



**AGRICULTURAL WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM  
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BIENNIAL REVIEW SUMMARY REPORT TO THE BOA & DIRECTOR  
SUBMITTED BY THE LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

<b>Management Area:</b> Lower Willamette		
<b>Meeting Date(s):</b> November 7, 2018		
<b>LAC Members Present:</b> Kathy Taggart, Roy Iwai, Chris Foster, Marty Mitchell, Gordy Webster		
<b>Strategic Initiatives Progress and Accomplishments:</b> No Focus Areas or SIAs in the Management Area. A Measurable Objective was drafted: <b>Measurable Objective #1:</b> By 2028, water samples collected from Johnson Creek at SE 282nd Avenue and SE Stone Road will meet water quality standards, or meet water quality standards at least 95% of the time. Section 4.1.1.1 of the Area Plan will examine progress toward the measurable objective starting in 2020.		
<b>Lower Willamette Management Area’s Cumulative Reporting of Activities and Accomplishments January 1, 2017 – August 31, 2018</b> <i>This table is a combined total of accomplishments by East Multnomah, West Multnomah, and Clackamas SWCDs</i>		
<b>Activity: Outreach and Education</b>		
Community and Landowner Events and Activities: <b>15</b>		
Total Attendees to all Events and Activities: <b>485</b>		
Fact Sheets/ Brochures Develop: <b>7</b>		
Fact Sheets and Brochures Distributed: <b>150</b>		
Newsletters Distributed: <b>800</b>		
<b>Activity: Technical Assistance</b>		
Landowners Provided with Technical Assistance: <b>80</b>		
On-Site Evaluations: <b>87</b>		
Fund Applications Submitted for Projects: <b>4</b>		
Voluntary Conservation Plans Prepared: <b>3</b>		
Total Acres in Conservation Plans: <b>102.3</b>		
<i>The SWCDs have also established the following District programs to support water quality on an annual and on-going basis:</i> Soil School (WMSWCD), Working Farm Land protection (EMSWCD), Erosion Solutions for Nurseries (EMSWCD), Sprayer Efficiency Program (CSWCD), Equipment Rental Program (CSWCD), and the Windsocks Program (CSWCD).		
<b>Applied Farming Practices (Approximate Units)</b>		
Riparian Forest Buffers/ Riparian Plantings (Includes StreamCare and CreekCare)	<b>37.5 acres/ 5.2 miles</b>	Multnomah Channel & Johnson Creek- multiple ag properties
Drip Irrigation	<b>76 acres</b>	Johnson Creek & Columbia Slough
Irrigation Water Management	<b>76 acres</b>	Johnson Creek & Columbia Slough
Erosion Prevention- Multiple Practices	<b>75 acres</b>	Johnson Creek
Rainwater Harvesting	<b>1 acre</b>	Columbia Slough
<b>Summary of Impediments:</b> The Lower Willamette LAC did not distinguish any new impediments. They recognized that the Lower Willamette still needs continued outreach regarding Area Rules and welcomes new and innovative practices to help nurseries with soil erosion. The LAC also observed that they need more members and more representation from the agricultural community. ODA and the SWCDs will work together to recruit additional LAC members over the next biennium.		
<b>Recommendations for Modifications:</b> The Lower Willamette LAC expressed they were satisfied with the revisions of the Area Plan as well as the progress achieved over the last biennium. Some modifications to the Area Plan were identified and that is to update and refine the guidelines in sections 2.5 and 2.6. The development of the measurable objective resulted in a productive discussion of bacteria in Johnson Creek and will help the Districts determine how the next Biennium will move forward regarding outreach and technical assistance needs over the next biennium.		
<b>DEQ Recommendations:</b> DEQ provided constructive feedback on the revised Area Plan that we were able to incorporate into the revised Area Plan. DEQ helped to draft the new measurable objective for the Area Plan. Water quality status and trends report was provided by DEQ. A summary can be found in Table 11 in the Area Plan.		
<b>Compliance Report for January 1, 2017-August 31, 2018:</b> 1 public complaint; received Fix-It Letter.		