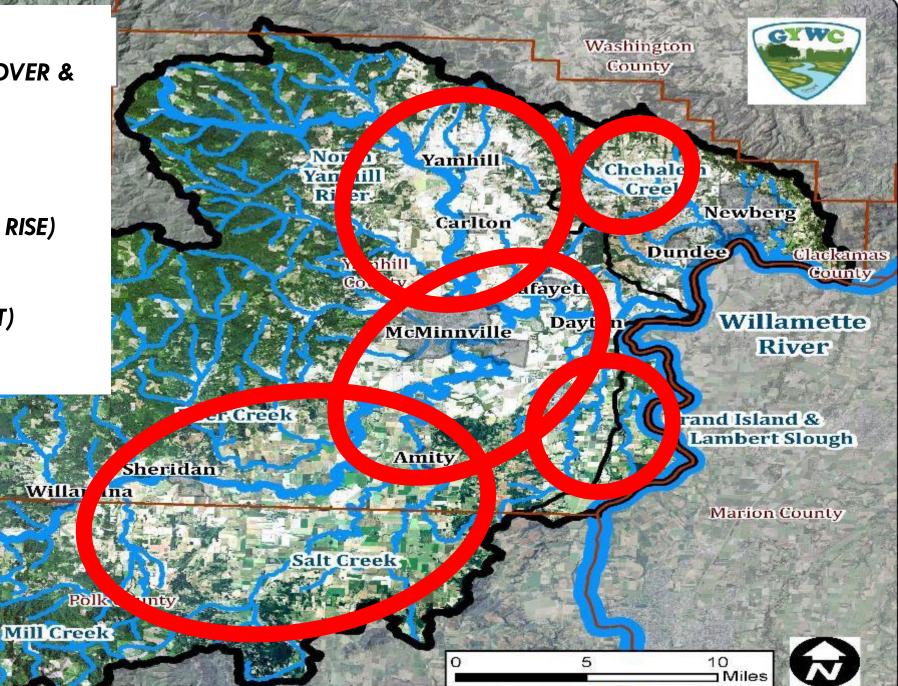
River.

HAY / PASTURE / RANCHES

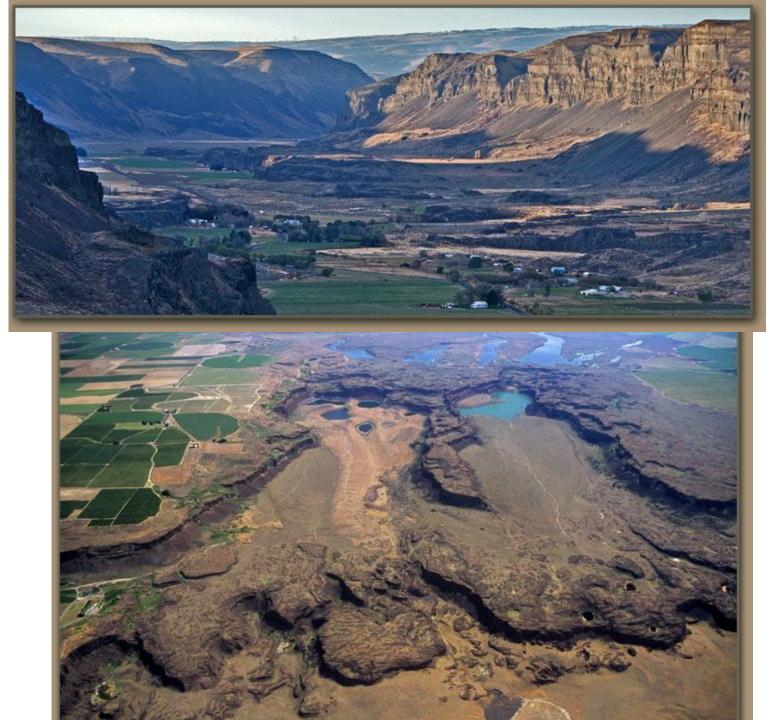
NURSERIES (POTTED & BAREROOT)

& SOME FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

Lincoln County

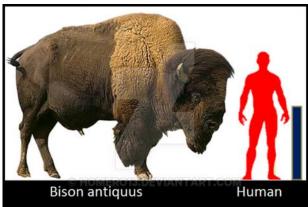






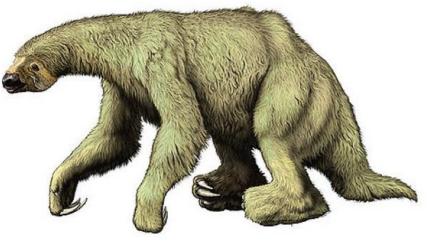
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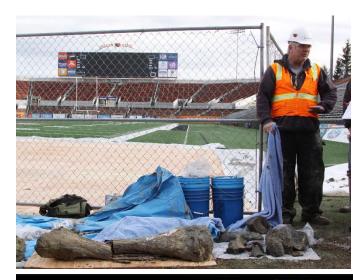






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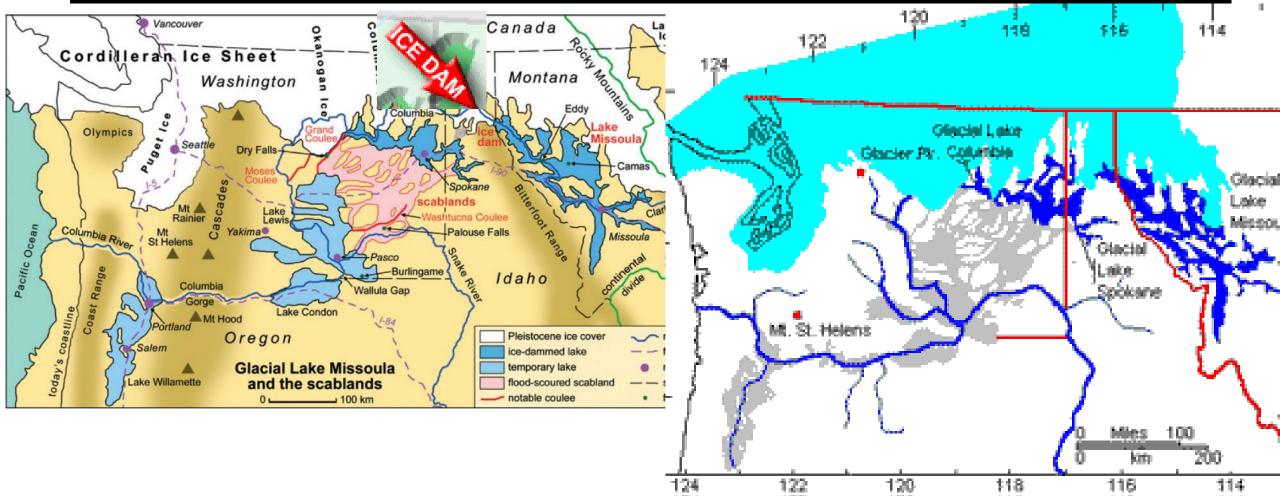








