

ANNUAL REPORT 2013-2014



Union County

OREGON YOUTH CONSERVATION CORPS

ABOUT OYCC

The Oregon Youth Conservation Corps (OYCC) was created by the 1987 Oregon Legislature to emulate the Civilian Conservation Corps of the 1930's.

OYCC builds on the strong connections between positive work experiences, work skills, personal responsibility, commitment to education, and future employment for Oregon's youth.

The purpose of the Oregon Youth Conservation Corps (OYCC) as stated in ORS 418.650 to 418.663 is:

- *To establish a disadvantaged and at-risk youth work program in order to perform conservation work of public value in the most cost effective manner;*
- *To utilize such a program as a means of needed assistance to protect, conserve, rehabilitate and improve the natural, historical and cultural resources of the state;*
- *To utilize such a program to increase education, training and employment opportunities for disadvantaged and at-risk youth for the purpose of improving work skills, instilling the work ethic and increasing employability.*

Participants must be Oregon residents and 75% of participants must meet the disadvantaged and at-risk requirement as stated below:

“Youth at-risk and disadvantaged are those who may be unable to achieve the educational, economic, or social expectations of their community.”

MESSAGE FROM OYCC

We are excited to present the Oregon Youth Conservation Corps' (OYCC) 2013-2014 Annual Report. This report highlights the achievements and successes from the summer of 2014 and the 2013-2014 school year programs.

OYCC is a program within the Oregon Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development (CCWD). OYCC provides grants to local providers to run youth programs across the state serving individuals ages 13 and under 25. There are two main programs: the Summer Conservation Corps (SCC) and the Community Stewardship Corps (CSC). Other programs administered by OYCC include the Youth River Stewards, Employment and Education Partnership (EEP) and specific grants with funding provided by the Oregon State Marine Board. All five of these programs are highlighted in this report.

Along with grants, OYCC provides Crew Leader training with modules specific to the type of OYCC grant. OYCC also serves as a valuable resource for program development, technical assistance, networking with other youth programs and assists in developing educational, service and work projects.

OYCC is funded primarily through Oregon's Amusement Device Tax via the Oregon Lottery. Additional state funds come from the Oregon State Marine Board (OSMB). OYCC receives federal funds through the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) for the EEP.

We hope you enjoy this year's Annual Report!



2014 SUMMER PROGRAMS

Summer Conservation Corps

The Summer Conservation Corps (SCC) is OYCC's largest state-funded program, with the goal of having a local program in each of Oregon's 36 counties. OYCC provides funding for youth work crews throughout Oregon to complete projects such as trail construction and maintenance, landscaping, planting, wetlands/bank/stream restoration, invasive species (weed) removal, construction, gardening and greenhouse projects. Crews typically consist of five youth and run for six to eight weeks. The primary goals of SCC programs is to provide paid summer employment opportunities for youth where they can obtain valuable job skills while completing much needed natural resource projects.

