

EAGLE RIVER WATERSHED COUNCIL



Organization Updates & 2019 Annual Report

From Executive Director Holly Loff:

Rivers are everything. They are a place for quiet self-reflection and a place for loud, heart-pumping action. They offer solitude and they offer the opportunity to come together. They sustain everything on the planet—plants, animals and us.

In 2019 our staff of three (now four) offered the community opportunities to engage with the river and learn more, reviewed proposed development along the river, restored impacted areas, monitored water quality and worked with our partners in government, agriculture and recreation to develop a plan that protects our watershed well into the future.

Please join us in celebrating our accomplishments as we look to the future. And thank you for being our partner in river protection.

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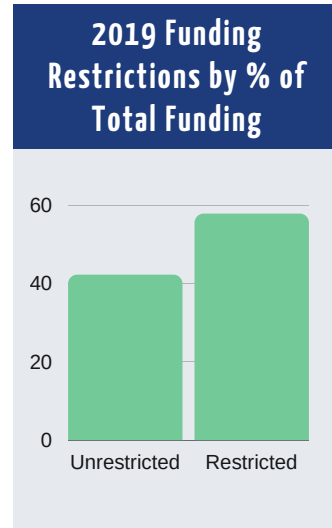
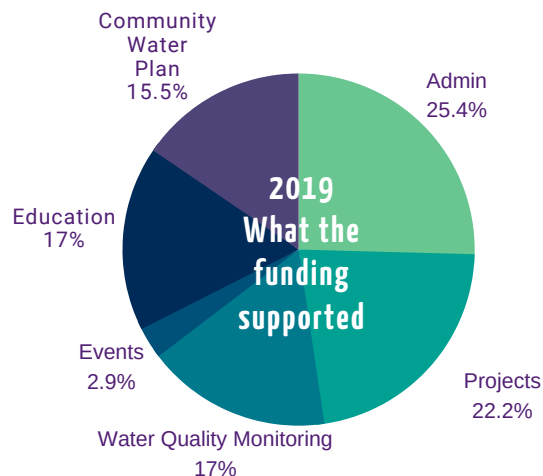
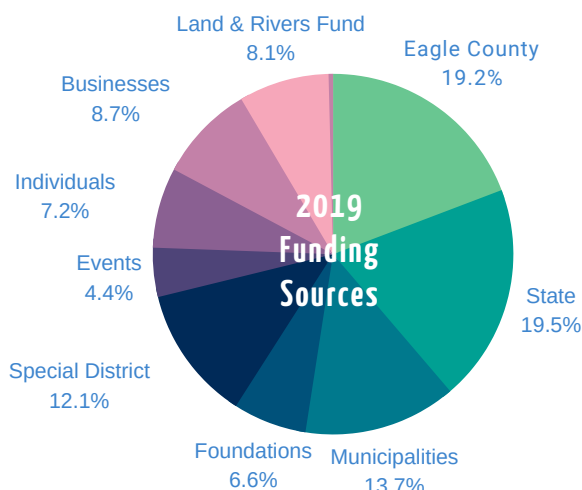
Watershed Council Board of Directors

- Cliff Simonton** | President
- Bret Hooper** | Vice President
- Tania Landauer** | Treasurer
- Tom Allender** | Secretary
- Tom Boyd**
- Claudia Bryan**
- Kate Burchenal**
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- Fritz Ganz**
- Joe Robinson**
- Josh Stepanek**
- Jacque Stevenson**
- Pete Wadden**
- Woody Woodruff**
- Kristin Yantis**

Many thanks to current board members and to **Larissa Read** (previous Board President) and **Chip Bair**, who provided valuable service as members of the Board in 2019.

Watershed Council Staff

- Holly Loff** | Executive Director
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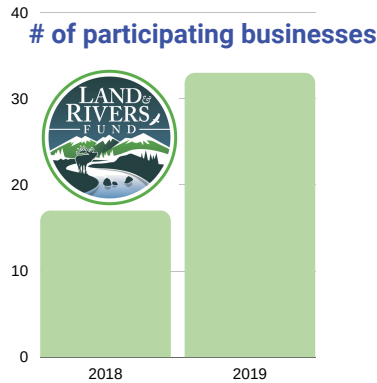


THE WATERSHED COMMUNITY

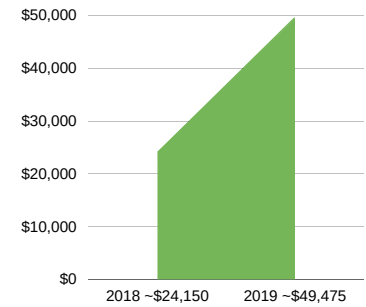
Eagle River Watershed Council's work is supported by collaborative partnerships.

Land & Rivers Fund Program:

The Land & Rivers Fund was launched in 2018 by Eagle Valley Land Trust and Eagle River Watershed Council in order to raise funds to support river and land conservation efforts in Eagle River Valley. It helps local businesses to establish and promote the program to their customers and clients who voluntarily participate by making a 1% donation with their purchase. **Thank you to our Land & Rivers Fund partner businesses!**

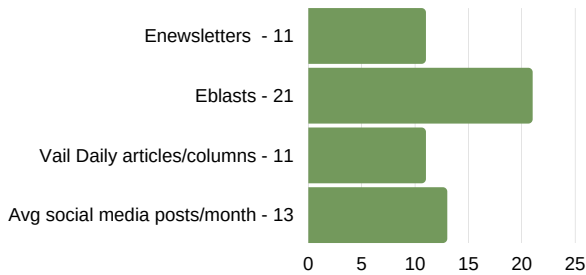


Fund disbursement to ERWC



Learn more at landandrivers.org

Digital Communication Channel Use in 2019:



- Join our mailing list at erwc.org
- Like & follow us on Facebook
- Instagram @TheWatershedCouncil
- Subscribe to our YouTube Channel

RIVER LOVER

You can become a River Lover Member. The River Lover membership program celebrates members who join at the \$50 level and above with the gift of a River Lover hat. The hat can't be purchased - only those at the \$50 level and above have access. Supplies are limited!



Become a member on our website today, before the hats run out! Contact smith@erwc.org to learn more and become an official River Lover.

2019 Project Spotlight: Piney River Restoration

- Concerns: impaired habitat & vegetation loss leading to water quality issues in an abundantly used and sensitive zone.
- Project successfully mitigated the concerns by decommissioning several non-compliant campsites and spreading erosion-control fabric and native seed.

Thank you to our project partners & volunteers!



WATERSHED COUNCIL IMPACT

Education & Outreach | Riparian Restoration Projects | Data Clearinghouse

Water Quality Monitoring Efforts

1998

Year the Watershed Council's current collaborative monitoring & assessment efforts began.

250

Volunteer & staff hours spent annually collecting samples + lab time + reporting for River Watch program.

970

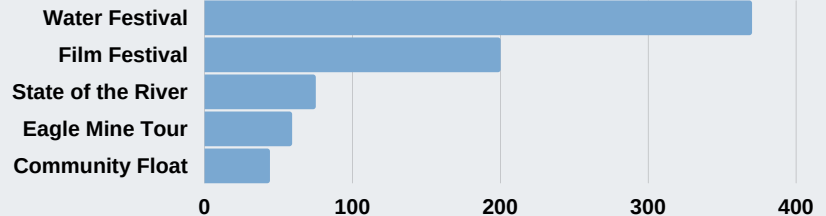
 square miles of watershed monitored.

Annual Community Float



A fully Spanish-speaking family-oriented experience with native Spanish-speaking guides on the Eagle River - it's an unforgettable experience for all.

2019 Education Events Participation



Inaugural Eagle River Water Festival - 2019



- Goal: creating young river stewards through immersive learning experiences.
- Topics ranged from water processes to recreation skills and bug identification.
- Representatives from 16 partner organizations led 17 classes made up of 350 5th-graders from local public schools.
- We are excited to coordinate the 2nd-annual Water Festival, which will be a virtual event taking place Sept. 2020.

River Restoration Projects

\$15,000

Approximate cost of plant material, delivery & crew for half-acre restoration project.

3,631

 Hours of work donated by volunteers in 2019 to keep our rivers, roads & watershed clean & healthy.

A HUGE thank you to all who have joined us for cleanups and volunteer projects!

OUR MISSION

Eagle River Watershed Council advocates for the health & conservation of the Upper Colorado & Eagle River basins through research, education & projects. The Watershed Council strives to protect & enhance the high-quality natural, scenic & economic values that our rivers & tributaries provide to the citizens, visitors & wildlife of the Eagle River & Colorado River watersheds located in Eagle County.



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RESTORE

Riverbank and stream rehabilitation projects improve damaged areas, increasing water quality/quantity, wildlife habitat, recreation & natural value.

JOIN US

We are a 501 (c)3 nonprofit that serves the Eagle River Watershed with support from generous donors. Learn more, get involved & support us at erwc.org.



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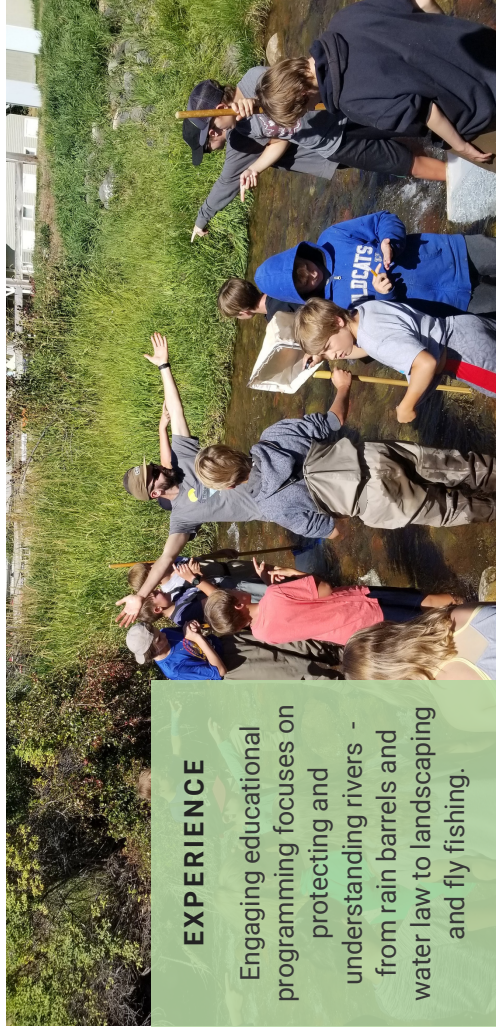
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EXPERIENCE

Engaging educational programming focuses on protecting and understanding rivers - from rain barrels and water law to landscaping and fly fishing.



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