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**MONTANA  
STATE**  
of the  
**WATERSHEDS  
REPORT**



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## THE WATERSHED APPROACH

The Watershed Approach to conservation is a distinct strategy – one rooted in the unique values of Montana's individual watershed communities, as well as efforts to work collaboratively among diverse stakeholders within those communities. The watershed organizations MWCC supports encompass a wide range of goals and organizational structures. Yet each:

- 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

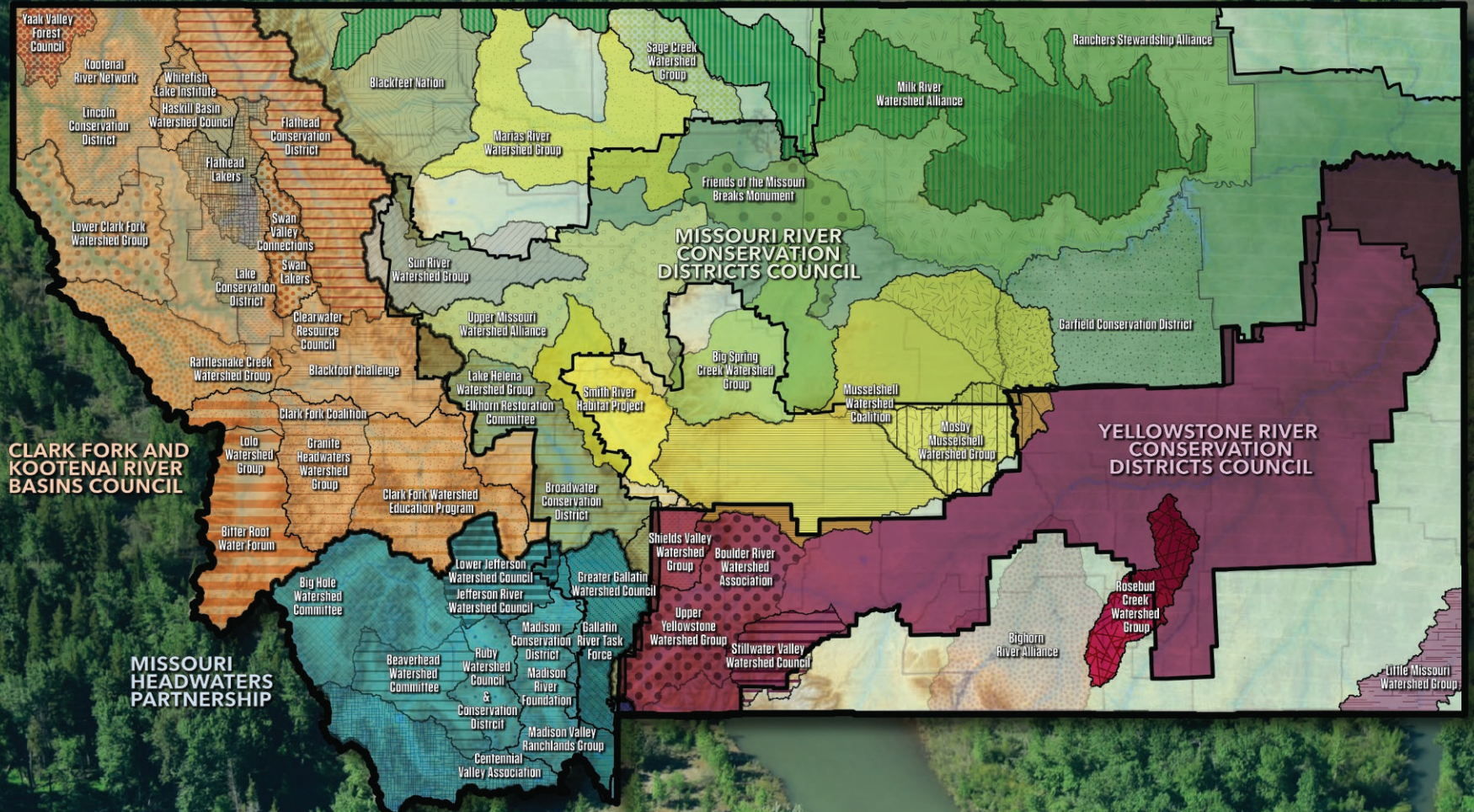
These shared principles of the Watershed Approach provide a framework under which these organizations may successfully define and pursue the conservation goals that best serve their geographic communities.