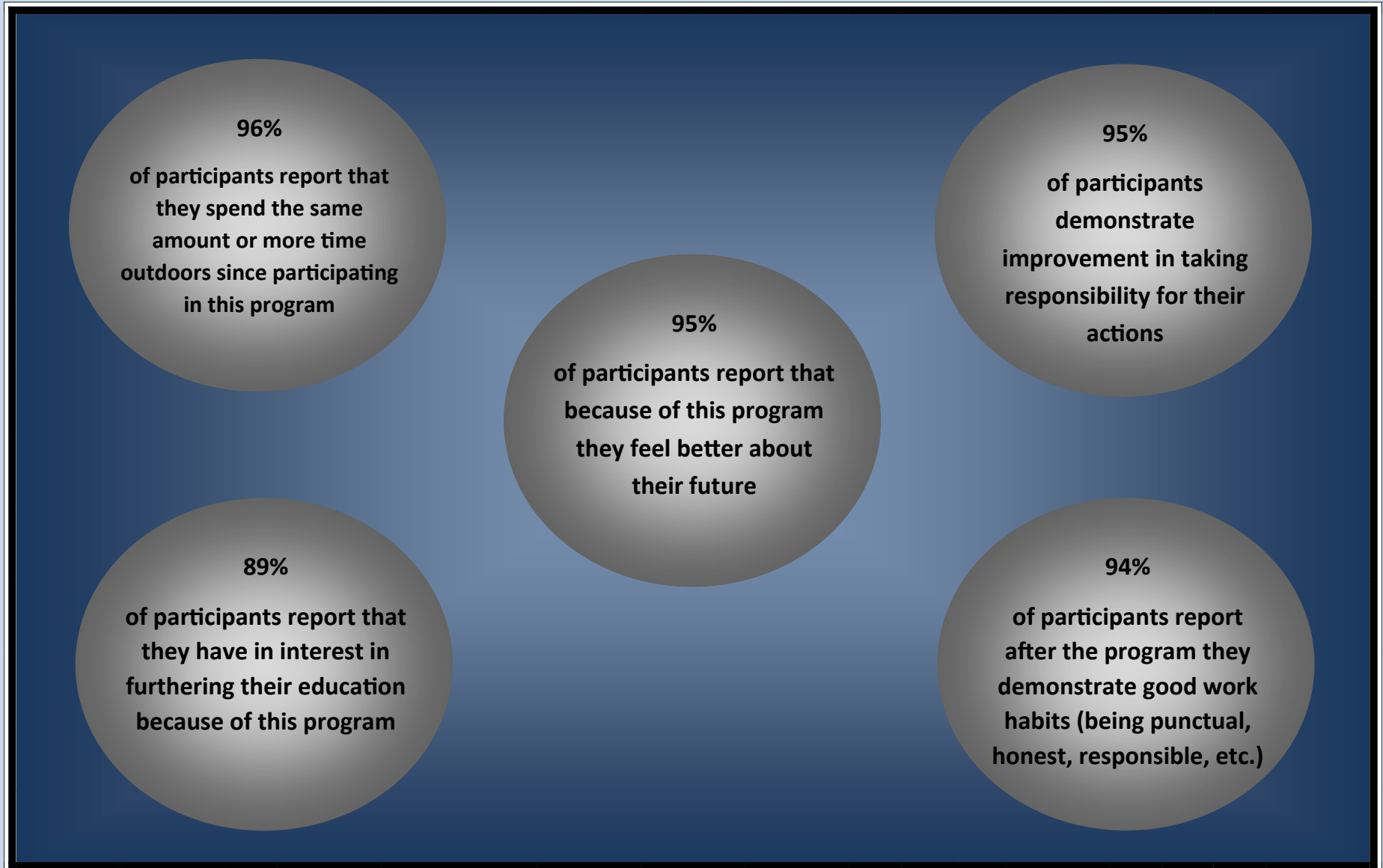
Oregon State Marine Board

Through a Cooperative Agreement, the Oregon State Marine Board (OSMB) provides funding to OYCC for grants during the summer. This funding is dedicated recreational boating funds that come from boat registration and titling fees and marine fuel tax. Projects should enhance recreational motorized public boating related areas and can include dock, launch ramp, parking lot, restroom and signage repair, painting and renovation.

Adopt-A-River

OYCC has partnered with SOLVE (Stop Oregon Litter and Vandalism) and OSMB and has incorporated an Adopt-A-River project into each summer grant. Crews must complete one day cleaning and preserving a stretch of waterway (river, lake, stream) of their choice by doing litter removal, invasive species removal, plantings, watershed restoration, etc. Projects are focused on watershed health and natural resource stewardship. Programs can choose to register their project with SOLVE where they will receive resources such as bags and gloves as well as educational materials for their project.

