Luckiamute Watershed Council

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We thank you for your interest in learning more about the Luckiamute/Ash Creek/American Bottom Watersheds. The Luckiamute/Ash Creek Watershed is the area of land drained by the Luckiamute River and Ash Creek, both tributaries to the Willamette River. Features of this area include diverse flora and fauna, fish, humans, rivers, and economics.

The Luckiamute Watershed Council supports efforts to enhance and restore the natural resources and bio-diversity in the watershed. The Council considers the inter-relationships among social, economic, and biological systems within the watershed. Our mission is to help address watershed management issues through the sharing of information, improved understanding of the biodiversity of the Luckiamute geographic area, and collaboration with those who work and live in the watershed.

The Watershed Assessment is a tool for learning about the historical and existing condition of the watershed. The focus of the Assessment is on watershed health, which includes, water quality and quantity, threatened and endangered species, and vegetative health and biodiversity. The Assessment is a "working" document that will grow and change with increasing knowledge of the watershed and watershed function.

The Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board provided funding for the Assessment. Match funding was provided by the volunteer efforts of board members, peer reviewers from public and private agencies, Polk County, and Boise Inc. Thank you to those who made the creation of this Assessment possible!

The assessment is in a PDF format. If you do not have Acrobat Reader installed on your computer, you may download it as freeware from www.adobe.com. Follow the installation directions, and then open the Assessment.

We hope that you enjoy the information presented in the Assessment and GIS Almanac! We look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you,

Eve Montanaro, *Council Coordinator*