

WALLA WALLA BASIN WATERSHED COUNCIL

WATERSHED WATCH

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Announcement

We're inviting all photographers in the area to participate in our year-long photo contest; monthly winners will be selected and will win various gifts, donated by basin-local businesses! For more information please check out our Facebook page, email Emily.Tilden@wwbwc.org, or call or stop by our building during business hours. We can't wait to see and share the beauty in our basin.

Beauty in Our Basin



12 MONTH PHOTO CONTEST

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Success with the Valley Giving Guide

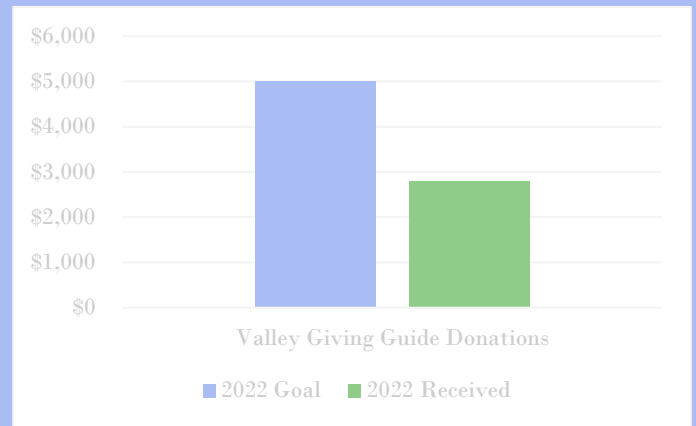
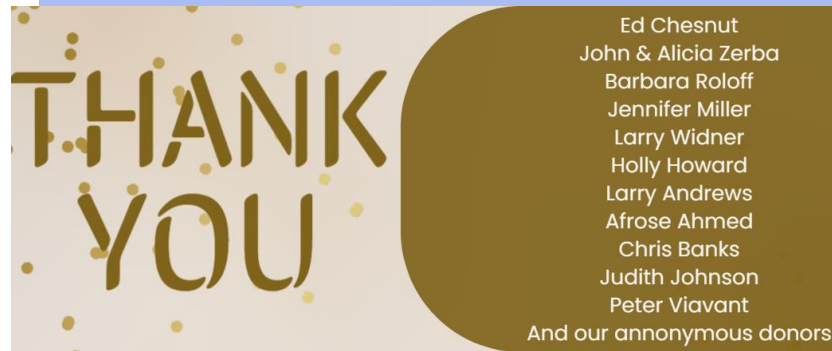
2022 marked the first year of participation by the Walla Walla Basin Watershed Council in the Valley Giving Guide, co-hosted by Blue Mountain Trust and United Way of the Blue Mountains. For our debut, our goal was to receive \$5,000 in donations; we managed to get over halfway and received \$2,801. Our total was solely thanks to our generous community members that donated, as we did not win any of the bonus prizes that were available this year nor did we receive any match-funds.

This year provided a great experience for us in this fundraiser and we look forward to exercising what we learned from this season in years to come, and continuing to earn your support.

Thanks also to those who have donated to our FlipCause through 2022. It is still a new utility to us, and will be using it more going forward.

“Always give without remembering and receive without forgetting.”

-Brian Tracy



2022 Project Highlights

As mentioned in a previous e-mailer, we had numerous accomplishments in the '22 year. However, we now have some new subscribers with us, and it doesn't hurt to keep celebrating our hard work. Some of our most notable actions of the year: Salmon in the Classroom, the Pesticide Stewardship Program partnership, a wide scope of site maintenance and data management of surface and groundwater locations, discovery and documentation of more than 80 groundwater springs in the Upper Walla Walla Watershed, conducted managed aquifer recharge (M.A.R.) program at 15 sites including ponds and refill galleries, removal of the final anthropogenic fish passage barrier on Couse Creek, and continued plantings at the Lampson project site.





Upcoming in 2023

A sneak peek at some of the projects we will be tackling in the coming year are: North Fork river-mile (RM) 4-8 restoration construction, Mill Creek base-flow assessment and springs inventory, and low-tech based habitat restoration at RM 4 of Couse Creek to name a few.

Of course, we will also stay busy with the hydrological trend monitoring that we do in the area that informs us about what’s happening in the basin; guides how we should react and proact going forward.

Not to mention, we look forward to updating our website in the coming year, and having more outreach experiences with the community going forward— stay tuned!

Board Updates From 1/16

The board chair, vice chair, and secretary/treasurer were voted for at the January meeting and stayed the same as the previous year with John, Vern, and Ed filling the positions respectively. Currently, the wildlife sector doesn’t have an assigned board member. We welcome applicants to fill it, or may consider reconfiguring the sector structure.

Personnel and project committees will be called to meet within a month or so for respective action items.

Any and all persons are invited to join us for Board Meetings which are held in our building on the 3rd Monday of the month at 7pm.

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