YOUTH OUTCOMES



SUMMER STATISTICS

	2014 Summer Conservation Corps	2014 Marine Board	2014 Totals
Number of Grants	33	6	39
Total Amount Granted	\$330,000	\$48,015	\$378,015
Number of Youth Hired	377	43	420
Number of Youth Applicants	818	108	926
Total Project Work Hours	72,934	3,747	76,681
Percentage of Youth in the Juvenile Justice System	19%	23%	
Total Youth Wages Paid	\$747,784	\$36,994	\$784,778
Total Leverage	\$1,152,254	\$59,351	\$1,211,605

ADOPT-A-RIVER

OUTCOMES

548 Participants
10,944.5 Total Hours
11,747 Pounds of Trash Removed
28 Acres of Invasive Species Removed

WATERWAYS IMPROVED

Willamette River
Zimmerman Marsh
Beaver Pond
Columbia River
Amazon Creek
Mill Creek
Deep Creek
McKay Creek
Umpqua River
John Day River
Row River
Cheadle Lake

Mann Lake
Fish Lake
Silvies River
Chickahominy Reservoir
Wood River
Nyberg Creek
Sid Luce Reservoir
Lucky Reservoir
Mud Lake Reservoir
Williams Creek
Sandy River
Warren Slough

Agency Creek
Yamhill River
Wilson River
Deschutes River
Umatilla River
Taylor Lake
McKenzie River
Clackamas River
Sandy River
Grand Ronde River
Rogers Landing
Nyberg Wetlands



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Wasco County



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Tillamook County

2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR PROGRAMS

Community Stewardship Corps

The Community Stewardship Corps (CSC) is comprised of innovative, community-focused alternative education programs. OYCC partners with alternative education programs statewide. Youth gain valuable education, employment and leadership skills while learning work ethic and environmental knowledge through integrated classroom and field-based learning projects. It is essential that programs be connected to the school system and that a method for awarding credit or earning a GED is in place. Crew activities include natural resource projects such as trail construction and maintenance, invasive species and noxious weed removal, riparian and wetlands restoration, construction and cultivation of native plant stock. Students also participate in projects such as GIS and GPS mapping and surveying, water/soil sampling and monitoring. Other community-based activities include volunteering in programs such as providing firewood for the elderly, SOLVE (Stop Oregon Litter and Vandalism), local food banks, community gardens, recycling and renovation projects.

Youth River Stewards

The Youth River Stewards program is a collaborative effort between OYCC and Oregon Parks and Recreation Department. It introduces Community Stewardship Corps students to the needs of Oregon's rivers with three-day/two-night canoe trips on the Willamette River. The goal of the program is to provide insight and education and to instill a sense of ownership and a lifetime commitment to Oregon's rivers. Program participants also gain exposure to natural resource career opportunities. During the 2013-2014 school year, 23 participants from two schools were served, 60 river miles were traveled and eight hours of project work was completed.

SCHOOL YEAR STATISTICS

2013-2014 Community Stewardship Corps	
Number of Grants	31
Total Amount Granted	\$428,300
Number of Youth Served	629
Total Amount of Stipend/ Wages Paid	\$612,869.27
Total Credits Earned	1,779.5
Total Diplomas Earned	97
Total GEDs Earned	27
Total Education Hours	77,027
Tuition Vouchers Awarded	\$150,443.75
Percentage of Youth in the Juvenile Justice System	32%
Total Leverage	\$2,123,493





Youth House Garden-Corvallis



Natural Resources Crew-Newport



Integral Youth Services-Klamath Falls



Kennedy Conservation Corps-Cottage Grove



MLK Education Center-Eugene



Mt. Hood Community College-Gresham



Cascade Education Corps-Tigard



Multnomah Youth Cooperative-Fairview



North Fork John Day Watershed Council-Long Creek



Columbia River Youth Corps-St. Helens



Tillamook School District-Tillamook



Wilderness International-Canby

EMPLOYMENT AND EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP

Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

The BLM/OYCC Employment and Education Partnership is a Cooperative Agreement between the BLM OYCC/CCWD. One of the benefits of this agreement is that the BLM can reach more youth-serving agencies by using the partnerships that currently exist within OYCC. Each year BLM funds are distributed evenly among the nine Oregon BLM Districts for projects during the summer.