*In 2018, Montana's watershed organizations accomplished the following:*





# MONTANA'S WATERSHED ORGANIZATIONS







# IMPROVING WATER QUALITY

**A**cross Montana, watershed organizations are improving water quality through stream restoration projects, better land management practices, and a host of related efforts. These organizations work with community members to identify water quality impairments, including excess sediments and nutrients and elevated water temperatures. Voluntary, community-inspired solutions advance water quality throughout entire watersheds. Water quality projects watershed organizations are implementing include:

- Volunteer water quality monitoring programs
- Restoration of native streambank vegetation, channel meanders, and other riparian features
- Improved farming and grazing systems
- Better weed management
- Environmental education programs



## Bitter Root Water Forum



### Partners

Private landowners  
Bitterroot National Forest  
Bitterroot Conservation District

### Major Funding Sources

Montana Department of Environmental Quality; Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks; Private foundations

**“We all need water to survive and thrive. Here in the Bitterroot, improving water quality is a community effort.”**

**—Heather Barber, Executive Director of the Bitter Root Water Forum**



Above: Metal cages protect stream-side plants from browse pressure. Planting and protecting woody shrubs helps reduce stream bank erosion.

Volunteers modify a fence to improve plant protection on a riparian restoration project.



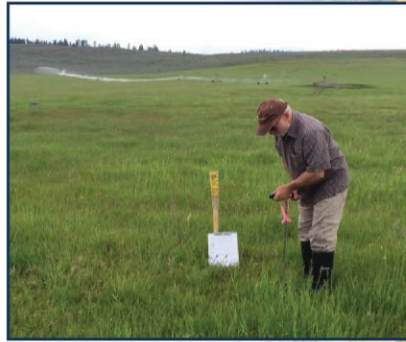


# SUSTAINING WATER SUPPLY

**W**atershed organizations work directly with land managers to track, plan for, and improve water supply challenges in their communities. Together, they support more effective drought response, more efficient water use, and innovative water storage solutions in the face of a changing climate. Watershed organizations educate community members about the need for maintaining stream flow for a broad range of uses. They also coordinate and provide financial support for stream gages and water monitoring stations. Water supply projects implemented by watershed organizations include:

- Communicating current water flows and drought potential to local stakeholders
- Creating drought response plans
- Improving irrigation efficiency and irrigation water management
- Monitoring water quantity by engaging local volunteers
- Increasing natural water storage through wetland rehabilitation

L to R: Jennifer Schoonen, David Mannix, Sara Schmidt, and Kevin Ertl talk around a stock tank at the Mannix ranch.

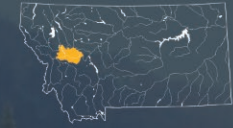


Soils scientist Barry Dutton checks a rain gauge and soil moisture to evaluate irrigation efficiency.



Big Sky Watershed Corps member Joe Zimbric measures Nevada Creek stream flows with Helmville students.

## Blackfoot Challenge



### Partners

Private landowners  
Big Blackfoot Chapter of Trout Unlimited  
Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks  
U.S. Forest Service

### Major Funding Sources

Montana Department of Natural Resources; U.S. Forest Service;  
Private foundations

**“The demand for water is increasing, but the quantity is not...**

The better stewards we are, the more effective we can be to sustain our man-made water rights.”

—David Mannix, Helmville Rancher





# PROTECTING WATERSHEDS FROM AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES

**W**atershed organizations are a front-line defense against the spread of aquatic invasive species (AIS), including zebra and quagga mussels, Eurasian watermilfoil, and New Zealand mud snails. They are the eyes on the ground for checking boats, irrigation equipment, and other potential sources of AIS contamination. They also work to raise community awareness of the potential harm of AIS introduction. Watershed organizations often collaborate with broader state efforts to prevent AIS, through:

- Setting up and staffing watercraft inspection and decontamination stations
- Raising community awareness by educating students, recreational water users, irrigators, and the general public
- Establishing local and regional AIS prevention and management plans

Whitefish Lake Institute also led the virtual eradication of an early infestation of Eurasian watermilfoil through aggressive rapid response actions.

