



# How We Support Collaborative Conservation

*An Overview of MWCC Impacts and Services*

# The Watershed Approach

- ▶ Is tied to a distinct land area or hydrologic boundary
- ▶ Ensures broad stakeholder involvement and inclusivity
- ▶ Is community-based and community-driven
- ▶ Relies on local leadership
- ▶ Encourages collaboration with partners in the watershed
- ▶ Strives for consensus, and avoids litigation as a conservation strategy



# Overview

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# 2022 MWCC Impacts

## The Watershed Fund

- ▶ **\$160,000** awarded to **34** local conservation organizations
- ▶ **24 miles** of stream and lakeshore improved
- ▶ **79** conservation practices implemented
- ▶ **570 acres** made more resilient
- ▶ **4,572** community partners engaged



# 2022 MWCC Impacts

## Events, Trainings, and Workshops

- ▶ Fall **Watershed Tour** with the Blackfeet Nation
- ▶ WaterSMART **Grants Workshop** with the Bureau of Reclamation
- ▶ **Communications and Fundraising Workshop** with Future West
- ▶ MWCC **Annual Meeting** - Virtual
- ▶ Monthly **Conservation Conversations** - Virtual
- ▶ **430** Total Event Participants



# 2022 MWCC Network Impacts

- ▶ **\$4.6 Million** Invested in Conservation Projects
- ▶ **471 Miles** of Stream and Lakeshore Improved
- ▶ **1,258** Conservation Practices Implemented
- ▶ **24,108 Acres** Made More Resilient
- ▶ **15,372** Community Partners Engaged



# Partner Support & Coordination

- ▶ Big Sky Watershed Corps
- ▶ Montana Forest Action Plan
- ▶ Natural Resource Grants Working Group
- ▶ The Life in the Land Project
- ▶ Yellowstone Flood Recovery Meetings



# MWCC Watershed Fund

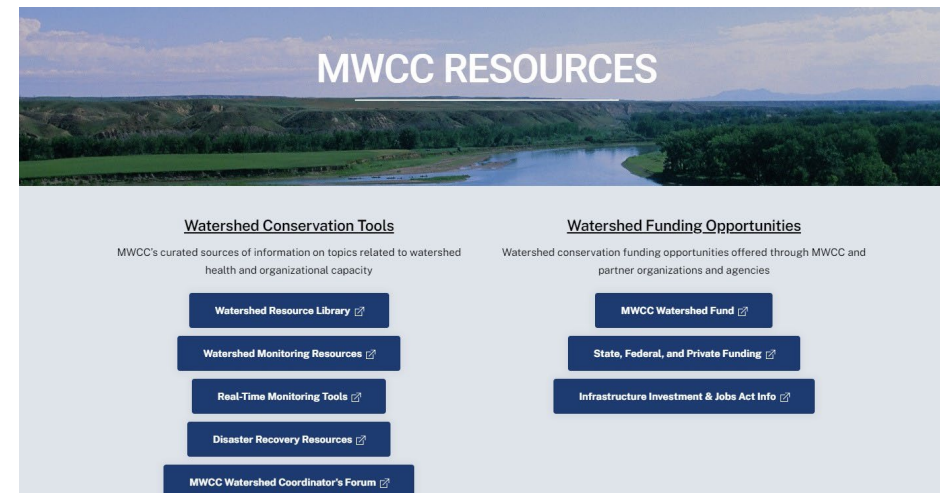
- ▶ **\$1 Million+** Awarded Since 2018
  - ▶ **\$453,670** for Capacity
  - ▶ **\$554,714** for Projects
  - ▶ **\$890,000** Leveraged
- ▶ Just awarded an **additional \$28,000** for BSWC member-led projects





# Online Resources

- ▶ Watershed **Coordinators' Forum**
- ▶ Watershed **Resource Library**
- ▶ Water **Monitoring Resources**
- ▶ **Funding** Opportunities
- ▶ Training and Events **Calendar**
- ▶ MWCC **Workshop and Event Resources**



[mtwatersheds.org/resources/](http://mtwatersheds.org/resources/)

# Coming in 2023-2024

- ▶ **Low-Tech Restoration**  
Education and Partnerships  
Funding - **Due May 11**
- ▶ **BSWC Cost Share** Funding - RFP  
in May, **Due August 21**
- ▶ **Capacity Support** Funding -  
**Fall 2023**
- ▶ **Collaborative Forest Planning**  
Funding with MFCN - **Fall 2023**
- ▶ Conservation Conversation:  
**Forest Funding Partnerships** -  
**May 10** (And more to come in  
the Fall!)
- ▶ **Fundraising and Development**  
Workshop - **Winter/Spring 2024**
- ▶ **Funding Newsletter** -  
**Winter/Spring 2024**
- ▶ **MWCC Online Resources** -  
**Ongoing Updates**

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# Questions?

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