

SANDRA COVENY

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STRENGTHS

Fundraising, grant writing, grant management, non-profit leadership, research, editing, budget development, climate change adaptation planning and education, social and environmental justice, free-lance writer, communications, community outreach, strategic planner, food security advocacy, indigenous justice advocacy.

EXPERT-LEVEL DIGITAL SKILLS

Microsoft: Word, Teams, Excel etc

Grant and Donor management Software: Instrumentl, FoundationSearch, Little Green Light, Bloomerang, MailChimp

Apple: Pages, Numbers, Keynote etc

Google: Docs, Drive, Meet, Google Sheets, etc

ArcGIS: ArcGIS Pro, Storymaps, Survey 1-2-3,

Socials: Instagram, LinkedIn, BlueSky, Discord, FB

WORK EXPERIENCE

OWNER, SANDRA COVENY LLC (1997-PRESENT)

Grant writer and manager - Recent clients:

[Bradley Angle](#)

[Community Development Corporation of Oregon](#) dba Rockwood Community Development Corporation

[HomeShare Oregon](#)

Native Arts and Cultures Foundation

[Todd Darling Films](#)

Klamath Lake Land Trust (short term fundraising for their first ED position)

[Marys River Watershed Council](#)

Army Corps of Engineers

Consulting Projects 2014 - Present

- Rockwood CDC Identity Atlas update (GIS project Manager)
- Sustainable Northwest - developed and taught workshops on Tribal partnerships to Forest Service Collaboratives in WA and OR; managed grant for Tribal business startup
- Geophysical surveys Indian Boarding School cemetery, Salem, OR
- Prepared [Climate Adaptation Plan and Drought Response Plan Guidance Document](#) for State of Montana (based on Blackfeet climate change adaptation plan).
- Strategic planning support for Forever Wild Seafood: Developed Storymap <https://arcg.is/1GCDqf>
- Website development for Sustainable Fisheries Foundation
- Project manager: Climate Change Resiliency Analysis: North Santiam Watershed Council
- PI for Climate change integration guidance document for Project Planning for Columbia River Estuary, USACE
- Wrote chapter for Rural Voices for Conservation (RVCC) on Tribal law for Primer for Forest Collaboratives in the Pacific Northwest
- Wilderness Society- led a series of workshops with local Tribal leaders on Tribal engagement for Seattle chapter
- Olympic National Forest – Workshops on Tribal partnerships

SOIL SCIENTIST, CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION PLANNER, CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF WARM SPRINGS (2018-2020)

- Performed project analysis and reports for all timber sales, and First Foods
- engaged cultural committee in climate change adaptation planning efforts
- Manage EPA grants for projects

- Provided GIS analyses for soil management of forests and rangelands projects

SENIOR NATURAL RESOURCES PLANNER PC TRASK AND ASSOCIATES (2009-2014)

- Organized regional stakeholders in salmon restoration prioritization process
- Won competitive national grant to develop a Climate Change Planning process (addressing sea level rise on over 80 projects) for the Army Corps of Engineers' Columbia River Estuary Salmon Recovery efforts
- Managed the GIS team and technical experts in support of climate change and conservation projects
- Technical writer for "A Landscape Planning Framework" for recovering salmon on the Columbia River Estuary for Bonneville Power Authority
- Organized Columbia Estuary stakeholder conferences to share salmon genetics, climate change impacts, restoration planning tools, planning for climate changes on Columbia River Estuary.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MARYS RIVER WATERSHED COUNCIL, CORVALLIS OR (1997-2009)

- Managed (and raised) \$1m budget annually
- Created food security education program for school-aged children and community members
- Recipient: Model Watershed Program Grant; 10 years, \$100,000/year
- Engaged landowners in collaborative restoration across multiple properties
- Developed Statewide Pilot (funded through Oregon Trout) integrating Watershed Restoration into K-12 curriculum
- 3-time recipient of the Oregon Governors award for community leadership and innovation
- Oregon Solutions Project recipient for landscape-scale community-based restoration project in Cardwell Hills Community (upland prairie restoration across 35 private properties)
- Raised over \$4m for habitat restoration including the watershed for the City of Corvallis

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- University of New Hampshire: Forest Ecology, Conservation GIS; Endangered Ecosystems;
- Antioch Graduate University, Keene, NH: Conservation GIS
- Public educator: ongoing monthly series (10 years) about climate change, watersheds, restoration
- K-12: Developed and implemented Freshwater Trust's Pilot Program for incorporating watershed restoration education into K-12 curricula. Restored industrial park to native wetland over 4 year period with local high school that culminated in an outdoor classroom, wildlife viewing blind, and outdoor summer lecture series for all ages: (Science, Music and Marshmallows" on the wetland, around a campfire).

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE - DURHAM, NH

- B.S. Botany, Communications
- M.S Forest science, (Writing, Ecological Restoration, Conservation Genetics, and GIS)

NGO VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR CONSERVATION GIS (SCGIS) 1997-2022

SCGIS supports a multicultural, global network of conservation practitioners who use GIS for responding to complex and unprecedented threats to natural and cultural heritage around the globe. The Society is a large and growing community (over 5000 participants) of activists who use GIS to share data, seek knowledge, and leverage innovative tools to promote a more just, transparent, and sustainable world. Positions held:

- Co-founder, first president
- Conference organizer (6 conferences)
- Endowment manager (raised and managed the funds)
- Board of directors
- Strategic planner
- Grant Reviewer
- Financial controller (22 years)
- Scholar trainer
- Membership development

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

NGO FOUNDER/FUNDRAISER several non-profit organizations

BOARD MEMBER Roles: President, chair, fundraiser, board recruitment and training

RESEARCHER

- Conducted NSF funded genetic analysis of reaction to tropospheric ozone in white pine and aster in Acadia National Park, Designed Biological reserve using GIS for the state of VT,
- Conducted and published assessment of how composted sewage sludge constituents move through watersheds, wildlife and plants (University of Washington).

REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST