Using and Sustaining Partnerships to Collect, Share, and Analyze Data

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Brief History:

- Oregon Plan for Salmon and Watersheds
  - Oregon Plan Monitoring Strategy
- Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board
  - Ballot Measure 66 (1999)
  - Ballot Measure 76 (2010)

What Does OWEB Do?

OWEB Mission: To help protect and restore healthy watersheds and natural habitats that support thriving communities and strong economies.
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- United States Department of Agriculture: Natural Resource Conservation Service
- Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board
- Oregon Department of Environmental Quality
- Oregon Department of Agriculture
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- Agencies signed Memorandum of Understanding
- Established partnership goals:
  - Extent of the investment in watershed improvement actions;
  - How local organizations utilize the agencies grant programs;
  - Impacts of grant investments on water quality and watershed health;
  - Gaps in the treatment of priority limiting factors and watersheds; and
  - Tools and methods of reporting accomplishments.
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**Accomplishments**

- Identify two basins where significant investments by all parties overlapped
- Wilson River (Tillamook)
- Whychus Creek (Deschutes)
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- Accomplishments
  - Wilson River: Measurable decrease in E. coli bacteria.
  - Whychus Creek: Significant decrease in stream temperature.

- Improvements in water quality
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- Partnership Examples
  - Oregon Plan for Salmon and Watersheds
  - Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board
  - Conservation Effectiveness Partnership
  - Many other examples [http://www.oregon.gov/OWEB/]

- Recommendations for Success:
  - Establish roles and responsibilities
  - Develop clear goals and objectives
  - Maintain open communication with partners
For more information:

- Oregon Plan for Salmon and Watersheds
- Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board
- Network of Oregon Watershed Councils
  - [http://oregonwatersheds.org/](http://oregonwatersheds.org/)
- Oregon Association of Conservation Districts
  - [http://www.oacd.org/](http://www.oacd.org/)

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