

MWCC Annual Meeting 2022

February 24, 2022



Zoom Logistics & Audience Participation

- **Microphones** - Please remain muted except for breakout sessions
- **Cameras** – (Optional) can leave cameras on during MWCC updates.
- **Breakout Sessions** – If not attending breakout sessions, please log off when we start break at 11:00



Today's Proceedings

9:00 – MWCC Highlights, Partner Updates, & Watershed Fund Presentation

10:00 – Bipartisan Infrastructure Funding; Federal & State Agency Updates

11:00 – 10-minute break

11:10 – Breakout Sessions: Access to Federal & State Funding Programs

11:55 – Regroup and adjourn






Introductions

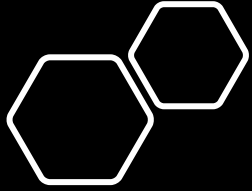
- ❖ Staff
- ❖ Board of Directors
- ❖ Committees

- ❖ Local, State, & Federal Partners
- ❖ Members and Supporters

MWCC Highlights & Successes



Programs & Services



What We Do

- **Support** - *Provide funding, technical assistance, and capacity-building resources to local conservation-based networks*
- **Connect** - *Provide opportunities to share and learn*
- **Inspire** – *Celebrate, promote, and share accomplishments in watershed conservation*
- **Represent** - *Be a collective voice for watershed organizations and the issues they are addressing*



Support

Provide funding, technical assistance, and capacity-building resources to local conservation-based networks

Watershed Fund

- \$207,000 Pass-Thru Last Year
- 37 Grants Awarded Last Year

Forest Collaboration Funding

- \$100,000 Available for 2022/2023

Coordination with Grantors

Big Sky Watershed Corps Support

MWCC Website Resources

NEW – Resource Library (Coming Spring 2022)

NEW – Capacity-building Training (Coming Spring 2022)



Connect

Provide opportunities to share and learn

Watershed News

- News, Funding, Events, Careers

NEW - Lunch Time Conservation Conversations

NEW – Online Watershed Coordination Forum (Coming Spring 2022)

NEW – ArcGIS Online Watershed Directory Map (Coming Spring 2022)

Fall Watershed Tour

MONTANA WATERSHED COORDINATION COUNCIL

HOME ABOUT US MONTANA'S WATERSHEDS OUR WORK RESOURCES [JOIN & DONATE](#)

FUNDING

DEQ Funding Opportunity
Montana Department of Environmental Quality

Volunteer Monitoring Lab Analysis Support
Deadline: Feb 25, 2022
DEQ's Water Quality Monitoring and Assessment Program supports entities that voluntarily participate in water quality monitoring.

NFWF Funding Opportunity
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation

NFWF Conservation Partners Program
Deadline: Mar 2, 2022
The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) manages the Conservation Partners Program in partnership with the U.S....

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Search

Montana Watershed Coordination Council
P.O. Box 1416
Helena, MT 59624

TRAINING CALENDAR

[Click here](#) to submit your own training!

JUMP MONTHS

FEBRUARY, 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
-	-	1	2 Drought Resilience	3 Forest Service Unfencing The	4	5
6	7	8 Native Prairie	9 Native Prairie Montana Soil Health + More	10 Native Prairie Montana Soil Health + More	11	12
13	14	15 Ranching With Ranching With	16	17 Effective Land WaterSMART	18 The Fundamentals Of	19
20	21	22 Soil Moisture 101: Collaborating With	23 Lunchtime Drought Resilience	24 Effective Land Unfencing The	25	26
27	28					



Inspire

*Celebrate, promote, and share accomplishments
in watershed conservation*

Watershed Stewardship Awards

- Heather Barber
- Jeff Ryan
- Blackfeet Nation Ksik Stakii Project
- Loren Ruport (Wetland Council Award)

Blog write-ups & Sharing Successes

NEW - Life in the Land – Collaborative
Storytelling Film & Podcast Series



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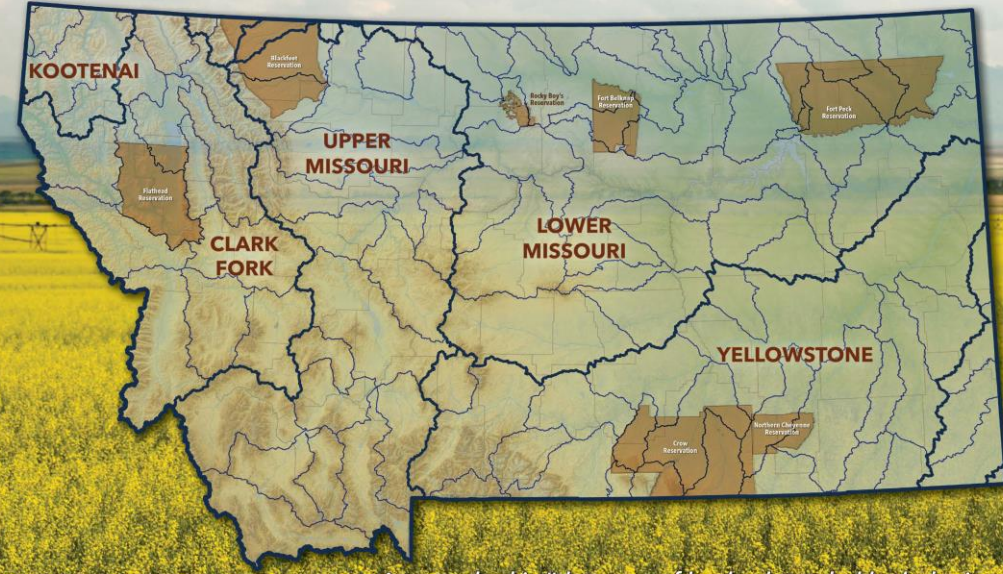
Supporting watershed conservation interests in collaborative efforts throughout the state and region

