



2011 Annual Report



Visitors to the Berggren Watershed Conservation Area observe birds during a guided tour of the land they helped to protect.

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2011 Accomplishments

Protecting special lands.

- We worked with private landowners to establish the **Ferguson Creek Conservation Easement** in the **Long Tom Watershed**, protecting 62 acres of meandering streamside habitat and emergent wetlands for salmon, lamprey, frogs, and waterfowl.
- We **developed new relationships** with dozens of private landowners, setting the stage for future land protection.
- We met with each of our conservation easement landowners, visiting properties from Blue River to Monroe, Tenmile Creek to Oakland, to **monitor the conservation values of these special lands** protected in years past.

Restoring natural systems.

- We continued restoration of the active floodplain on **Green Island**, planting more than **5,300 trees and shrubs**, and caring for prior years' plantings on 361 acres.
- We set the stage for major floodplain restoration opportunities at the **Coburg Aggregate Reclamation Project** on Green Island.
- We developed robust partnerships at the **Berggren Watershed Conservation Area** along the **lower McKenzie River** and **Waite Ranch near Mapleton**, helping to steward and enhance the estuary wetlands and floodplain farmland through collaboration with others.

Connecting people to places they care about.

- We hosted **seven free guided tours and scores of partner and student groups** on our properties, inviting hundreds of people to visit the lands their donations have helped to protect.
- We welcomed **700 people** to The John G. Shedd Institute for the Arts for the **Living River Concert with Misty River**, a spectacular evening celebrating the rhythms and harmonies of moving water, and a benefit for our work.
- We signed on as a founding member of the **Coalition of Oregon Land Trusts**, a statewide group created to strengthen the land trust community and provide eighteen member organizations with a collective voice.

The health of our local communities is reflected in the health of the natural areas that surround us. As a supporter of the McKenzie River Trust, you have invested in the abundance of fish and wildlife, clean drinking water, and fertile lands that define western Oregon. You are helping to leave a great future for our grandchildren and their grandchildren.

Our Vision: The McKenzie River Trust is committed to a future in which intact, functioning ecosystems provide clean water, abundant fish and wildlife, and productive natural landscapes throughout western Oregon.

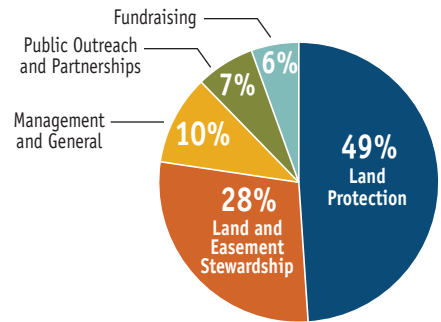
Our Protected Lands as of 12/31/11

Owned Lands: **1,603 acres - 10 properties**
 Conservation Easements: **1,668 acres - 22 properties**
 Partner Pass Through Lands: **90 acres**
Total: 3,361 acres protected

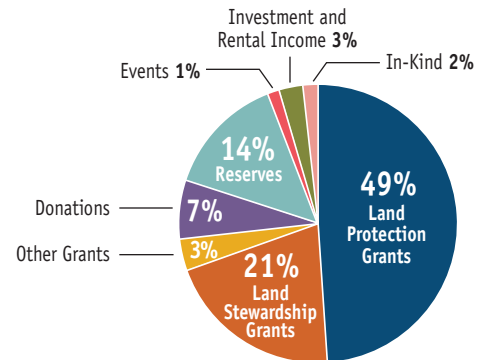
2011 Financial Highlights

- In 2011, MRT staff secured **\$1.01 million in grants and contracts** for land conservation projects
- **21% increase** in the number of people who gave to MRT from 2010 to 2011
- **53% of donors** who gave in 2010 increased the amount of their gift in 2011

2011 Expenses: \$1,704,282



Sources of Funds



Thank you for your donations to support land conservation in western Oregon! If you have any questions about our Annual Report, please contact our office at 541-345-2799.