**Whitefish Lake Institute**



**Partners**  
 City of Whitefish  
 Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks  
 Local businesses, including Don K Chevrolet, Glacier Nordic Club, and Whitefish Marine & Powersports

**Major Funding Sources**  
 City of Whitefish; Whitefish Community Foundation; Whitefish Lake Institute members; Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation; Private donations



Watercraft inspections for aquatic invasive species on Whitefish Lake.



**“Part of our role as stewards of the lake is to protect it from aquatic invasive species.”**

—Mike Koopal, Founder and Executive Director of the Whitefish Lake Institute







# CONVENING COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS

**N**o matter the issue, Montana's watershed organizations know what it takes to effect positive change: locally-driven community conversations that emphasize shared values and priorities. These community conversations drive and define the Watershed Approach to natural resource management.

Working within the Watershed Approach requires extensive time spent engaging community members. As a result, watershed organizations take on projects that are less directly related to water resources yet are significant to the community as a whole. Examples include reducing predator conflict, land use planning, and sustainable economic innovations. These projects build and sustain community trust, maintaining the foundation for collaboration that is essential for natural resource management.

Water Manager Lynn Rettig discusses the connections between water management and the community in the historic Musselshell School.



Landowner Donna Pedrazzi and Pioneer Technical consultant George Austiguy describe the multiple facets of a dam removal project.



Lower Musselshell Conservation District Supervisor Steve Tyrell chats with Austin Shero and Justin Meissner, both with the NRCS.



**"People are the heart of the work that we do. Bringing folks together is what community conversations are all about."**

—Laura Nowlin, Watershed Coordinator, Musselshell Water Coalition

## Musselshell Watershed Coalition



### Partners

Conservation districts, water user associations, landowners, cities, counties, Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks, Montana Department of Environmental Quality, Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service

### Major Funding Sources

Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation; U.S. Bureau of Reclamation; Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks





# WATERSHED ACTIVITIES

Montana's watershed organizations engage in a broad array of efforts to improve the health of both communities and the natural resources they rely on.



Cynthia Ingelfinger of the Whitefish Lake Institute teaches students about insects that live in local streams.



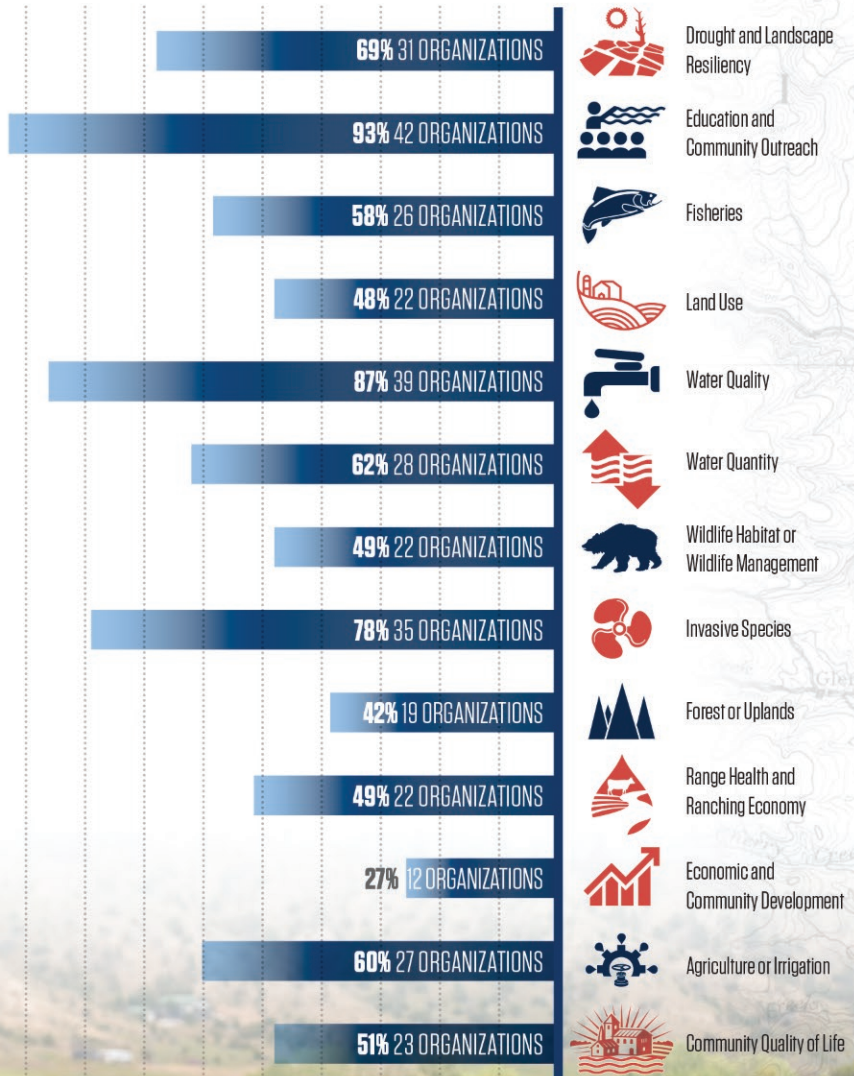
Watershed stewards read an information kiosk created by the Lincoln Conservation District to illustrate restoration of the Tobacco River Basin.