# At Least 40 Cataclysmic Floods Over 2,000 Years (13,000 BC to 11,000 BC)

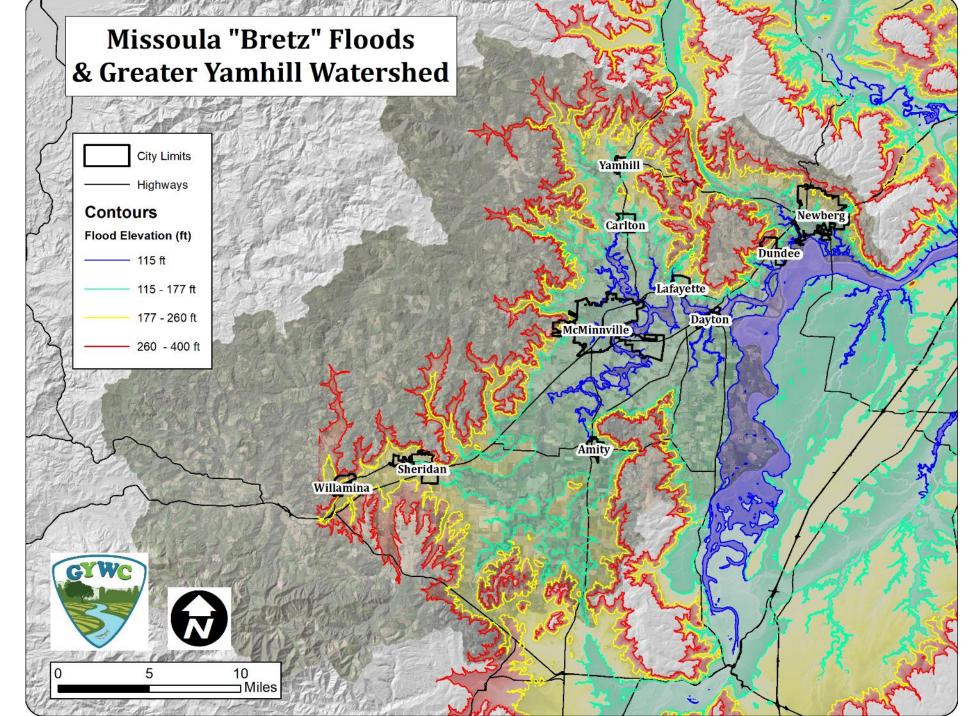


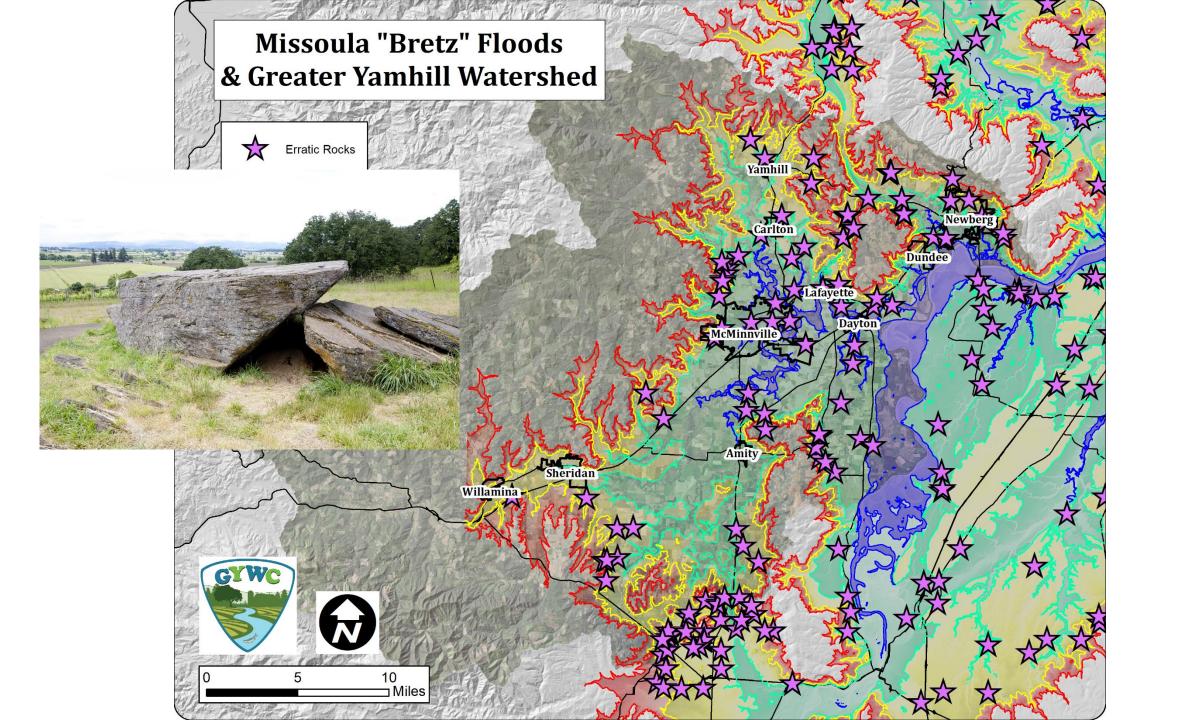
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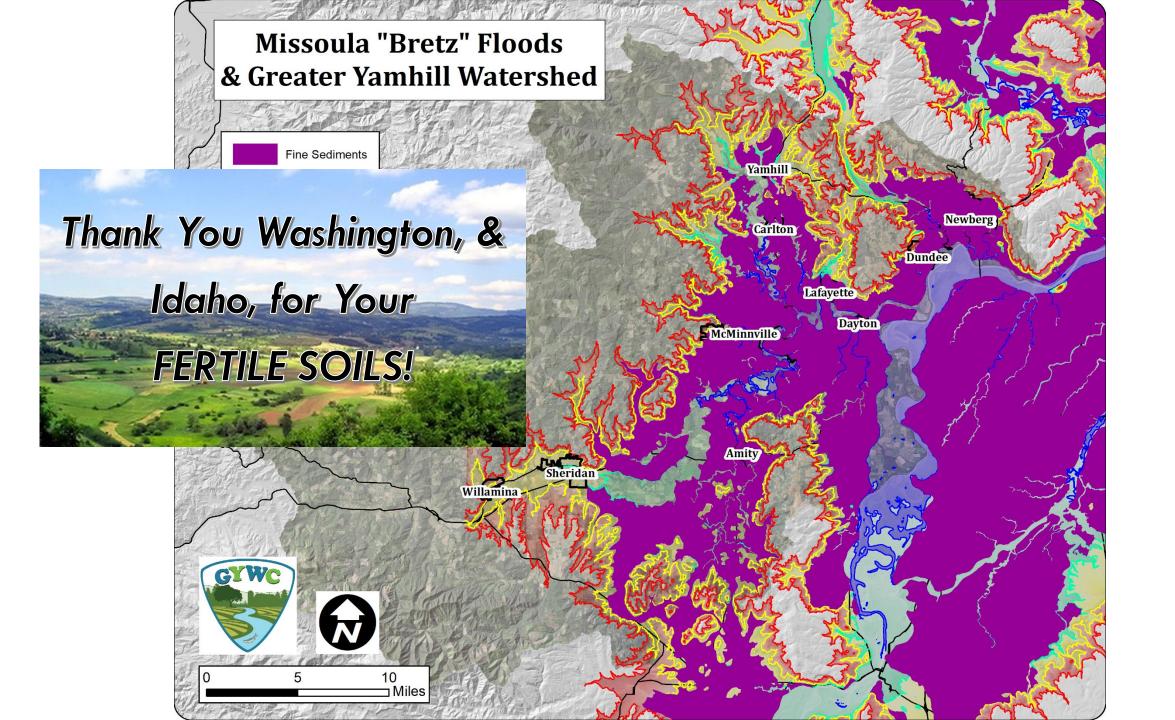
At Least 20 Floods up to 177 ft Elev.

At Least 10 Floods up to 260 ft Elev.

Biggest Flood up to 400 ft Elev.







## ~8/10,000 Years Ago - 1845

## Yamhill = ayamil & ayamhal tribes



"The Willamette River from a Mountain"

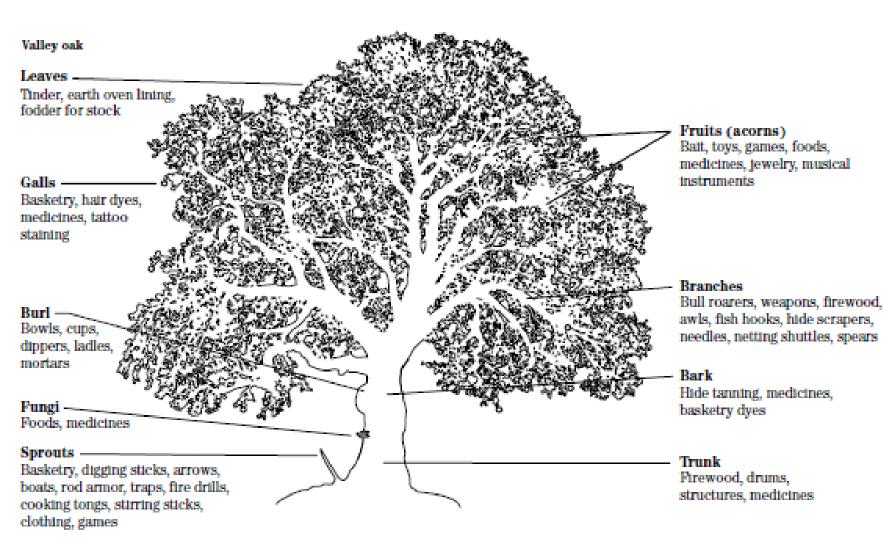
## **Controlled Fires To Manage the Land**



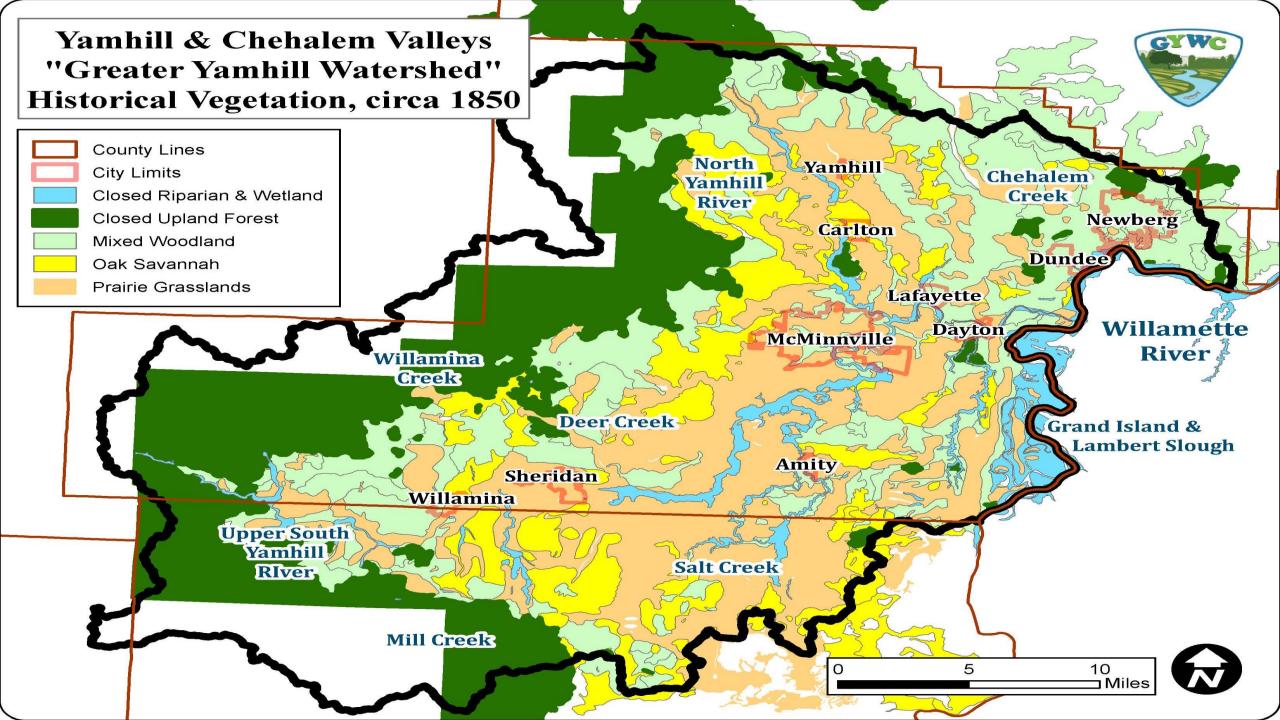
## Oaks, Prairies, & Floodplains



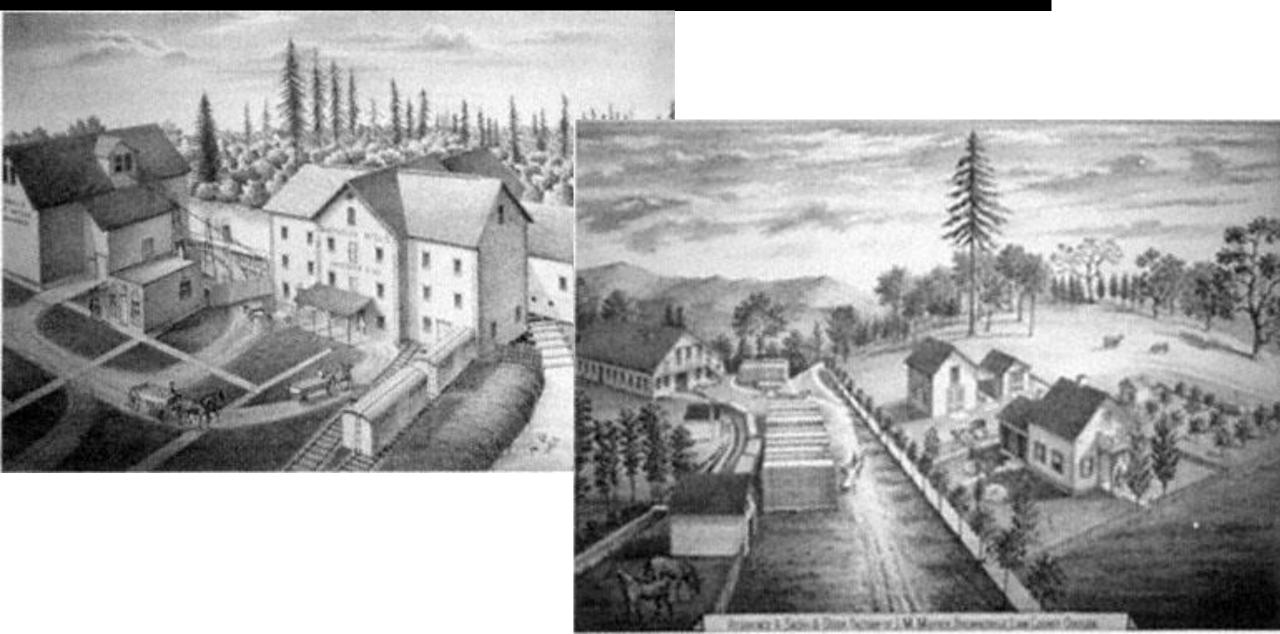
## Oregon Oak the Tree of Life



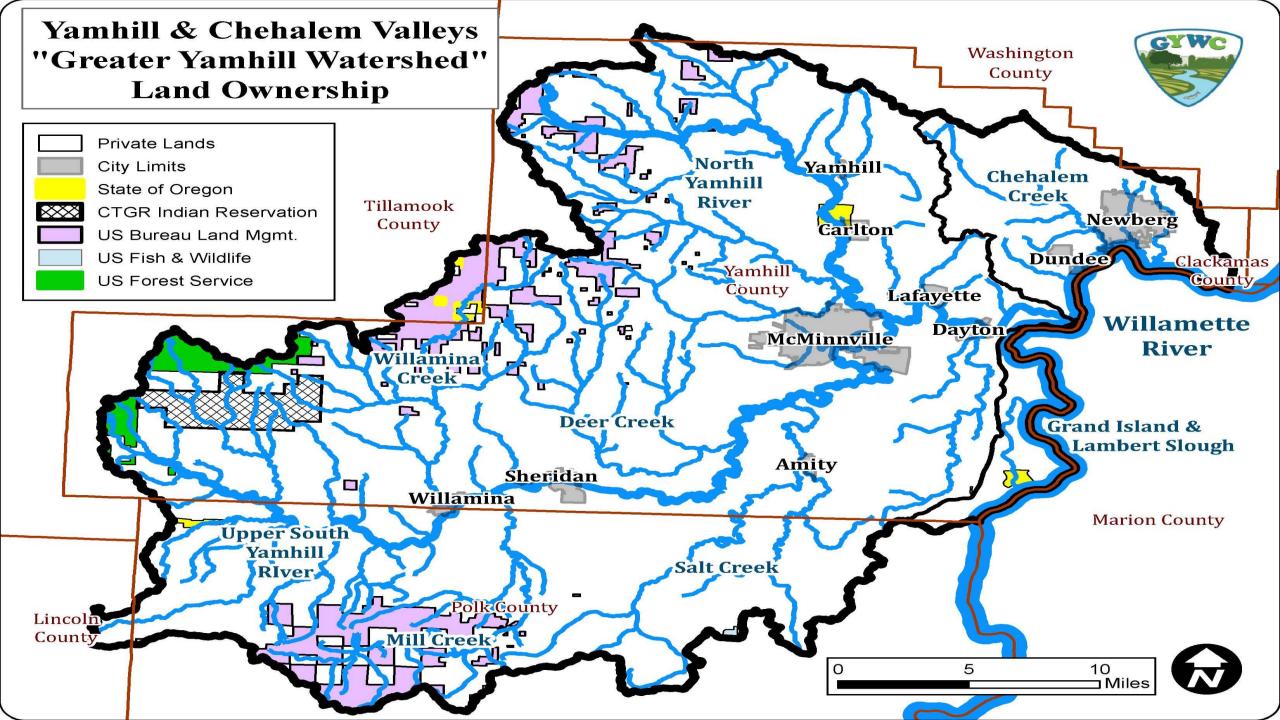




### **Euro-Settlement of Willamette**



# LAND OWNERSHIP



### PRIORITY HABITATS & WILDFIFE

### **OAK & PRAIRIE**

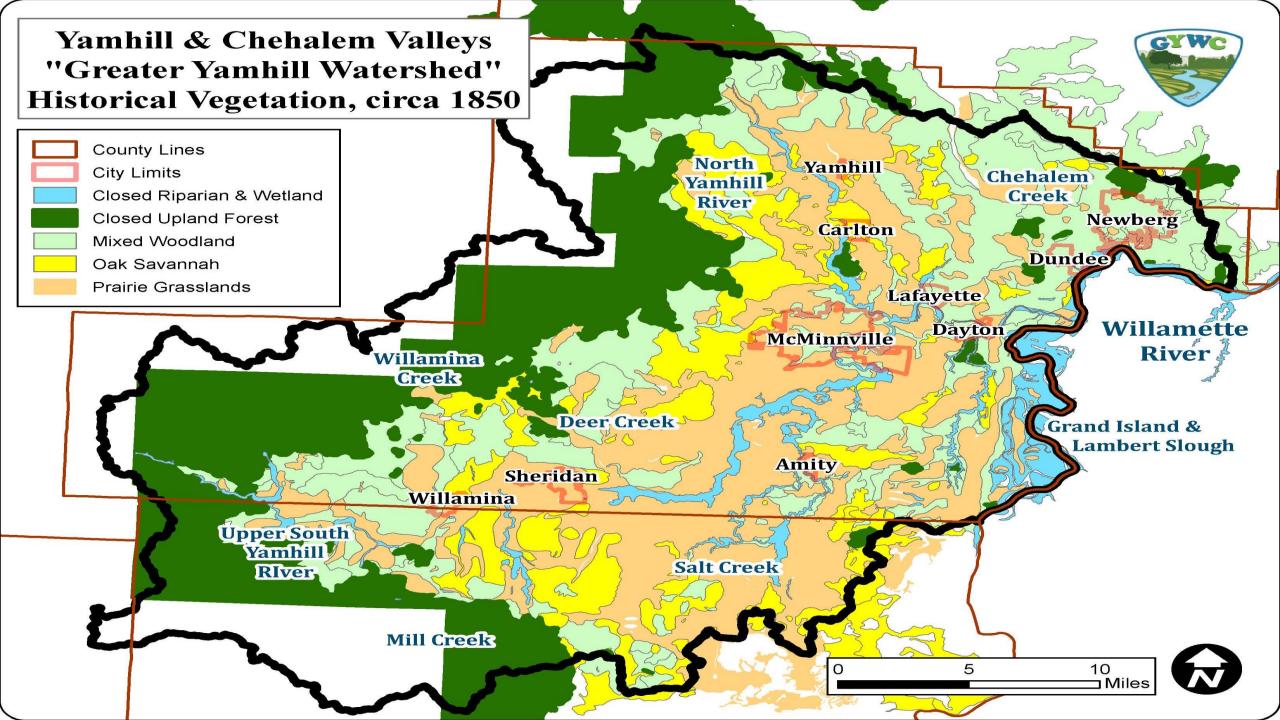
## WATERWAYS & FLOODPLAINS

### OAK SAVANNA &

### **PRAIRIE GRASSLANDS**

- WILLAMETTE VALLEY HISTORICALLY 1,000,000 ACRES OF OAK/PRAIRIE
- GREATER YAMHILL WATERSHED
  HISTORICALLY 30% OF TOTAL ACRES
- NOW LESS THAN 1% OF HISTORIC RANGE DUE TO SETTLEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT
- ENDANGERED FENDER'S BLUE BUTTERFLY AND KINCAID'S LUPINE
  - ENDEMIC TO WILLAMETTE VALLEY
  - DISCOVERED OUTSIDE MCMINNVILLE





### **STREAMS AND RIVERS**

- YAMHILL RIVER IS THE LARGEST WEST-SIDE TRIBUTARY TO WILLAMETTE
- 360+ MILES OF SALMONID BEARING STREAMS & RIVERS (TROUT & SALMON)
- MORE THAN HALF OF STREAM MILES ARE LISTED AS POLLUTED AND MOST STREAMS LACK SUFFICIENTLY FORESTED BUFFERS FOR WATER QUALITY & / OR WATERSHED FUNCTION
- PRIMARY POLLUTANTS INCLUDE TEMPERATURE, DISSOLVED OXYGEN, BACTERIA, NUTRIENTS, HEAVY METALS, AND PESTICIDES



#### **FISH POPULATIONS & HABITAT**

- SUPPORTS UP TO ~38% 48% OF ALL NATURALIZED COHO SALMON UPSTREAM OF WILLAMETTE FALLS
- SUPPORTS UP TO ~5 10% OF ALL THREATENED WINTER STEELHEAD TROUT UPSTREAM OF WILLAMETTE FALLS. DEPENDENT ON CASCADE POPULATIONS
- SUPPORTS UP TO  $\sim 5 15\%$  OF ALL PACIFIC LAMPREY UPSTREAM OF WILLAMETTE FALLS
- PROVIDES SOME REARING HABITAT FOR THREATENED SPRING CHINOOK SALMON IN LOWER REACHES OF MAIN RIVERS. DEPENDENT ON CASCADE POPULATIONS
- MOST YAMHILL BASIN STREAMS SUPPORT <u>RESIDENT</u> COASTAL CUTTHROAT TROUT POPULATIONS. NO SEA-RUN CUTS ACCORDING TO ODFW.
- ODFW RECENTLY FOUND OREGON CHUB POPULATIONS IN SALT CREEK SUB-BASIN IN 2017



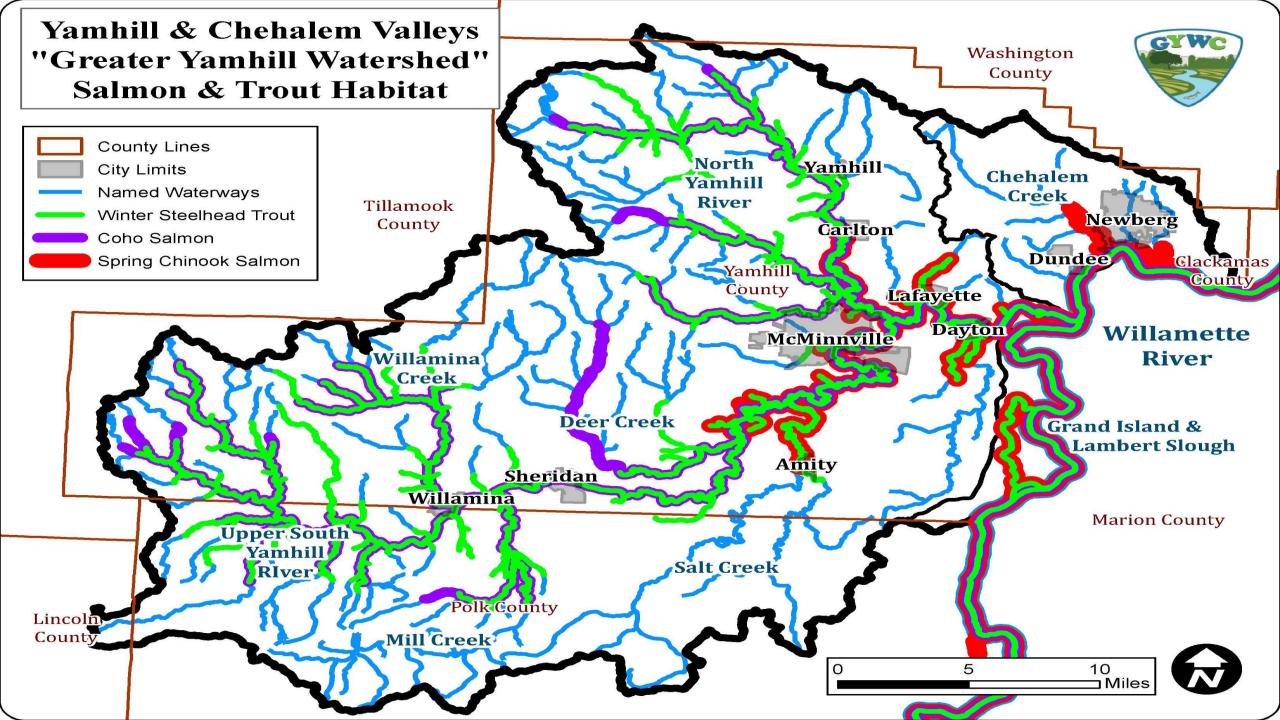
NATURALIZED COHO SALMON UPPER NORTH YAMHILL

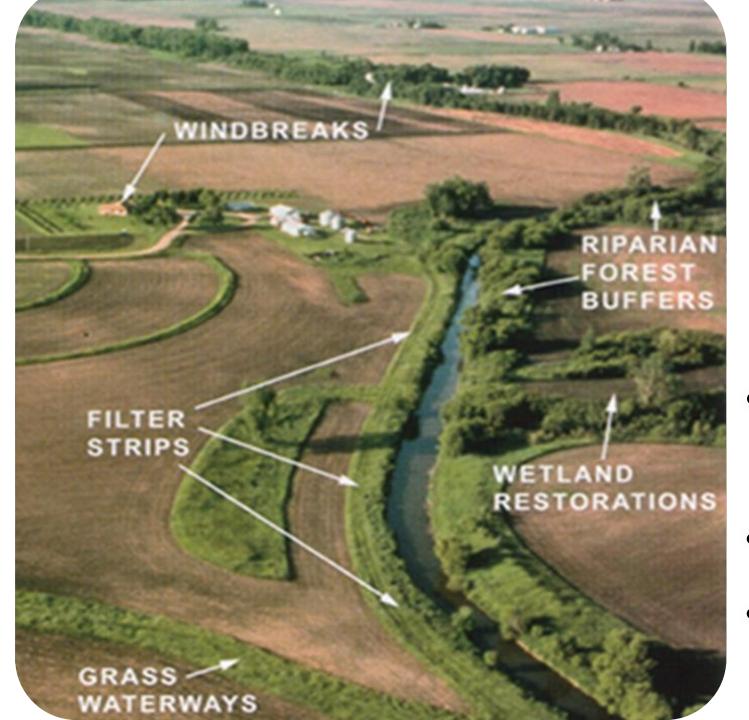






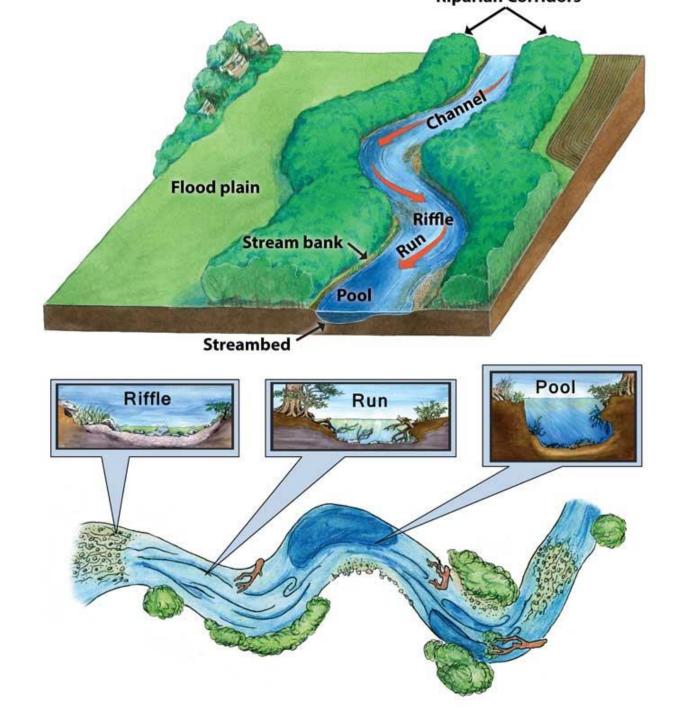






Vegetation Buffers & Filte Strips can greatly reduce pesticides entering waterways due to run-off erosion:

- 17ft buffer Avg 50% reduction in loading
- 33 ft Avg 90% reduction
- 67 ft. Avg 97% reduction



Healthy Waterways Have Diverse Features

- Curves & Bends
- Pools, Riffles, & Runs
- Active Floodplains
- Side-Channels
- Lots of Large Wood
- Dense Vegetation providing shade and future large woo

Alders, Ash, Willows, & Maples are pretty & fast to establish on logged waterways, but don't really create sustainable fish habitat nor restore geomorphological processes





**Increasing Conifer Densities & Diversity, Placing Large Wood in** Stream Channels, and restoring beaver populations can help restore natural hydrology, geomorphology, and aquatic habitat

# WATER QUALITY

# TYPES OF POLLUTION

# PRIORITY POLLUTANTS

# POINT SOURCE POLLUTION

### = SINGLE, IDENTIFIABLE SOURCE

### **COMMON SOURCES:**

- DISCHARGE FROM WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANTS
- DISCHARGE FROM
  INDUSTRIAL OPERATIONS
- COMBINED SEWER OUTFALLS





## POINT SOURCE POLLUTION

= SINGLE, IDENTIFIABLE SOURCE

### STATE AND FEDERAL REGULATIONS HAVE LARGELY ELIMINATED POINT SOURCE POLLUTION

REMEMBER TOM MCCALL'S 1962 EXPOSE OF THE WILLAMETTE RIVER POLLUTION BEFORE THE 1972 CLEAN WATER ACT??

TOM MCCALL (REPUBLICAN) BECAME OREGON'S ENVIRONMENTAL CHAMPION & STATE GOVERNOR EPOM 1966 - 1975

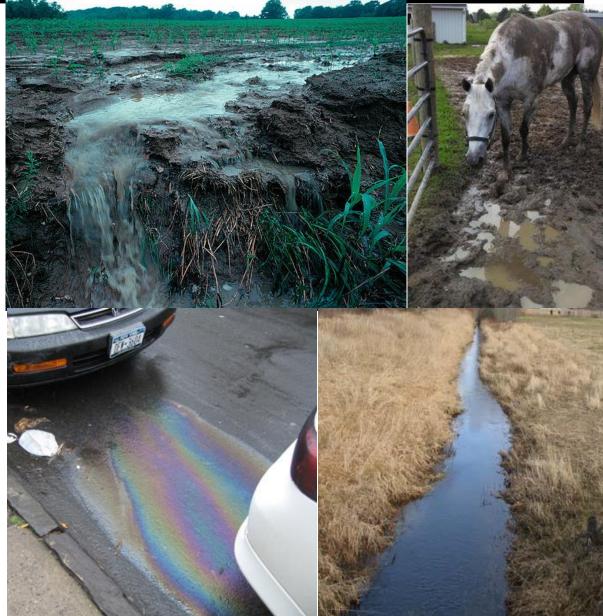


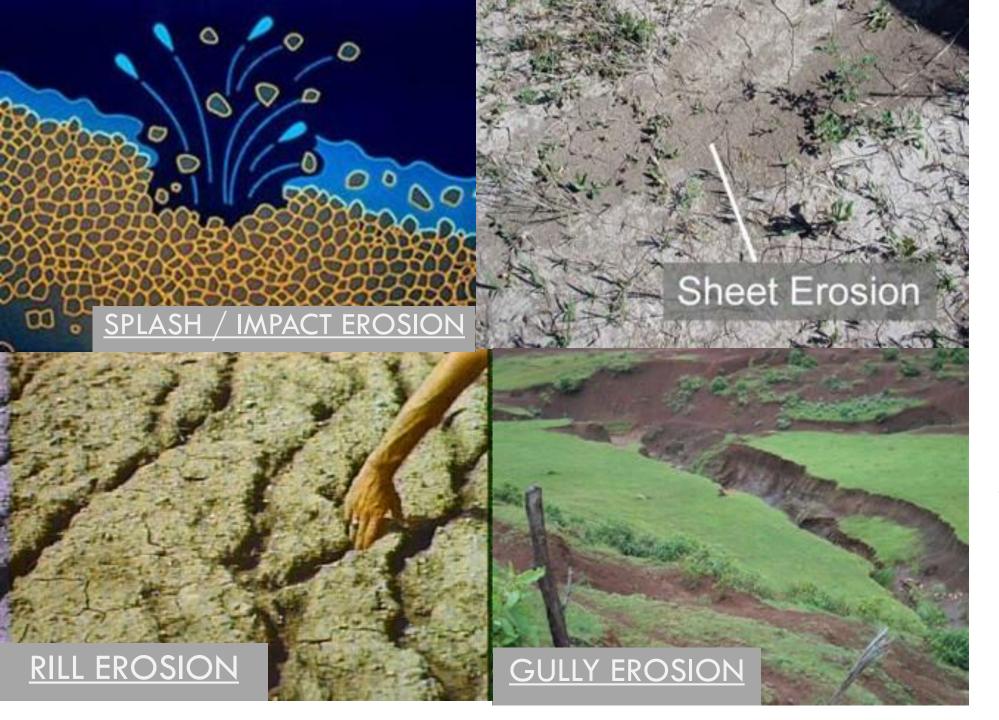
# NON-POINT SOURCE POLLUTION

#### <u>= MULTIPLE SOURCES, DIFFUSE,</u> LANDSCAPE SCALE

### **COMMON SOURCES:**

- ROADS & RIGHT OF WAYS
- BARE EXPOSED UNVEGETATED GROUND, SLOPES, AND FIELDS
- UNSHADED, UNVEGETATED WATER-SIDES
- LIVESTOCK (EVEN SMALL OPERATIONS)
- SEPTIC SYSTEMS
- DUMPING TRASH
- FLUSHING PHARAMACEUTICALS





**RUN-OFF** BARE SOILS, TILLED SOILS, AREAS LACKING ROOT **STRUCTURE** X VEGETATION COVER

KNOWN LOCAL WATER QUALITY POLLUTANTS (SEE TABLE "TMDL PENDING")

**BIOCRITERIA** 

CHLOROPHYLL A CHLORPYRIFOS (INSECTICIDE) COPPER

**DISSOLVED OXYGEN** 

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**FECAL COLIFORM** 

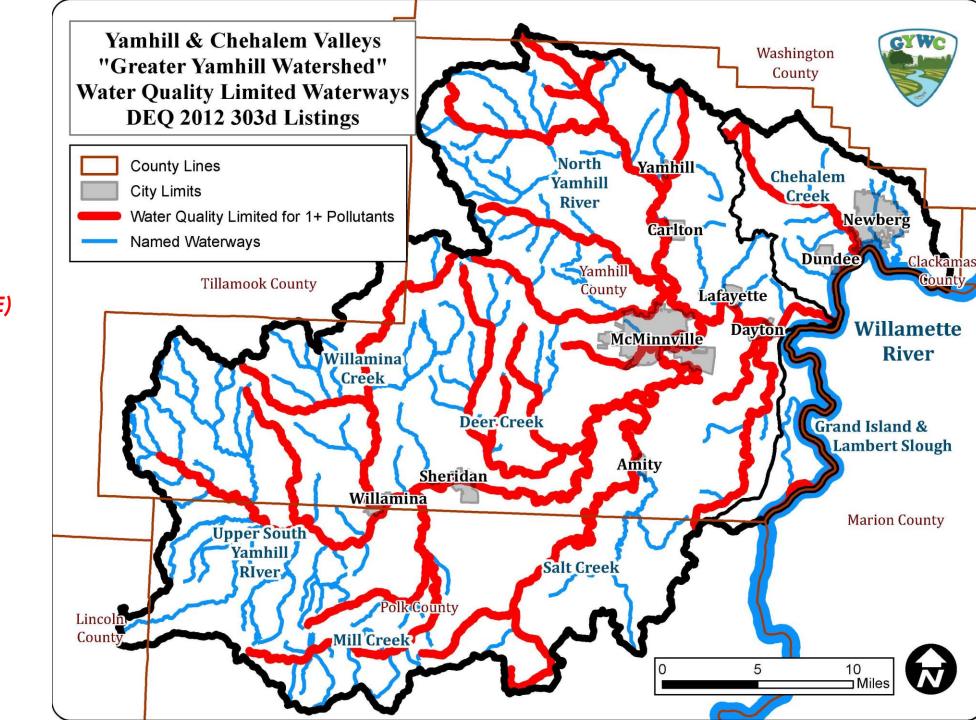
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MERCURY

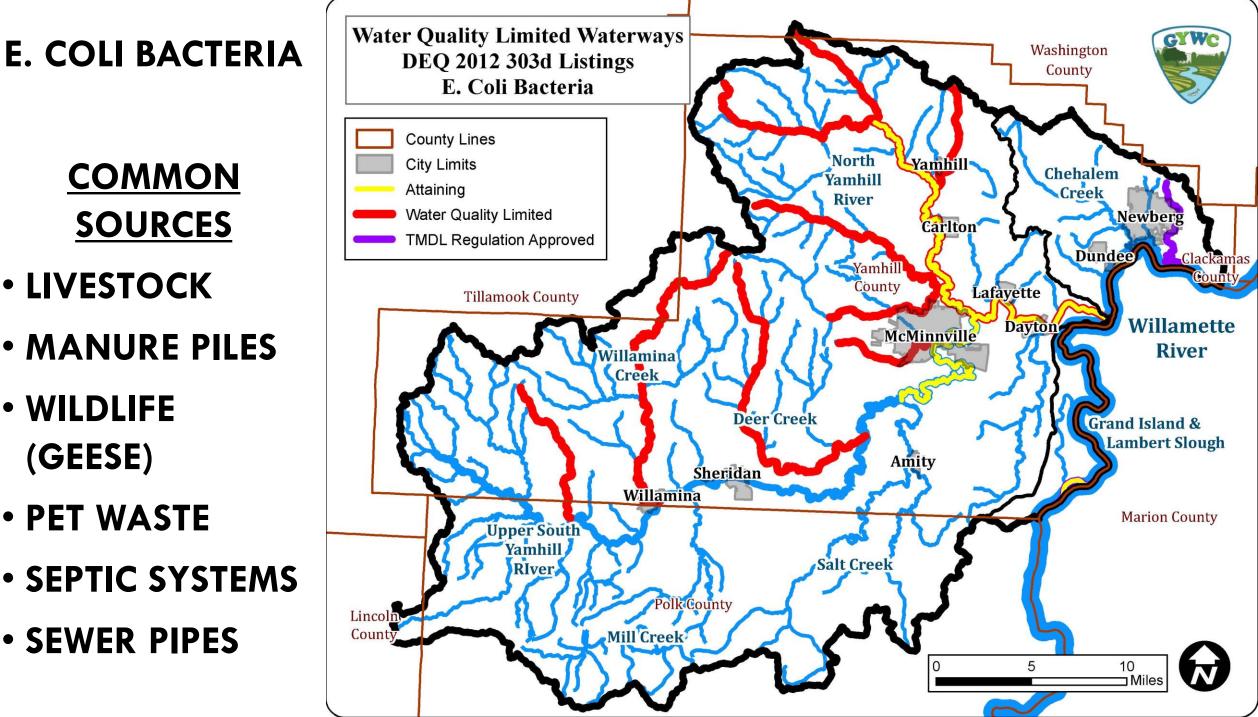
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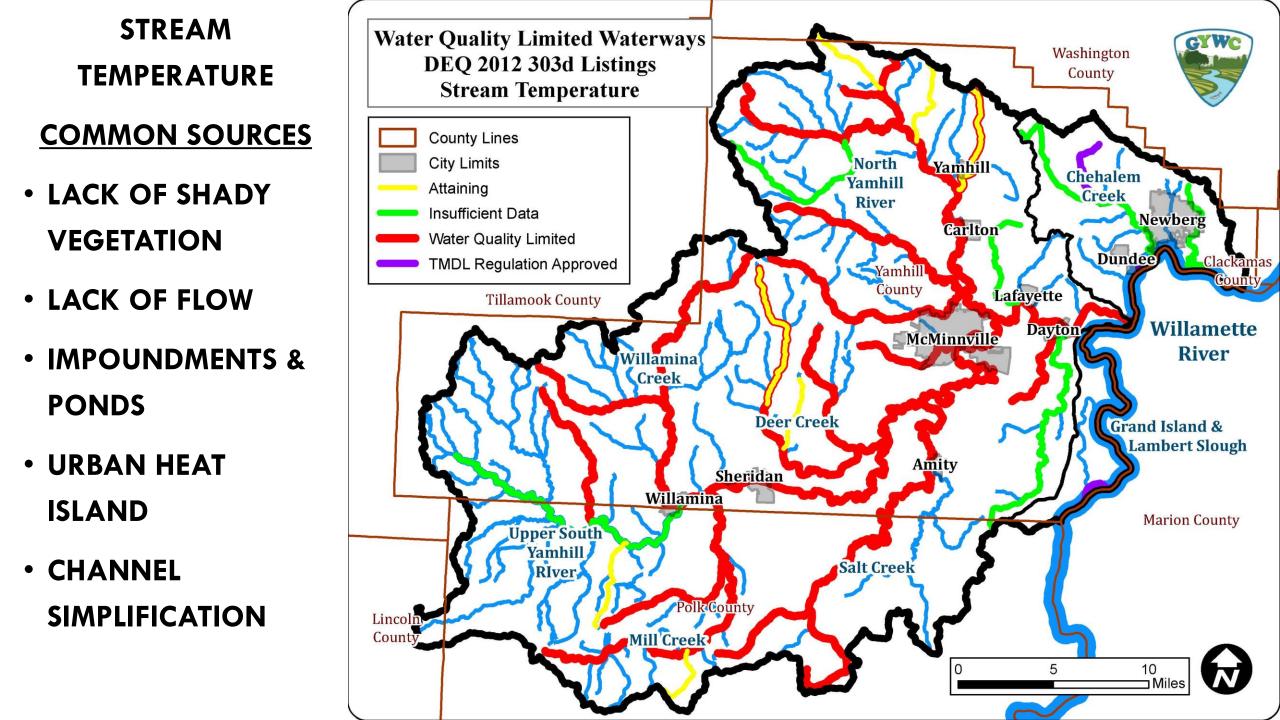
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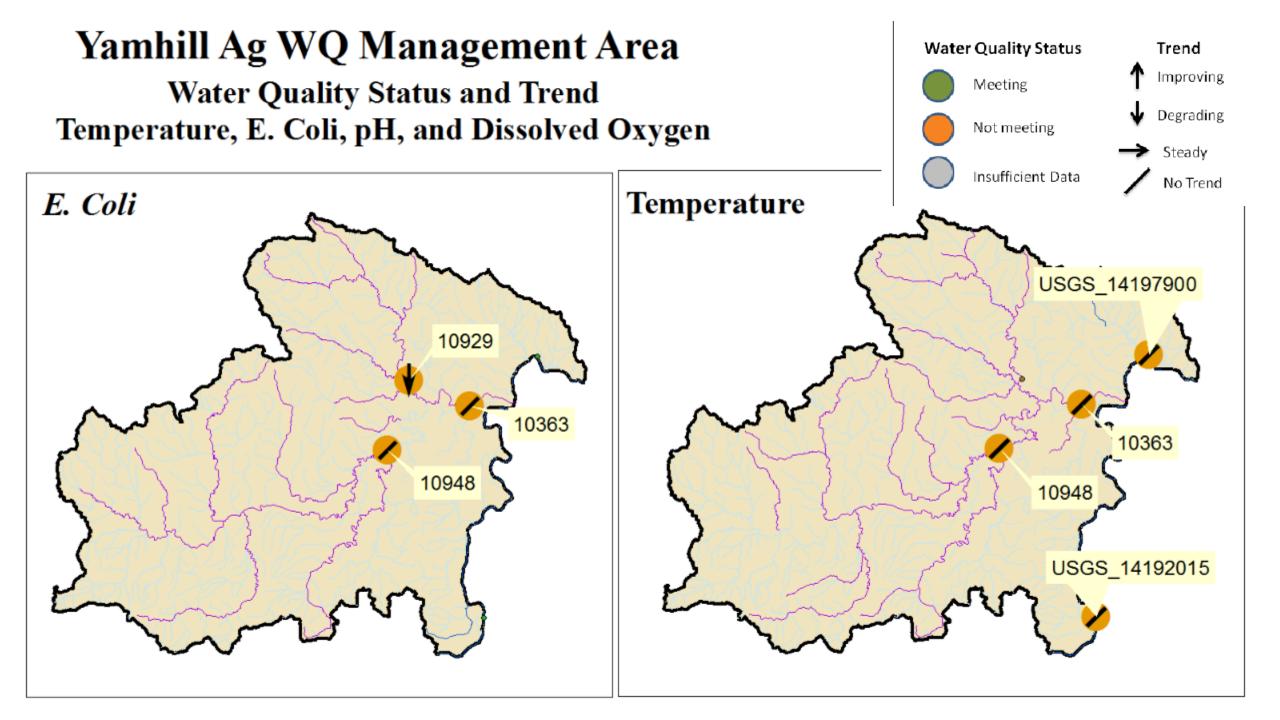


