

No matter where you live in Oregon,  
you're in a watershed.

Oregon's Unique Approach to Watershed Health



# OWEB Mission

To help protect and restore healthy watersheds and natural habitats that support thriving communities and strong economies.

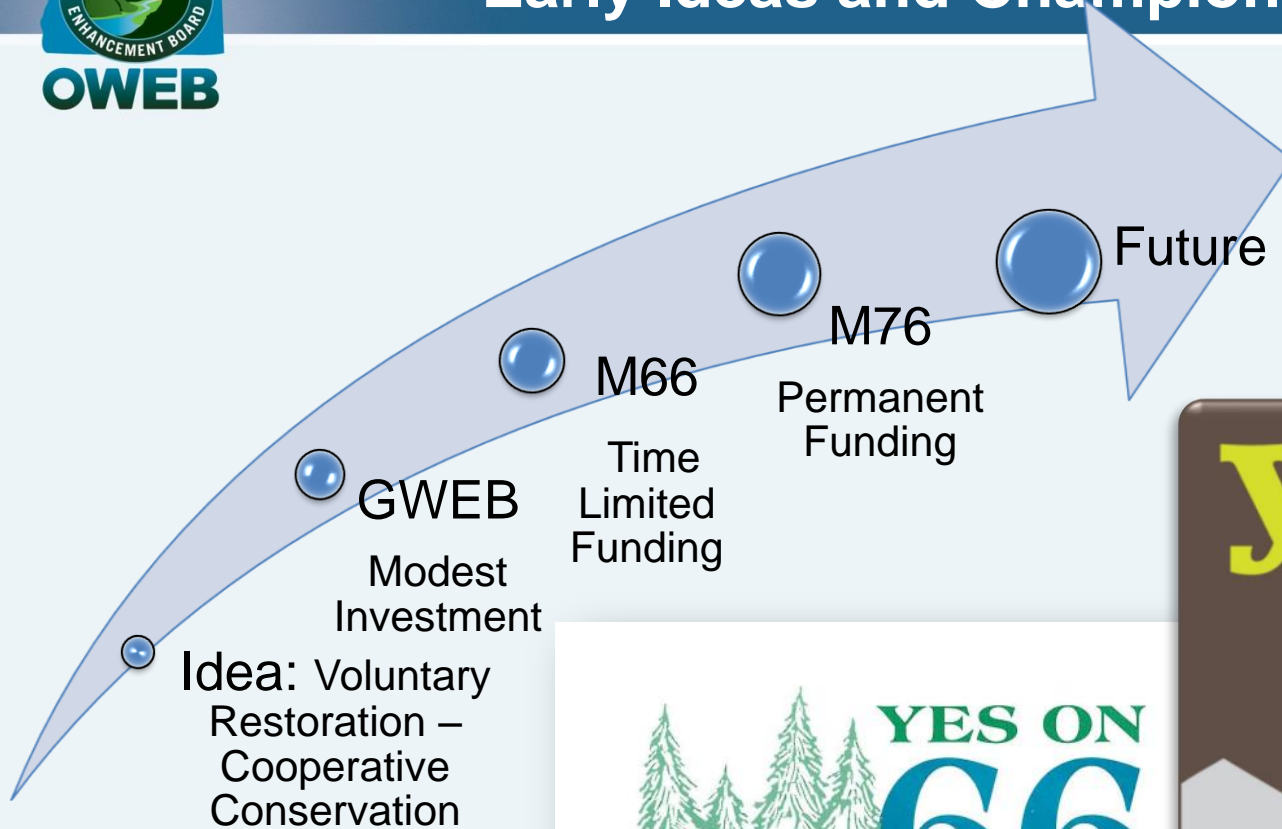


# Goals

1. Adaptive Investment
2. Local Infrastructure Development
3. Public Awareness and Involvement
4. Partnership Development
5. Efficient and Accountable Administration