- Western Collaborative Conservation Network
- Montana Forest Action Council
- Montana Forest Collaboration Network
- Federal, State, and Regional Partners

Montana's Watersheds

The map below depicts individual watersheds (light blue outlines) and larger watershed basins (dark blue outlines) throughout Montana. These boundaries define the area of land for which all rain, snowpack, and other water sources drain to a single river system. The people and natural features within these watersheds are connected by their shared water course and referred to as

"watershed communities." Throughout the state, community-based organizations work within these watersheds to protect and restore their natural resources. For a list of these organizations, including contact information, see our Watershed Organizations Directory on Pages 12-13 of this report.



A watershed is "that area of land, a bounded hydrologic system, within which all living things are inextricably linked by their common water course and where, as humans settled, simple logic demanded that they become part of the community."

—John Wesley Powell

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Montana State of the Watersheds

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State Network Partner Updates



FUNDING TO SUPPORT LOCAL WATERSHED CONSERVATION





Watershed Fund Supporters:

Natural Resources Conservation Service
Bureau of Land Management
Montana Department of Natural
Resources & Conservation
MT Department of Environmental Quality
Cinnabar Foundation
Mosaic
Kendeda Fund
AMB West
Turner Foundation Wilburforce Foundation

How does it Work?

The MWCC Watershed Fund uses **partner investments** to provide direct funding to our **community-based watershed conservation partners** for:

- CAPACITY-BUILDING
- PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
- ON-THE-GROUND CONSERVATION

Our Goal: Award ^{PROJECTS.} \$1,000,000 to Watershed
Conservation Efforts from **2018-2022**



Impacts

\$868,021 Awarded

55 Organizations Funded

**183 Conservation Practices/Projects
Implemented**

**385 Stream/Lakeshore Miles
Improved**

10,293 Acres Improved

6,042 Stakeholders Engaged

2018-2021 Grantees

Beaverhead Watershed Committee
Big Hole Watershed Committee
Bitter Root Water Forum
Blackfeet Nation ARMP
Blackfeet Nation Fish and Wildlife
Blackfoot Challenge
Broadwater Conservation District
Carbon Conservation District
Cascade Conservation District
Centennial Valley Association
City of Kalispell & Flathead Basin Commission
City of Missoula Storm Water Utility
Clark Fork Coalition
Clark Fork Watershed Education Program
Clearwater Resource Council
Flathead Conservation District
Flathead Lake Biological Station
Flathead Lakers
Flathead Rivers Alliance
Gallatin River Task Force
Gallatin Water Quality District
Gallatin Watershed Council
Hill County Conservation District
Kootenai River Network
Lake County Conservation District
Lake Helena Watershed Group
Lolo Watershed Group
Lower Clark Fork Watershed Group
Lower Musselshell Conservation District

Madison Conservation District
McCone Conservation District
Milk River Watershed Alliance
Missoula Valley Water Quality District
Montana Aquatic Resources Services
Montana Freshwater Partners
Montana Trout Unlimited
Musselshell Watershed Coalition
National Wildlife Federation and Clark Fork Coalition
Park Conservation District
Petroleum Conservation District
Phillips Conservation District
Piikani Lodge Health Institute
Pondera County Conservation District
Prickly Pear Land Trust
Ruby Valley Conservation District
Sacajawea Audubon Society
Sheridan County Conservation District
Stillwater Valley Watershed Council
Sun River Watershed Group
Swan Valley Connections
The Watershed Education Network
Trout Unlimited
Upper Missouri Watershed Alliance
Upper Yellowstone Watershed Group
WestSlope Chapter Trout Unlimited
Winnett ACES
Yaak Valley Forest Council



2019-2021

Amount Requested:
\$324,671

Amount Awarded:
\$117,230

Unmet Need:
\$207,441

Capacity Funding Impacts

Capacity-Building Improvements

Recipients

Improved relationship w/ funders	92%
Improved project planning, management, and implementation	92%
Strengthened stakeholder and community support	85%
Meaningful step toward a healthy watershed	77%
Improved public awareness within watershed	77%
Improved communication with partners	77%
Improved long-term relationships in community	77%
Improved the availability of funding	69%
More inclusive and diverse partnerships	62%
Improved organization's core competencies	62%
Improved staff retention and institutional knowledge	54%
More focus on high-impact projects	46%
Improved collaboration, reduced competition	46%

Federal & State Agency Panelists

Bureau of Reclamation, Avra Morgan

Natural Resources Conservation Service,
Kyle Tackett

Environmental Protection
Agency/Department of Environmental
Quality, Eric Trum

Department of Natural Resources &
Conservation, Mark Bostrom

Disaster & Emergency Services, Hanna
Shultz

Federal Infrastructure Investments

- What does this mean for Montana?
- How will this effect Montana's water, rangeland, and forest resources?
- How can community-based watershed organizations, MWCC, and our partners, play a key role in using funds to improve watersheds?

Breakout Session Questions

- What barriers or challenges exist that prevent watershed organizations from applying for and receiving funds through federal or state programs, such as programs available through federal infrastructure law?
- What resources, support, or services do watershed organizations need to apply for, and successfully receive, federal or state funding through the federal infrastructure law, and what can MWCC and our state, regional, and federal partners to to help?

Thank You!