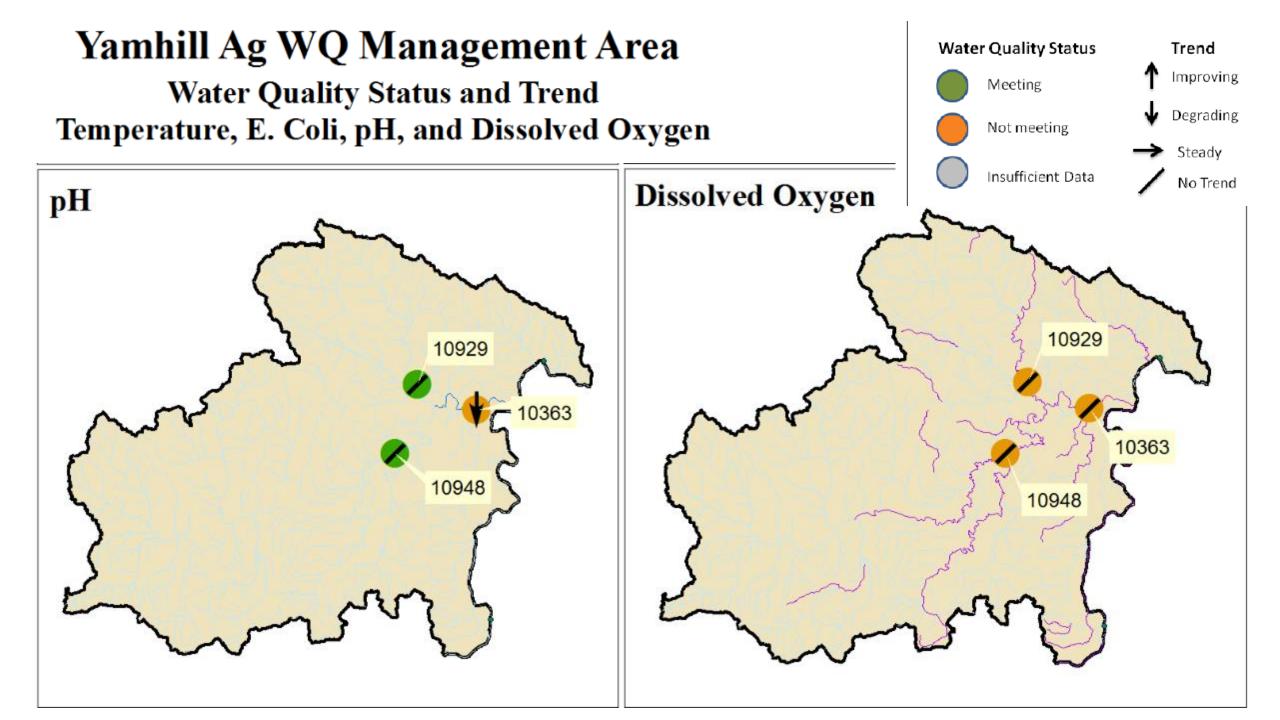
- SEWER PIPES
- SEPTIC SYSTEMS
- PET WASTE
- WILDLIFE (GEESE)
- MANURE PILES
- LIVESTOCK









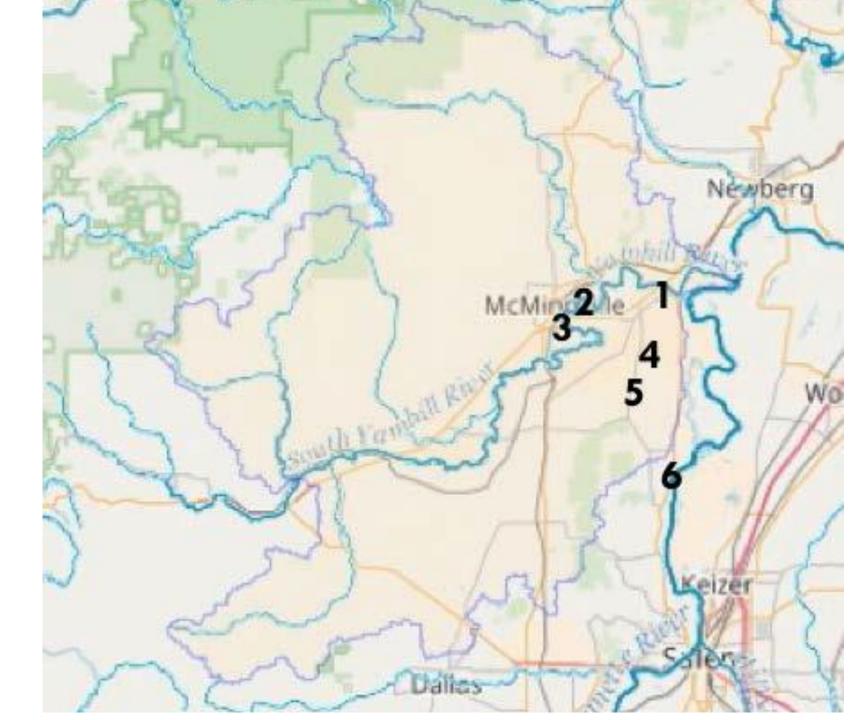


#### **PESTICIDE MONITORING**

10-SITES BASIN WIDE (2007 – 2009)

COZINE CREEK FOCUS AREA (2010 – PRESENT)

WEST FORK PALMER CREEK FOCUS AREA (2010 – PRESENT)