# Early Ideas and Champions



**Voluntary  
Restoration  
Actions**

**Monitoring**



**Coordinated  
State,  
Federal, and  
Tribal Actions**

**Strong  
Scientific  
Oversight**

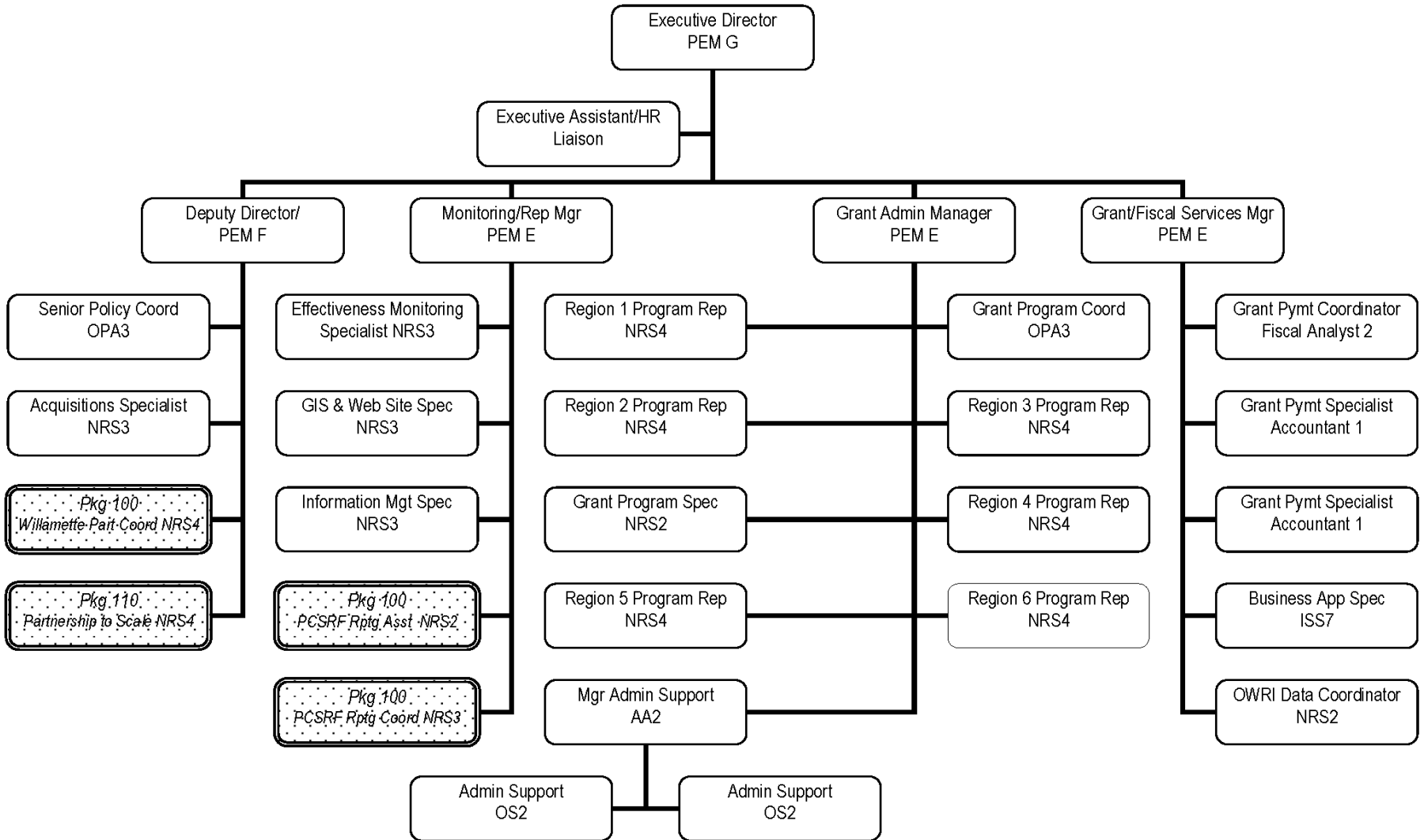


## Program Areas

Grant Program: supports local community organizations to implement, track and monitor science-based projects to restore land, water and fish and wildlife habitat, and provide Oregon jobs

Operations: Supports delivery of grants that support local community organizations

# Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board 2013-15 Governor's Budget



FTE 31.00; Positions 31

Limited Duration FTE



# Agency Structure

- Grant Section
- Fiscal Section
- Monitoring and Reporting
- Policy and Oregon Plan
- Director's Office





## Target Groups

OWEB grant investments are made through:

- Landowners
- Watershed Councils
- Soil and Water Conservation Districts
- Land Trusts
- Other Non-Government Organizations
- Cities, Counties and the University System
- Tribes



# Program Delivery

## OWEB

- Solicits for grants and completes reviews in partnership with other agencies
- Manages grant program
- Implements effectiveness monitoring programs
- Develops effective partnerships to leverage resources at the regional/state level

## Local Restoration Partners

- Implement restoration projects on the ground
- Provide outreach
- Monitor project success
- Develop effective partnerships to leverage resources at the local level

## Landowners and Communities

- Commit to voluntary conservation work on their land
- Invest in the local restoration economy

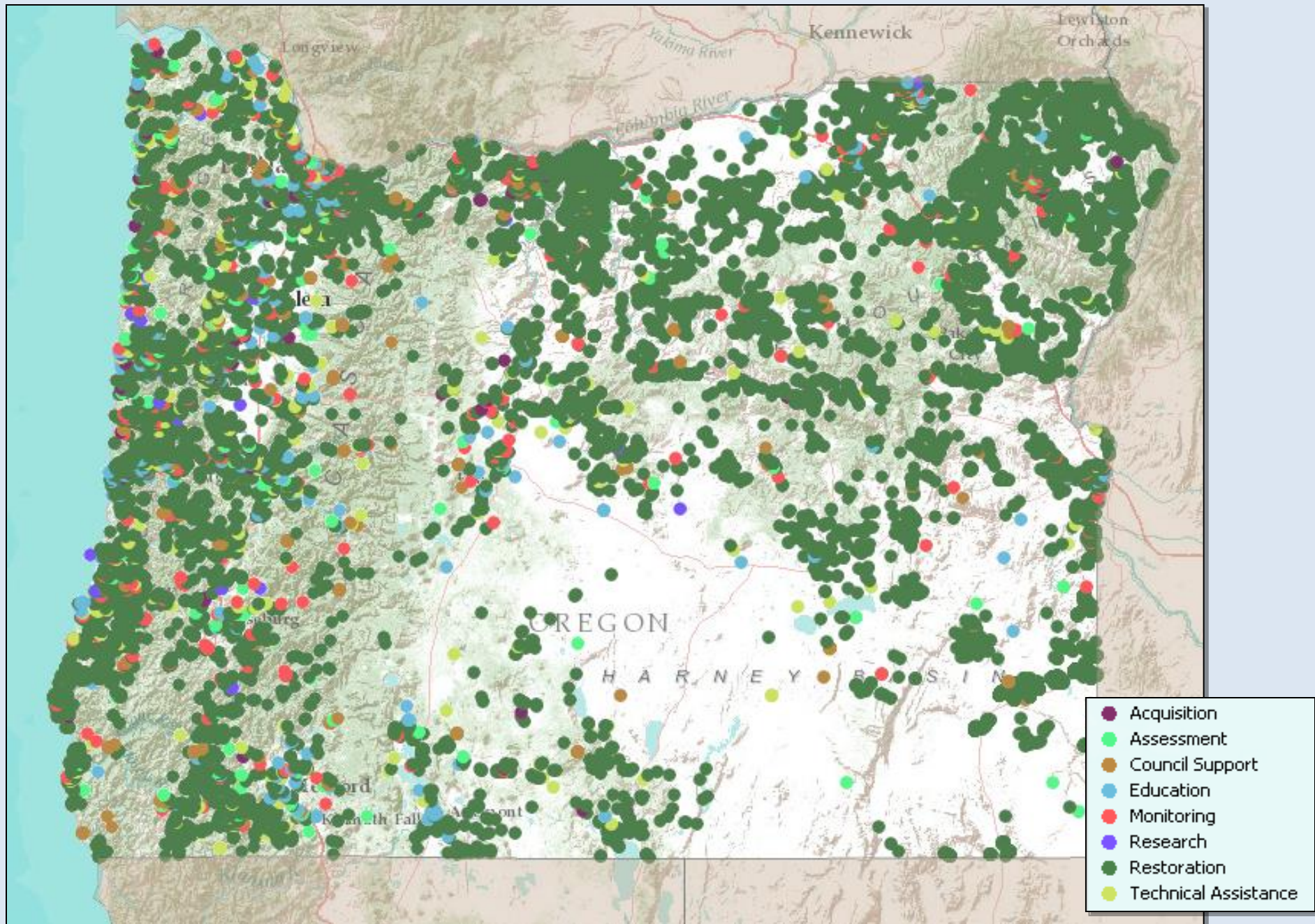


# Achieving Outcomes

Since 1999, OWEB's over 6,000 individual grant investments have helped communities:

- Restore nearly 2,900 miles of streams
- Make nearly 4,000 miles of stream habitat accessible for fish
- Help landowners improve the condition of over 750,000 acres
- And have resulted in an average of 15-24 jobs per \$1 million invested

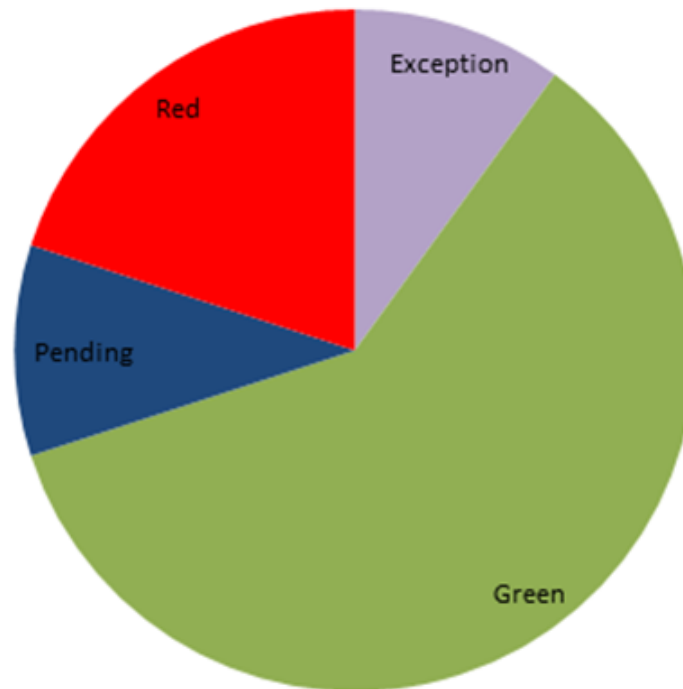
# OWEB Investments Since 1999





# Summary of Performance Measures

## Performance Summary



Exception	10.0%
Green	60.0%
Pending	10.0%
Red	20.0%

**Green**  
= Target to -5%

**Yellow**  
= Target -6% to -15%

**Red**  
= Target > -15%

**Exception**  
Can not calculate status  
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# Budget Drivers & Environmental Factors

## Issues:

- Lottery and Federal funds have limits
- Small operating budget and staff; large reliance on limited duration positions
- Need other agencies to provide monitoring and technical assistance



# Cross-Agency Approach

## **A Cross-Agency Approach is core to OWEB's way of doing business**

- Other agency commission members are members of the OWEB Board
- Other agency staff participate on regional review teams
- OWEB engages with other agencies in the development and implementation of plans
- M76 funding supports staff in other agencies for programs associated with the intent of M76



# Budget Drivers & Environmental Factors

## **Opportunities:**

- Measure 76 funding more flexible for grantees
- Ability to utilize streamlined processes and online tools
- Focusing investments at a landscape scale with partners to leverage increased investment



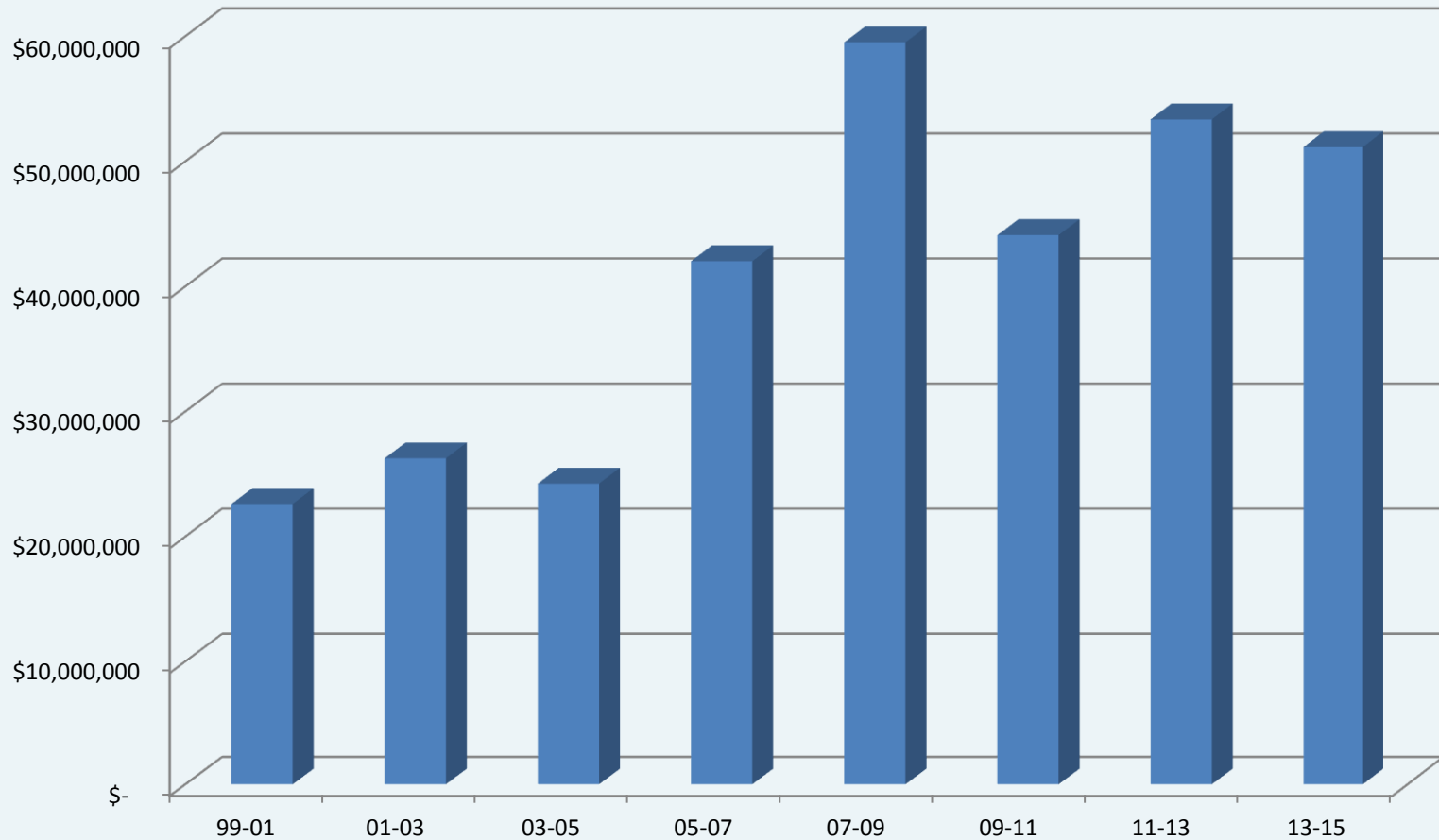


# Examples of OWEB Partnerships

Program	Focus	OWEB Investment	Other Funders	Other Funder Investment
<b>Whole Watershed Restoration Initiative</b>	Restoration of salmon habitat at the watershed scale	\$1.2 million	EcoTrust, NOAA, USFS, USFWS, BLM, NRCS, local restoration partners	\$4.3 million
<b>Deschutes Special Investment Partnership</b>	Fish habitat, stream-flow and riparian restoration	\$12.5 million	Crooked River and Upper Deschutes watershed councils, Deschutes Land Trust, Deschutes River Conservancy, Pelton Fund	\$22 million
<b>Willamette Special Investment Partnership</b>	Native fish habitat restoration in the Willamette Basin	\$9.5 million	Meyer Memorial Trust, Bonneville Environmental Foundation, BPA, ODFW, local watershed councils and land trusts	\$8.1 million
<b>Klamath Special Investment Partnership</b>	Fish habitat, stream-flow and riparian habitat restoration	\$250,000	National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, Tribes, local conservation organizations	\$880,000