Restoration work underway on private lands along Mud Creek, a tributary of Therriault Creek in Lincoln County.



Students learn how to measure stream flow as part of an educational program created by the Bitter Root Water Forum.











# WATERSHED FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Watershed organizations rely on a wide range of state and federal grants to do their work. They leverage these funding sources with dollars from private foundations, local governments, businesses, and individuals, as well as in-kind donations. In our 2018 State of the Watersheds Survey, organizations reported accessing the following resources in the last 5 years.

## HIGH-USE GRANTS\*

- DNRC Watershed Management Grant
- DEQ 319 Program Grant
- SWCDM Mini-Grant Program
- Cinnabar Foundation Grant
- DNRC "HB223" Grant
- FWP Future Fisheries Grant
- NFWF Grants (various)
- DNRC Conservation District Administrative Grant
- DNRC Conservation Education Mini-Grant Program
- DNRC Renewable Resource Planning Grant

## MEDIUM-USE GRANTS\*\*

- DNRC Renewable Resource Grant
- DNRC Reclamation and Development Grants
- DNRC Aquatic Invasive Species Grant
- USDA, NRCS Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP)
- DEQ Volunteer Monitoring Laboratory Analysis Assistance
- USDA, NRCS Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)
- DNRC Irrigation Development Grant
- DNRC Conservation District Development Grant
- AGR Noxious Weed Trust Fund Grant

## LOWER-USE GRANTS\*\*\*

- DNRC Western States Wildland Urban Interface Grant
- DNRC Landscape Scale Restoration (LSR) Grant
- USDA, NRCS Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)
- USDA, NRCS Conservation Innovation Grant
- DNRC Hazardous Fuel Reduction Grant
- DNRC Renewable Resource Grants to Private Entities
- DNRC Renewable Resource Emergency Grant
- DNRC Forestry Program Development Grant

\***HIGH-USE** grants are those that 12 or more watershed organizations have applied to in the past five years, from among the 45 who answered this question in our State of the Watersheds Survey.

\*\***MEDIUM-USE** grants are those that between 4 and 10 watershed organizations applied to in the past five years.

\*\*\***LOWER-USE** grants are those that between 1 and 3 watershed organizations applied to in the past five years.





# GROWING THE CONSERVATION FIELD

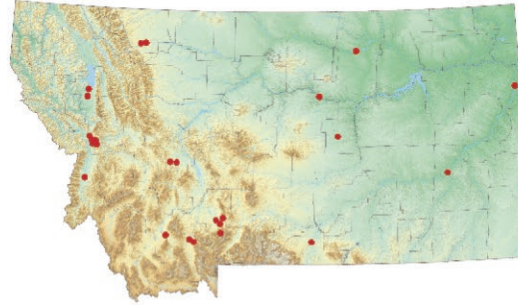
## BIG SKY WATERSHED CORPS

Big Sky Watershed Corps (BSWC) is an AmeriCorps program that places young professionals in Montana's watershed communities to make a measurable difference in local conservation initiatives. Since its inception in 2011, BSWC has become a statewide success, with members making strides in watershed research, project planning and implementation, education and outreach, and community engagement.