BLM Districts determine the location and types of projects to fund and then notifies OYCC of the opportunity. OYCC programs within those districts have the opportunity to apply with the district managers making the final decision.

Since 2010, OYCC has awarded over \$1,030,000 in BLM funds.



WORDS FROM YOUTH

SUMMER CONSERVATION CORPS

“The hard work makes me feel proud of myself.”

- Daniel (Northwest Youth Corps)

“The most important thing I learned by being in this program was how to work with others.” - Carissa (Boys and Girls Club)

“I will use what I learned in this program to improve my performance in other jobs.” - Matthew (Heart of Oregon)

“Earning my money and learning how to save it is something I will use in the future.”

- Diana (Training and Employment Consortium)

“My favorite part of this program was being able to work outdoors and be a part of nature.” - Burkina (North Fork John Day Watershed Council)

“I have learned punctuality is key to success.” - Jasmine (Sherman County Commission)

“I will use the things I learned by communicating with others, listening and following directions, and being responsible for my actions.” - Kenya (The Next Door)

COMMUNITY STEWARDSHIP CORPS

“The most important thing I learned in this program is how to be responsible and own up to a challenge.”

- Bradley (MHCC/Project YESS)

“I will use what I have learned to help myself obtain and maintain new jobs.” - Jacob (Youth House Garden)

“I have learned a lot about team cooperating, leadership and communication that I will put to good use at my current job.”

- Collin (Wilderness International)

“Anyone can be successful if given the right opportunities.”

- Amanda (Jane Goodall Environmental Middle School)

“I will use the things I’ve learned from this program to further my schooling and work experience.” - Matthew (Columbia River Youth Corps)

“The unique combination of education and physical labor was very appealing.” - Kyle (Northwest Youth Corps)

“My favorite part of this program was getting work experience while bettering the community.” - Justice (Tillamook School District)

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

OYCC has an appointed nine-member Advisory Committee. Three members are appointed by the Governor, three are appointed by the Oregon Senate President and three are appointed by the Speaker of the Oregon House.

<u>Senate Appointments</u>	<u>House Appointments</u>	<u>Governor Appointments</u>
Sen. Michael Dembrow -Portland	Kathy Cancilla -Canyon City	Mary Hoverson -La Grande
Tom Cope -Albany	Pat Willis -Portland	Charles Sanderson -St. Helens
Jeanine Wallace -Eugene	Rep. Wally Hicks -Grants Pass	Ron Adams -West Linn

PARTNERS

Partners in bold represent OYCC programs

Access
 Adventure Leadership Institute's™ Challenge Course Program
 Ad-Wear and Specialty of Texas
 Afton Field Farms
 Albany-Corvallis Farmers Market
 Allan Bros. Coffee Company
 Amber Kerr
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 Antone Ranch
 APEX Auto Repair
 Applegate Watershed Council
 Arlington Show and Shine Club
 Avamere Three Fountains Rehabilitation Center
 Beaverton School District
 Bend LaPine School District
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 Benton County Code Enforcement
Bethel School District
 Big City Mountaineers
 Bill Todd Memorial Nursery
 Black Rock Mountain Biking Association
 Blue Den Ranch
 Blue Dot Kids LLC
 Boardman Parks and Marina
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Boys and Girls Club of Salem
 Brent Butler
 Brett Dumbauld
 Brookings Airport
 Bud Shoemake
 Bureau of Land Management
 Burns High School
 Burns Hines Alternative School
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Canby Dahlia Run
 Canby Rotary Club
 Carl Palmer
Cascade Education Corps
 Center for Research on Alpine Ecosystem- Chamonix, France
 Central Electrical Training Center (IBEW)
 Central Medford High School
 Central Oregon Community College
Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council
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 City of Moro
 City of Mosier
 City of Pendleton
 City of Roseburg
 City of Rufus
 City of Salem
 City of St. Helens
 City of Tigard

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 Clackamas County Juvenile Department
 Clackamas County Marine Patrol
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 Clean Water Services
 Coast Fork Willamette Watershed Council
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 College Dreams
 College Hill High School
Columbia River Youth Corps
 Columbia Riverkeeper
 Columbia Slough Watershed Council
 Columbia Soil and Water Conservation District
Community Action Program of East Central Oregon
 Community Colleges and Workforce Development
 Community Housing Services
Community Services Consortium
 Condon Child Care
 Condon Farmers Market
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 Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation
 Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs
 Conner Denning
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Coos Watershed Association
 Corvallis Canyons
 Corvallis Environmental Center
 Corvallis Farmers Market
 Corvallis High School
 Corvallis Sustainability Coalition
 Corvallis Winter Indoor Farmers Market

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PARTNERS CONTINUED

Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians
 Coyote Trails at Jefferson Nature Center
 Crater Lake National Park
 Crescent Valley School District
 Creswell School District
CSC Youth Garden
CSC Youth Build
 Cutsforth Portable Saw Mill
 Cynthia Kent
 Dallas High School
 Dani Padilla
 Dave Sip
 David Gross
 Debbie Pickering
 Debra Prugh
 Department of Environmental Quality
 Department of Human Services
 Deschutes County Solid Waste
 Diack Ecology Education Foundation
 Douglas County Commissioners
 Douglas County Museum of Cultural and Natural History
 Douglas County Public Works
 Douglas Forest Protective Association
Earth Crusaders
 EcoTrust
 Elizabeth Elbel
 Elmira School District
 ENRG Kayaking
 Enterprise Foundation
 Epic Small Engine Repair
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 Eugene Friends of Trees
 Eugene Water and Electric Board
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 First Story
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 Gilliam County
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 Gilliam County Juvenile Department
 Glide School District
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 Grant County Bird Club
 Grant County Fairgrounds
 Greg Malinowski Farms
 Grimms Fuel Company
 Habitat for Humanity
 Harney County Commission on Children and Families
 Harney County Court
Harney County Youth Express
 Hatfield Marine Science Center
 Hayden Homes
Heart of Oregon
 Home Depot
 Hood River County Juvenile Department
 Hood River Soil and Water Conservation District
 Housing Works
 Illinois Valley Family Coalition

Illinois Valley High School
 Illinois Valley Senior Center
 In the Sticks Juniper Saw Mill
 Institute of Applied Ecology
Integral Youth Services
 Immigration and Refugee Community Organization
 Irrigon High School
 Itchung Cheung
 Jackson County Fuel Committee
 Jacob Denning
 Jacobsen Salt
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 Jefferson County School Systems
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 Kathy Wilcox
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Kennedy Conservation Corps
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 Klamath Falls Chamber of Commerce
 Klamath Falls City Parks
 Klamath Falls Water Department
 Knappa Fire District

PARTNERS CONTINUED

Kristi Bowman
Ladd Marsh Wildlife Refuge
 Lake Oswego Tigard Water Partnership
 Lane County
 Lane County Department of Environmental Quality
 Lane County Public Works
 Lane County Waste Management
 Lane County Youth Services
 Lane Workforce Partnership
 Laurie Judd
 Lebanon Community Foundation
 Lebanon Community School District
 Lee McCoy
 Lents Elementary School
 Les Anderson
 Les Hall
 Leslie Richards
 Lewis and Clark National Historical Park
 Liberty Elementary School
 Limbwalker Tree Service
 Lincoln County
 Lincoln Soil and Water Conservation District
 Linda Hutchins
 Lindamin Construction
 Linkville Residential Care Facility
 Linn-Benton Food Share
 Little Wheats Day Care
 Lomakatsi Restoration Project
Looking Glass Youth and Family Services
 Lori Allen
 Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership
 Lower Nehalem Community Trust
 Lowes
 Mackenzie River Trust
 Maggie Rivers
 Malheur Wildlife Refuge
 Marcola School District

Marion County Marine Enforcement
 Marion-Polk Food Share
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 Metro Parks and Greenspaces
 Mexican Consulate
 MHCC Head Start
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 Mt. Hood Kiwanis Camp
 Mt. Pisgah Arboretum
Multnomah Youth Cooperative
 National Environmental Education Foundation
 National Fish and Wildlife Foundation
 National Park Service
 Nestucca Ridge Homeowners Association
 Nick Leonetti
 NOAA
 North Coast Lane Conservancy
 North Coast Watershed Association
North Fork John Day Watershed Council
 Northwest Oregon Restoration Partnership
Northwest Regional ESD
Northwest Youth Corps
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 Office of Student Access and Completion
 Oldcastle Sand and Gravel
 Oliver Sorensen
 Opal Creek Ancient Forest Center
 Oregon 4-H Center
 Oregon City High School Junior ROTC
 Oregon Coast Aquarium

Oregon Coast Community Forest Association
 Oregon Community Foundation
 Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
 Oregon Department of Forestry
 Oregon Department of Transportation
 Oregon Employment Department
 Oregon Garden
 Oregon Hills Park
 Oregon Human Development Coalition
 Oregon Hunters Association
 Oregon Lottery
 Oregon Parks and Recreation Department
 Oregon State Marine Board
 Oregon State University
 Oregon State University Extension Services
 Oregon Tradeswomen, Inc.
 Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board
 Oregon Zoo
 OSU Central Gorge Master Gardener Association
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 Pacific Rivers Council
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 Philomath High School
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 Pleasant Hill School District
 Plum Creek
 Polk County Marine Patrol
 Port of Alsea
 Port of Cascade Locks
 Port of Depoe Bay
 Port of Hood River

