

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





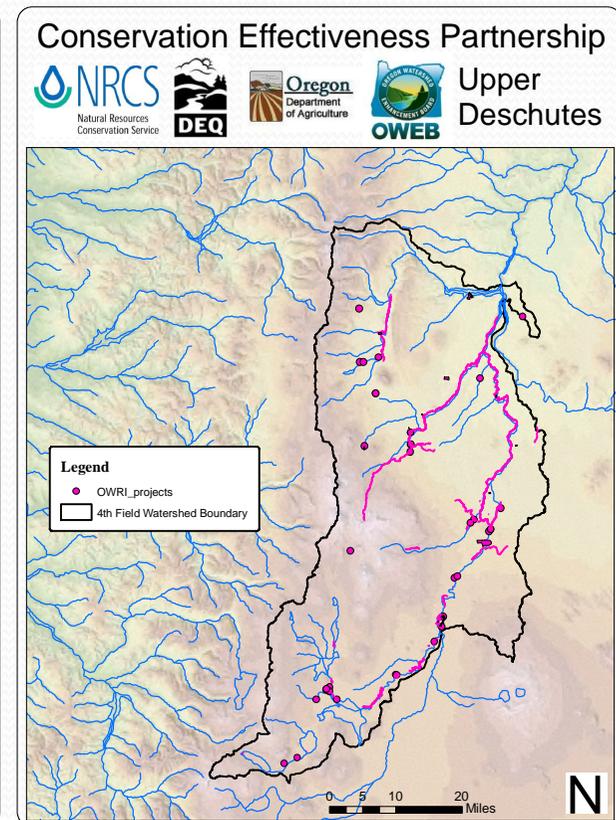
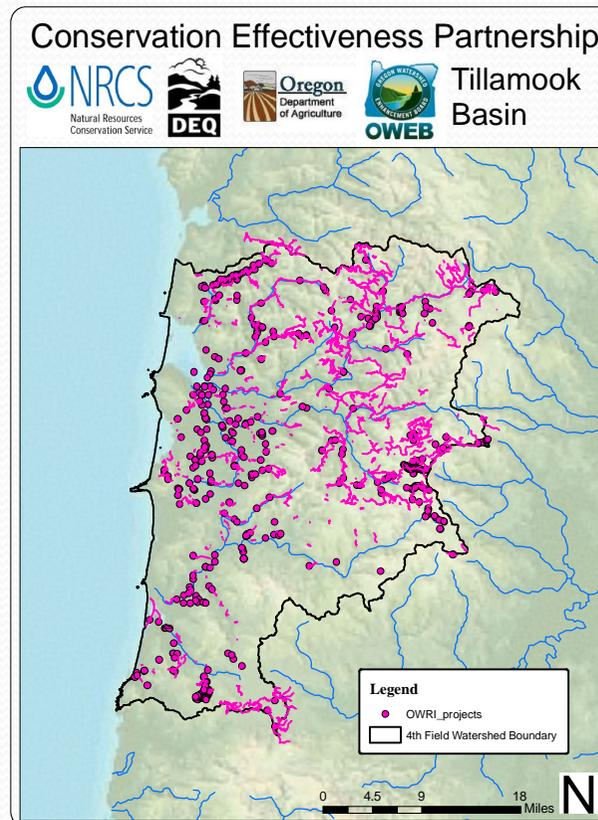
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- Agencies signed Memorandum of Understanding
- Established partnership goals:
 - Extent of the investment in watershed improvement actions;
 - How local organizations utilize the agencies grant programs;
 - Impacts of grant investments on water quality 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)

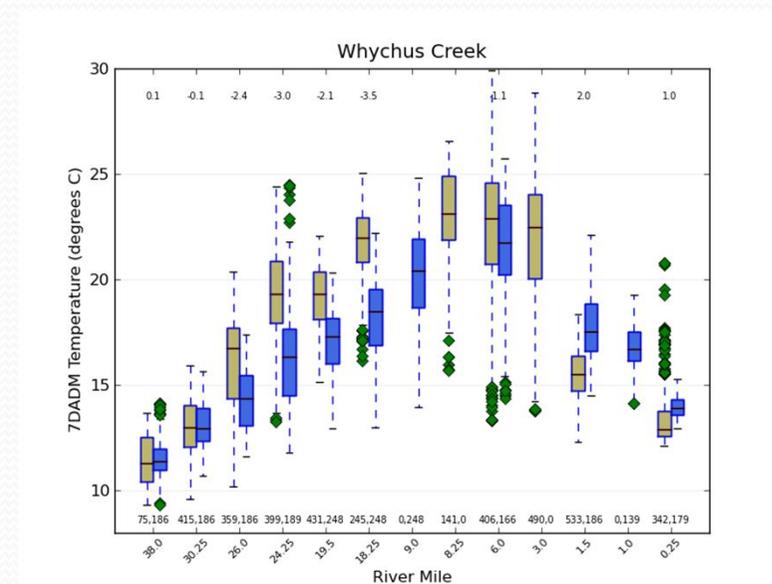
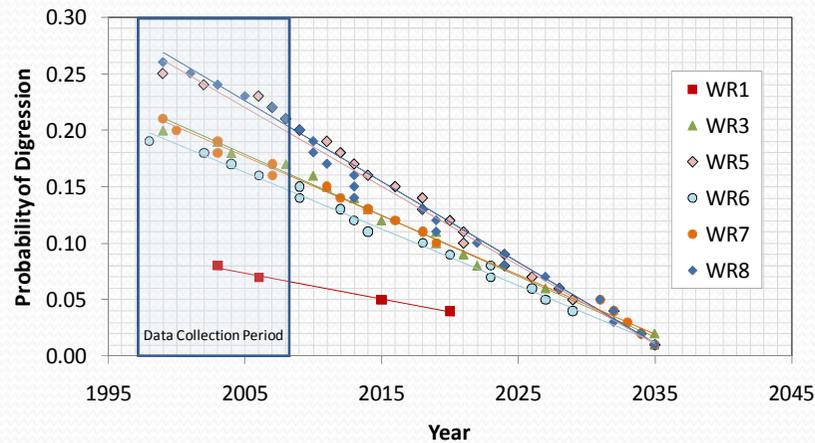


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- Accomplishments

- Wilson River: Measurable decrease in E. coli bacteria.
- Whychus Creek: Significant decrease in stream temperature.

- *Improvements in water quality*





Using and Sustaining Partnerships

- 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
 - <http://www.oregon-plan.org/>
- Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board
 - <http://www.oregon.gov/OWEB/>
- Network of Oregon Watershed Councils
 - <http://oregonwatersheds.org/>
- Oregon Association of Conservation Districts
 - <http://www.oacd.org/>
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