#### **MONITORING**

30+ SITES 1995 - PRESENT

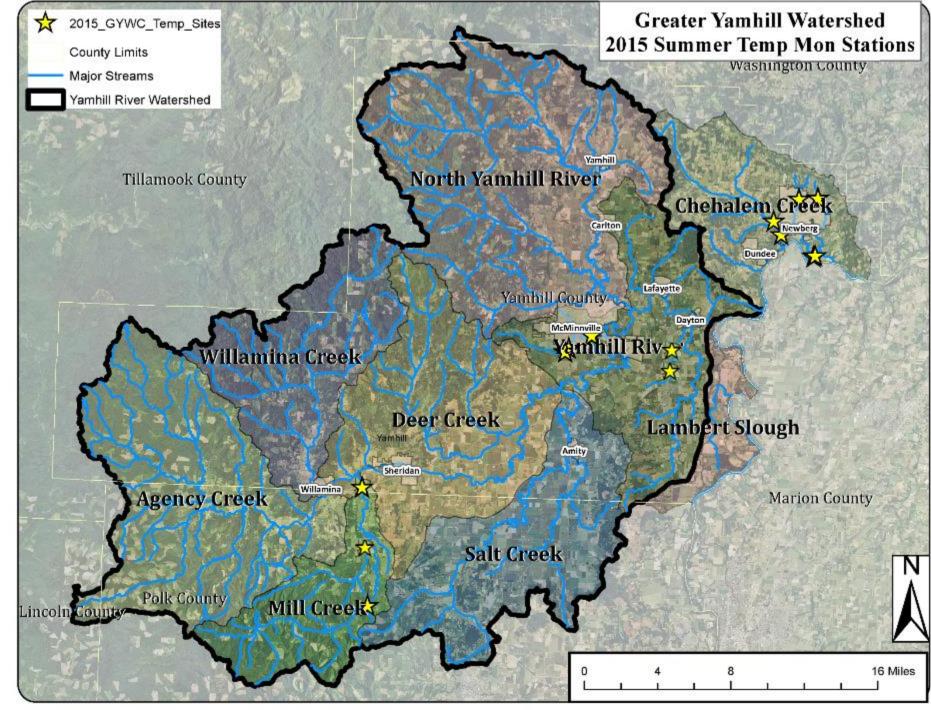
CURRENT SITES

COZINE CREEK

WEST FORK PALMER CREEK

CHEHALEM, HESS, & SPRINGBROOK CREEKS

MILL CREEK & GOOSENECK CREEK



# HOW CAN YOU SHAPE THE FUTURE?



## **GET EDUCATED & INFORMED!**

- SEEK OUT OPPORTUNITIES FOR LEARNING AND VOLUNTEERING WITH GYWC & LOCAL PARTNERS
- SUBSCRIBE TO OUR GYWC MONTHLY E-NEWSLETTER
- ATTEND LOCAL PRESENTATIONS & WORKSHOPS
- ATTEND MONTHLY MEETINGS OF THE GYWC & LOCAL PARTNERS

### GYWC MONTHLY PUBLIC BOARD MEETINGS 1<sup>ST</sup> TUESDAY OF THE MONTH @ MCMINNVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY CARNEGIE ROOM 6PM PIZZA & SOCIAL HALF HOUR 6:30-8:30PM BUSINESS MEETING

# MORE THAN 40+ PUBLIC, PRIVATE, AND TRIBAL STAKEHOLDERS ARE WORKING **ON LOCAL CONSERVATION IN** THE YAMHILL & CHEHALEM VALLEYS

### NON PROFITS & ASSOCIATIONS

- 1. ASSOCIATION OF NW STEELHEADERS NEWBERG CHAPTER
- 2. DUCKS UNLIMITED
- 3. COLUMBIA LAND TRUST
- 4. GREEN BELT LAND TRUST
- 5. NATURE CONSERVANCY
- 6. GEORG FOX UNIVERSITY
- 7. LINFIELD COLLEGE
- 8. INSTITUTE FOR APPLIED ECOLOGY
- 9. MILLER WOODS CONSERVATION AREA
- 10. NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY OF OREGON CHEAHMILL CHAPTER

**10. OREGON COMMUNITY FUND** 11. OUTDOOR EDUCATION ADVENTURES 12. OSU & OSU EXTENSION SERVICE 13. SALMON-SAFE INC 14. SPIRIT MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY FUND 15. YAMHILL CAPOW **16. YAMHILL PARTNERS FOR LAND & WATER** 17. YAMHILL & POLK, SMALL WOODLANDS ASSOCIATIONS 18. YAMHILL & POLK, FARM BUREAUS **19. YAMHILL WATERSHED STEWARDSHIP FUND** 20. AND MANY MORE!!

### **CITY & COUNTY GOVERNMENTS**

- 1. CITY OF AMITY
- 2. CITY OF CARLTON
- 3. CITY OF DAYTON
- 4. CITY OF DUNDEE
- 5. CITY OF LAFAYETTE
- 6. CITY OF MCMINNVILLE
- 7. CITY OF NEWBERG
- 8. CITY OF SHERIDAN
- 9. CITY OF WILLAMINA

**10. CITY OF YAMHILL** 

11. POLK COUNTY

12. YAMHILL COUNTY

#### **13. TILLAMOOK COUNTY**



#### **SPECIAL DISTRICTS**

- 1. YAMHILL AND POLK, SOIL &WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS
- 2. PALMER CREEK IRRIGATION DISTRICT
- 3. MCMINNVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT
- 4. NEWBERG SCHOOL DISTRICT
- 5. SHERIDAN SCHOOL DISTRICT
- 6. YAMHILL-CARLTON SCHOOL DISRICT

#### **STATE AGENCIES**

- 1. OREGON DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE
- 2. OREGON DEPT. OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
- 3. OREGON DEPT. OF FISH & WILDLIFE
- 4. OREGON DEPT. OF FORESTRY
- 5. OREGON DEPT. OF STATE LANDS
- 6. OREGON WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
- 7. OREGON WATERSHED ENHANCEMENT BOARD

### Federal Agencies

- 1. US Army Corp of Engineers
- 2. US Bureau of Land Management
- 3. US Dept. of Agriculture
- 4. US Farm Service Agency
- 5. US Fish & Wildlife Service
- 6. US Forest Service
- 7. US Geologic Survey
- 8. US National Marine Fisheries Service
- 9. US Natural Resources Conservation Service

### Tribal Governments

- Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde
- Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs

# <u>GOT TECHNICAL OR</u> <u>PLANNING EXPERIENCE?</u>

# GET INVOLVED IN OUR LEADERSHIP TEAMS!

## **JOIN OUR GYWC BOARD OF DIRECTORS!**

## **BOARD MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY**

### OPEN TO THOSE WHO LIVE, WORK, OR VOLUNTEER WITHIN THE YAMHILL OR CHEHALEM VALLEYS, AND WHO SUPPORT THE GYWC'S MISSION FOR VOLUNTARY-BASED LOCAL NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION

## ATTEND QUARTERLY GYWC TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

CHECK ONLINE & E-NEWS FOR DATES / LOCATIONS  $1^{ST}$  TECH MTG OF 2019 ~ MARCH / APRIL

# <u>WANT TO GET OUTSIDE & HELP</u> <u>US IMPLEMENT WATERSHED</u> <u>PROJECTS?</u>

GET INVOLVED WITH OUR FIELD-BASED VOLUNTEER / INTERNSHIP PROGRAMS

# **HABITAT RESTORATION**

- (YEAR-ROUND) WEEDING & PROJECT MAINTENANCE WORK PARTIES
- (JUN SEP) CREEK TRASH CLEANUPS & NATIVE PLANT SEED COLLECTION
- (OCT MAR) NATIVE PLANT LIVE STAKE CUTTING COLLECTION AND NATIVE PLANTING WORK PARTIES







Streamside & Upland Habitat Restoration Projects in the City of McMinnville

Baker, Creek

McMinnville City Limits Highways Completed 2002 - Present Implementation - Local Match Implementation - DEQ SEP Implementation - OWEB SG In Queue - Recruited

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1 ⊐ Miles

National Agriculture Imagery Program (NAID) under contract for the United States Department of Agricultur (USDA) for the Farm Service Agency's (FSA). Oregon Imagery Framework Implementation Team.

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## FISH SPAWNING & HABITAT SURVEYS (AKA CREEK-WALKS)

- (FEB MAY) WINTER STEELHEAD
- (OCT DEC) COHO SALMON

### WATER QUALITY MONITORING

- (MAR OCT) PESTICIDES & STREAM FLOW
- (MAY OCT) SUMMER STREAM TEMPERATURE
- HELP US EXPAND THIS PROGAM!





### QUESTIONS?

### WHAT INTERESTS YOU?

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