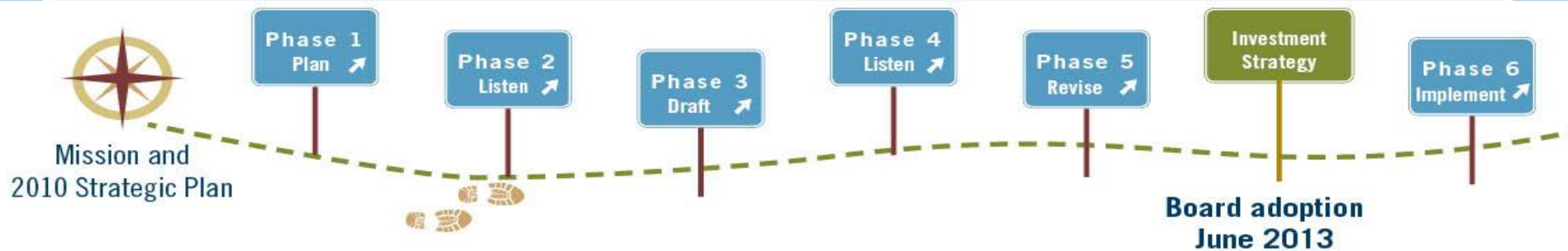


## M66 Capital and M76 65% Grants





# Roadmap to a Long-Term Investment Strategy





# Costs and Program Delivery

## **Improving Program Delivery and Program Efficiency**

- Long-Term Investment Strategy
- Business Practices
- Council Support Program Review

## **Reducing Duplication and Coordination with Other Agencies**

- Soil and Water Conservation District Capacity and Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program Funding
- Weed Grant Program
- Enterprise Monitoring

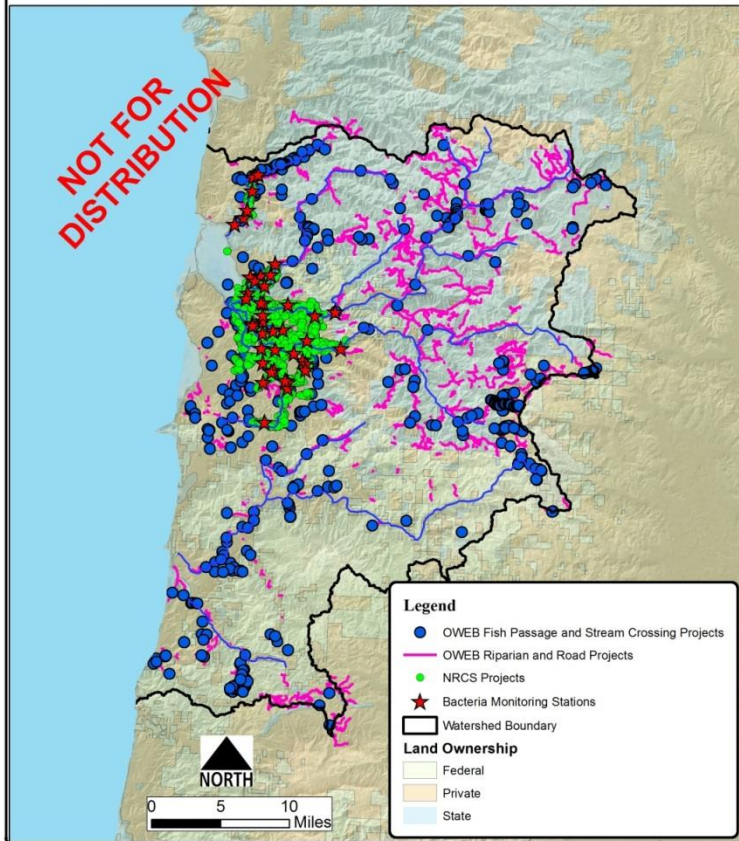


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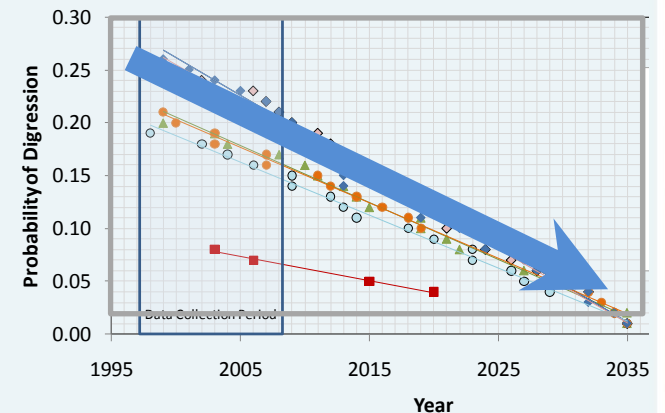
## Conservation Effectiveness Partnership