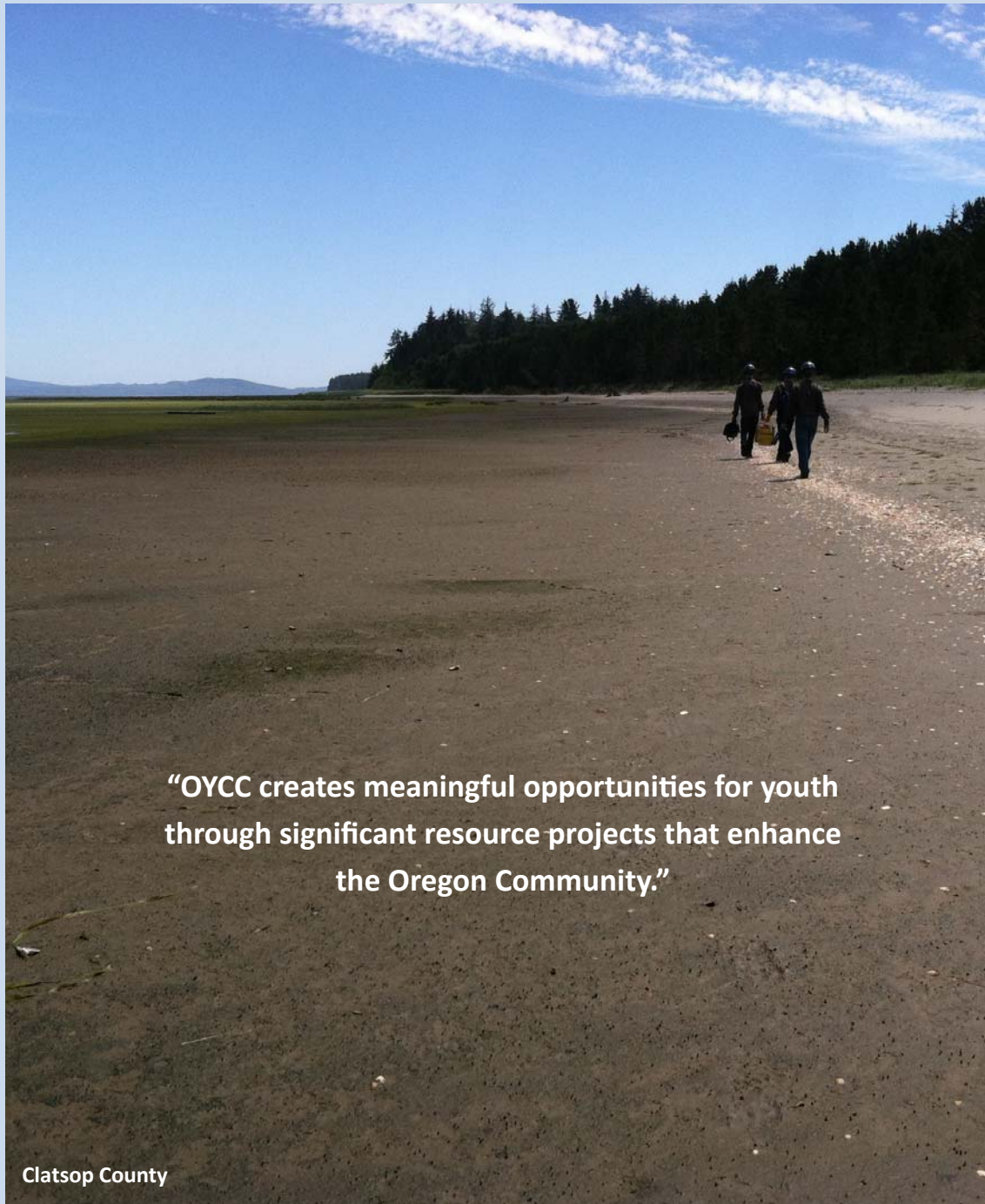
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Port of Newport
 Port of St. Helens
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 Portland Community College
 Portland Parks
 Portland Water Bureau
Project YESS
 Quintin Bauer
 Raptor Creek Farm
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 Redmond School District
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 River Resources Museum
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 Robert Jones
 Rogue Valley Council of Governments
 Ron Adams
 Roseburg Public Schools
 Rusk Ranch Nature Center
 SAGE-Starker Arts Garden for Education
 Salem Audubon Society
 Salmon Drift Watershed Council
 Sandy River Basin Watershed Council
 Scappoose Bay Watershed Council
 Severs and Sons Construction
 Sheridan High School
 Sherman County
Sherman County Commission on Children and Families and Prevention
 Sherman County Fairgrounds
 Sherman County Historical Society and Museum
 Sherman County School District
 Sherman County Senior/Community Center
 Sherman Jr./Sr. High School
 Sisters School District
 Skinner City Farm
 SMART-Start Making a Reader Today

SOLVE
South Coast Business and Employment Corp.
 South Lane School District
 South Santiam Fish Hatchery
 South Santiam Watershed Council
 South Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve
 South Umpqua Rural Community Partnership
 Southern Oregon Humane Society
 Southern Oregon Land Conservancy
 Spirit Mountain Community Fund
 Springfield School District
STEPS
 Sturdi-Built Greenhouses
 Sunbow Farms
 Sweet Home School District
 Sweetbrier Elementary School
 Synergo
 Territorial Seed Company
 Terry Bouie
 The Black Rock Mountain Bike Association
The Job Council
The Klahre House
 The Lamb Foundation
 The Nature Conservancy
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 The Salvation Army
 Three Creeks Fire District
 Tillamook Forest Center
 Tillamook Animal Shelter
 Tillamook Bay Community College
 Tillamook Pioneer Museum
 Tillamook School District #9
 Tim Butler
 Toledo Community Garden
 Toledo Head Start
 Tom Cope
Training and Employment Consortium

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 Trillium Family Services
 Trust Management Services, LLC
 Tryon Creek Watershed Council
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 Wetlands Conservancy
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 Wheeler County Fair Board
 Wheeler Soil and Water Conservation District
 Willamette Riverkeepers
 Willamina High School
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 Yamhill County Human Services
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“OYCC creates meaningful opportunities for youth through significant resource projects that enhance the Oregon Community.”

Clatsop County

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