MWCC partners with the Montana Conservation Corps and the Soil and Water Conservation Districts of Montana to ensure the success of the BSWC program. Our role in this partnership includes providing host site support, coordination, and access to funding for BSWC members and host sites.

Since 2011, BSWC has engaged 160 members who contributed 226,100 hours of conservation service. Dozens of members have gone on to work for local watershed organizations, as well as state and federal agencies working on water issues in Montana. In 2018, 27 BSWC members served 25 conservation organizations statewide, putting in 45,900 hours of conservation service.

2018 BSWC Host Sites



BSWC member Casey Gallagher teaches a young community member about aquatic invasive species at the Fort Peck Governors Cup Winter Carnival.



BSWC member Aissa Wise leads a classroom presentation for the Bitter Root Water Forum's Earth Stewardship Program.



BSWC members help with willow harvesting for a restoration project on the Ruby River with the Ruby Valley Conservation District.



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LOWER MISSOURI COORDINATED RESOURCE MANAGEMENT  
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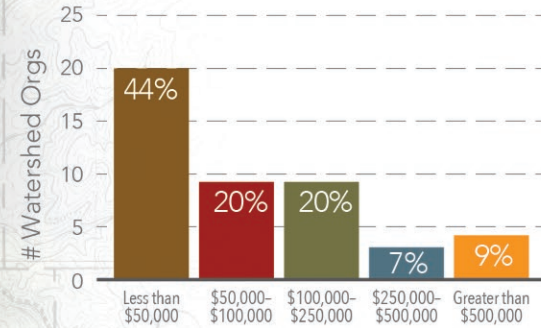




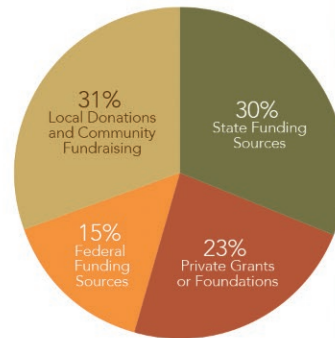
# ABOUT MONTANA'S WATERSHED ORGANIZATIONS

Montana's local watershed organizations creatively leverage scarce resources to accomplish a lot in their communities. Many have small budgets and few or no paid staff. In fact, 47% are working with less than one full-time staff person, and many rely partly or exclusively on volunteers. These groups know how to stretch their funding - and how to make the most out of state and federal dollars by combining them with local and private donations.

## 2018 General Operating Budgets

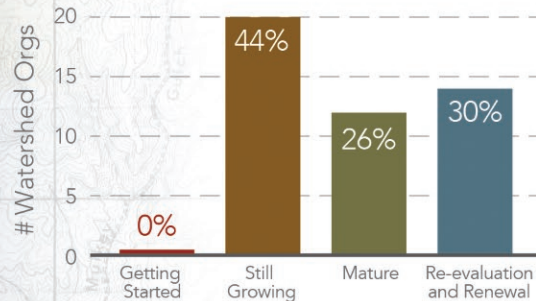


## 2018 General Operating Budget Funding Sources



**Other sources of funding used by some watershed organizations**  
 310 stream permitting programs and fees  
 County mill levies  
 Municipal funding  
 Note: Due to rounding, numbers don't add up to 100%

## Life Stages of Montana's Watershed Organizations



Conservation is critical business for the Kelley family. Leigh and Kyle Kelley are ranchers along the Blackfoot River in Greenough and leaders in protecting and sustaining water resources in their community.







# MWCC OBJECTIVES & MILESTONES

## SUPPORT

**Provide funding, technical assistance, and capacity-building resources to local watershed organizations.**

- Watershed Fund sub grants approximately \$150,000 annually and growing.
- Big Sky Watershed Corps Program provides 27 service members to Montana watershed organizations - amounting to nearly 46,000 hours of conservation service annually.
- Up-to-date online watershed coordinator resources.

## CONNECT

**Provide opportunities for the water community to learn from one another.**

- Watershed Newsletter keeps over 1,800 network members informed and connected to technical, financial, and human resources.
- MWCC Annual Meeting attendance has grown to over 100 attendees annually.
- Biennial Watershed Symposia bring together over 150 professionals statewide.
- Annual watershed tours highlight community-based conservation successes.
- Watershed Day at the State Capitol connects watershed organizations and state decision makers.

## INSPIRE

**Share watershed successes, while promoting the Watershed Approach to conservation.**

- Define shared principles of the Watershed Approach.
- Watershed Stories Campaign has increased the awareness of watershed organizations statewide and regionally
- Watershed Stewardship Awards celebrate outstanding contributions to watershed health.

## REPRESENT

**Collective voice for watershed organizations and relationship building with agencies, nonprofits, and other partners to support watershed organizations.**

- Positive working relationships with key state and federal agencies.
- Steady increase in non profit and corporate MWCC partners.
- Successful watershed engagement on State legislative initiatives in 2018 legislative interim session.

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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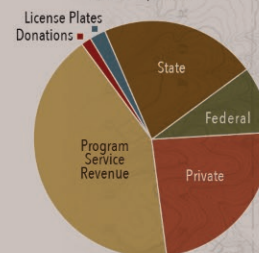
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MWCC board members and staff at Spring Meadow State Park, December 2018

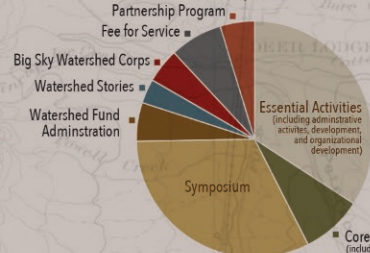
### 2018 TOTAL INCOME

\$219,300



### 2018 TOTAL EXPENSES

\$217,413



Note: These numbers reflect MWCC's 2018 finances as of January 8, 2019. Figures are not yet final.



## THIS YEAR AT MWCC...

**\$100,000** Distributed in capacity, project, and professional development sub grants to watershed organizations through our Watershed Fund.

**6** Watershed Stories developed to share the success of the Watershed Approach in the Blackfoot, Bitterroot, Broadwater, Madison, Musselshell, and Whitefish Lake watersheds.

**120** Watershed Professionals at the MWCC Annual Meeting in Helena, Montana discussed the shared values of the Watershed Approach and the economic significance of healthy watersheds.

**200** Watershed Approach enthusiasts attended the 2018 Watershed Symposium: Advancing Conservation through Effective Communication, in Whitefish, Montana.

**4** Partner Service initiatives helped build capacity and assist with strategic planning for the Upper Yellowstone Watershed Group, Clark Fork & Kootenai River Basins Council, Sun River Watershed Group, and the Upper Missouri Watershed Alliance.

**24** Watershed Newsletters reached over **1,150** people, providing up-to-date information on trainings, careers, and funding opportunities for local watershed communities.

**20** Watershed, **8** For Profit, and **9** Non Profit Partners invested in MWCC's strategic plan to support all watershed communities successfully advancing natural resource stewardship across Montana.

**2** Enthusiastic new staff and **2** knowledgeable new board members joined the MWCC team.



Watershed Symposium participants listen to panelists discuss their experiences bringing the Watershed Stories project to their communities.



Watershed Fund money is allowing partners in the Blackfoot Watershed to continue restoration work on Nevada Creek. Shown are before (above) and after photos of an earlier phase of this project.



## The Watershed Fund

Promoting Healthy Watershed Communities Across Montana



The MWCC Watershed Fund provides direct support to local watershed organizations for on-the-ground projects, capacity-building, and professional development. Since 2015, the Fund has generated more than \$400,000 to help these groups leverage their traditional funding sources. MWCC tracks Watershed Fund success through:

- Stream miles improved
- Acres made more resilient
- Stakeholders engaged
- Conservation practices implemented

To learn more, or to join us in supporting the Watershed Approach in Montana, go to [www.mtwatersheds.org](http://www.mtwatersheds.org).

**“MWCC provides wonderful insight into the watershed world and is able to help us connect the dots when working with federal lands, private landowners, conservation districts, and more.”**

—Tim Dwyer, Executive Director, Friends of the Missouri River Breaks



“I think the **energy and interest** that MWCC brings to watersheds and Montana is a **crucial element of conservation and education for Montanans engaged in watershed health.**”

—**Maureen Connor** Executive Committee Member, Clark Fork & Kootenai River Basins Council



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