Tillamook Watersheds

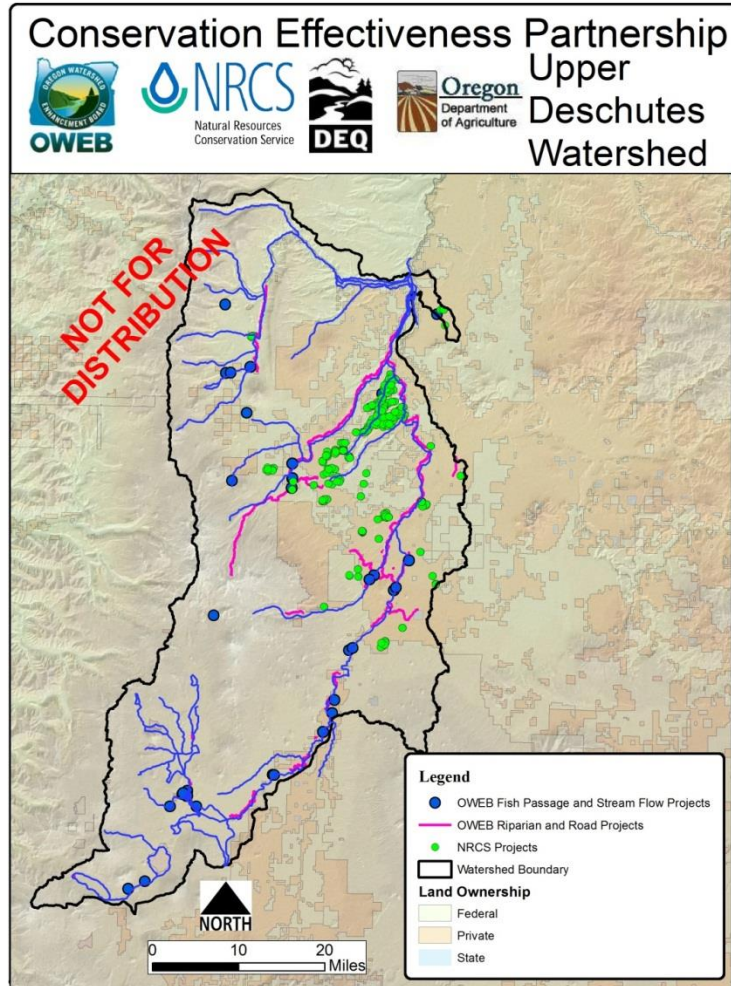


Wilson River:  
Harmful bacteria decreasing

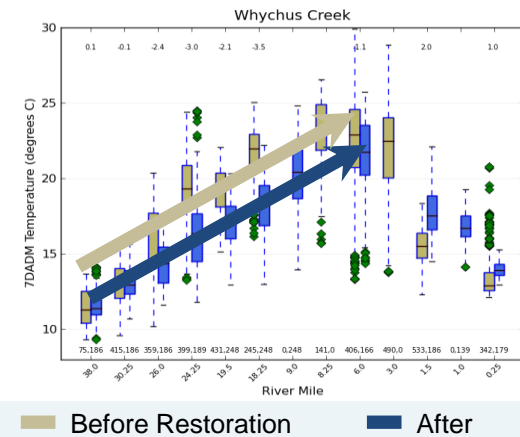




# Achieving Outcomes



Whychus Creek:  
Stream temperature  
decreasing





## Budget – Shortfalls & Opportunities

- Lottery funds are down in the short-term, and expected to flatten over the long-term
- Federal funds uncertain in the long term
- OWEB is an efficient grant delivery agency
  - Over 1,100 open grants
  - 7% administration for grant program delivery